



NORTHERN SPIRIT REGIONAL COUNCIL

The United Church of Canada

Learning and Gathering

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Announcements of interest to the people of the Northern Spirit Region.

If you have information about an upcoming event or learning opportunity, please write a short article, and send it to Kathy Jackson, Administrative Support: kjackson@united-church.ca. We are unable to include posters or other attachments, but links to further information may be included. Alternatively, our Community of Faith Events Calendar is open 24/7 for posting about events that are open to the public. Events can be posted directly to the Newsfeed: <https://northernspiritr.ca/add-your-community-event/>.

Welcome to the first Events Edition of the Regional Council Newsletter

We are now publishing "Regional Council News" and "Learning and Gathering" issues separately, on alternating weeks. This issue, "Learning and Gathering", lists upcoming events in date order, with a "Save the Date" section for upcoming major events and regular annual occurrences. Announcements include date(s), time(s), and a link to registration and/or further information, and will be removed once they are over. We will continue this new practice for 3 to 5 months, and ask for feedback in early May. Because of the two-week rotation, submission deadlines will be publicised in each edition: **Friday, February 18** for the next News issue; and **Friday, February 25** for the next Events issue.

News from the Regional Council Executive

The February Newsletter from the Executive is now posted to the Regional Council web site. Please click on [Executive Newsletter](#) to see what the Executive has been doing on our behalf.

Events and Learning Opportunities ...

Pastoral Relations Liaison Training Workshops

Wednesdays, February 16 & 23, 7:00 to 9:00 PM (MST); [Zoom Link \(both sessions\)](#)

A training session intended to explain how pastoral relations processes work, and help with understanding ChurchHub, and how ministry personnel and Community of Faith accounts differ.

February 16th: Applications, Interviews and an assorted variety of pitfalls and possibilities!

February 23rd: Community of Faith use of ChurchHub. What's in there (statistics!), and how it works.

To register: email northernspirit@united-church.ca, or call the Regional Council Office, 780.435.3995.

Queer Virtue Discussion

Friday, February 18, 6:30-8:00 PM (MST); [Register here for the Zoom link](#)

The Rev. Liz Edman, author of the book, Queer Virtue, will give us some key insights on what she has discovered in her work and how the elements of "queer virtue" can challenge us to rupture false binaries, to "queer" lines that pit people against one another. All identities and backgrounds are welcome. Registration is required and free. [Link to the Facebook event here](#). [Learn more about Rev. Edman here](#). This event is co-presented by Affirming Connections and Affirm United/S'affirmer

Ensemble, as part of our lead up to National Affirming/PIE Day, which happens every year on March 14! [Learn more here](#).

Jesus and the Jews in the Gospel of John

February 23, 6:00 PM (MST)

The University of Winnipeg is hosting a public lecture by Dr Amy-Jill Levine, inviting us to ask: "What might Christians do to make sure the Gospel of love does not convey a message of hate?" Register for the Zoom link by emailing Professor Jane Barter, j.barter@uwinnipeg.ca.

Taste of Palestine Live

On **February 24**, 8:00 AM, (MST); [Click here for details and to register](#)

Join in a live visit to the Hakoritna family farm in Tulkarm, Occupied Palestinian Territories. This is part of an ongoing series on food under military occupation, shared by a number of Regional Councils.

Launch: Korea Peace Appeal 10,000 Signatures Campaign

February 24, 12:00 Noon (MST); [Click here for Zoom registration](#)

Come learn about the United Church of Canada Korea Peace Appeal 10,000 Signatures Campaign. Offer your time, talent and passion. Gather resources and ideas to help promote this campaign among family, friends, your community of faith and networks. The session will be led by Moderator Richard Bott and the Rev. Dr. Kyongja (Kay) Cho. [Click here for a video summary from the Moderator](#).

Hopeful Economics unConference

March 3-4, a national United Church Event; [details and registration are here](#)

Hopeful Economics is a way of looking at the world, the assets and abundance that it has, and making that work for everyone. Join in as partners across faith and social sectors dive into hopeful economics.

Telling by Heart Through Lent

Saturdays, March 5 to April 9, 10-11:00 AM (MST, MDT after March 13)

Led by Linnea Good, a devotional practice of remembering and "telling" the word together to deepen our faith, learn the art of telling the bible by heart, explore the rich history of biblical telling, and improve our memory! This series is sponsored by Barrhead United Church. For information, contact Rita Lyster 780-674-2185 lysterenterprises@gmail.com. To register, contact Sandra Larsen 780-674-2412 buchurch2021@gmail.com. The cost for the series is \$30 per person (group of 4 or more, \$25 each). Don't delay, the first session starts March 5th. For those without internet capability, you can gather at our new church home 5031 50 Street, Barrhead, and we will ZOOM together.

Online Lenten Event for Ministry Personnel

March 17-18, 2022; [further details may be found here](#)

The Committee on Ministry Personnel Support in the Living Skies Regional Council, and St. Andrew's College, are partnering again to host an online Lenten Event. Registration will be opened in the next week or so and a link will be circulated. **Lay Leaders**, please note that a prepared worship service will be provided for March 20 to enable your Ministry Personnel to fully engage in this continuing education opportunity.

United in Learning

See and share all the latest information about events from United-in-Learning! [Click here](#) to find out about all of the learning opportunities offered by United in Learning.

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