



NORTHERN SPIRIT REGIONAL COUNCIL

The United Church of Canada

Learning and Gathering

October 11, 2022

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

If you have news to share, please write a short article, and send it to northernspirit@united-church.ca. We are unable to include posters or other attachments, but links to further information may be included. Our Community of Faith Events Calendar is open 24/7 for posting events that are open to the public. Events can be posted directly to the Newsfeed: <https://northernspiritr.ca/add-your-community-event/>. Upcoming Newsletter deadlines: Friday, October 14, for the next News issue; and Friday, October 21, for the next Events issue.

Family News

Northern Spirit Regional Council annual meeting, online, October 14-15. [Documents are here.](#) [Information for linking to the meeting is here](#), and will be sent directly to all registrants. Please note, **registration will close at 7:00pm TONIGHT.**

Seeds of Hope Grants: Application Deadline

October 15, 2022, 11:55 PM (EDT)

The Fall 2022 Seeds of Hope granting cycle is now open! Completed applications must be received by the above deadline to be considered by the Joint Grants Committee. Please e-mail grants@united-church.ca for more information, and sign up for The United Church of Canada Foundation newsletter by e-mailing fdn@united-church.ca to stay up to date with the latest granting and Foundation news.

News from the Pews ... and other Ministries

St. Andrew's United Church, Edmonton: Annual Quilt Sale

Please join the St. Andrew's Quilting Group at the church, 9915 148 Street, Edmonton, on **Saturday, October 15** from 10:00am to 2:00pm, for another fantastic opportunity to purchase Quilts of all sizes, Afghans, Table Runners, Pillows, Socks, Mitts, Scarves, and much more! Cash, Cheque or E-Transfers are accepted for Payment. The proceeds are donated to local charities.

St. Paul's United Church, Grande Prairie: Affirming Week

A special acknowledgement to St Paul's United Church in Grande Prairie, as they embark on a week of worship, learning, and engagement focused on **Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ justice and allyship, 16- 23 October**. Both Sundays, and Friday evening, will be [available via livestream on their YouTube channel](#). [The full schedule is here.](#)

Vegreville United Church: Busy Fall

Vegreville United Church invites you to participate in any of their fall events. On **Wednesday, Oct. 19th 5:00-7:00 pm**, they will hold a Ham Supper (Take Out or Dine In) with payment by donation. Next, everyone is welcome to their Messy Church event on **Friday, October 21st from 5:00-7:00 pm**. Come for Games, Crafts, Bible Stories, Music, and Supper. Please call the office at 780-632-2338 or email vegucc@telusplanet.net if you are interested in joining in on the fun.

Historical Society Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the United Church Historical Society will be held **Saturday, 22 October 2022 at 10:00am** at Spirit of Hope United Church, 7909 82nd Avenue NW, Edmonton. Business will be followed by a speaker, yet to be determined. For further information, contact Dr. Robert MacDonald, Secretary, at 403-282-2014 or rjmacdon@ucalgary.ca.

Spirit West United Church Covenanting Service

On **Friday October 28, 2022**, the Spirit West United Church will be holding a Covenanting Ceremony for their new Minister, the Rev. Eli Carter-Morgan. The celebration will be at 7:00 pm in the Spirit West United Church (7003 199 Street NW, Edmonton). Everyone is welcome to attend. Those from a distance can join the service through the link available on the Spirit West website: <http://spiritwestuc.weebly.com/>

Events and Learning Opportunities ...

40 Days of Anti-Racism

Tuesday, October 11 to Friday, November 25, 2022. New stories will be offered daily (with the exceptions of Sundays). Continue the journey towards becoming an anti-racist church with this 40-day time of learning, reflection, and action. All sorts of resources, stories, and ideas from all across our church are included. [Click here for full details and the schedule.](#)

For the Love of Creation Climate Justice ecumenical webinars

Tuesday October 11 and 18, 6:00PM Mountain Daylight. Decolonizing climate action; carbon reduction and a transition to a more just economy; global solidarity, adaptation and finance, offered in a rhythm of pray, learn, act and advocate on the road to the UN Climate Change COP27 gathering. [Click here to register.](#)

National Workshop on Trauma, Grief and Recovery

October 13; [Click here to register](#); Cost is \$15. Sponsored by the United Church Rural Ministries Network How might we rebuild or build anew relationships that may have been ruptured during COVID? Trauma-informed ministry explores some of the ways we might have reacted during the pandemic and how churches can meet the need for safety and reconnection.

Didn't Our Hearts Burn within Us? Biblical Storytelling Retreat

October 14- 16, 2022; King's Fold Retreat and Renewal Centre, Cochrane AB; Information and registration: [King's Fold Telling Retreat | NBSCanada.](#)

Come away to the Rocky Mountains and spend time learning to tell Scripture this fall! The Network of Biblical Storytellers Canada is hosting a retreat to learn about by-heart scripture telling. Linnea Good and Ken Quiring, accredited and master tellers, respectively, will facilitate. The retreat is open to beginners and seasoned tellers, ecumenical in nature, and will focus on the Emmaus Road story. There will be a contemplative as well as a teaching element to the retreat. Linnea and her husband, David, will provide musical moments as only they can.

National Day of Prayer for World Food Day, October 16, 5:30PM AB / SK; 6:30PM MB/ NW Ont, hosted by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Join together with other Christians and church communities from all across Canada in a moment of unity and prayer for an end to global hunger. All communities of faith and individuals are invited.

World Food Day, Sunday October 16. [Please click here for resources from the United Church.](#)

Intercultural Adventure Seminar 5: The Holy Spirit for Koreans in The United Church of Canada, October 17, 18 and 19, 2022, at the Edmonton Korean United Church. Financial support available. Bilingual Korean and English. All welcome! Please see the details in English and Korean here: <https://www.facebook.com/InterculturalAdventure>

Intro webinar: Faithful Footprints congregational funding for energy efficiency, October 28. Hosted by the ecumenical group Faith and the Common Good and Prairie staff. [Please click here to register](#) for this free afternoon webinar introducing you and your community of faith to grants that will help you lower fossil fuel use.

Small Town, Big Impact: 2SLGBTQIA-affirming journeys in small communities, October 29, online. Hosted by Alberta's Affirming Connections, open to all. Whatever your geography, you will be inspired and engaged by our cross-country presenters from East to West. We will learn about the why and how when planning affirming events and services, learn insights of how non-Muslim communities can approach and support queer Muslims, and join in an interactive "Steal These Ideas" expert panel! [Full details are here.](#) The [link to registration is here.](#)

Bold Witness, Relentless Grace Conference

November 4-6. In-person in Calgary, with online options available; [Click here for full details](#)
This conference is offered by the Chinook Winds and Pacific Mountain Regional Councils for everyone. Can't attend in person? [Have a look here](#) for information about setting up satellite communities.

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