



NORTHERN SPIRIT REGIONAL COUNCIL

The United Church of Canada

Events Newsletter: January 17, 2023

Events of interest to the people of the Northern Spirit Region.
If you have news or events to share, please write a short description,
with a clear headline and a link to more information,
and send it to northernspirit@united-church.ca.

Our local events calendar for United Church ministries is coming back to life!
[Click here to view it](#). And [click here to submit your event](#).

News from the Pews ... and other Ministries

★Earl's return!

Our Pastoral Relations Minister, Earl Reaburn, has returned from leave. If you sent questions his way in the past few months, please re-send them to the Northern Spirit Office. Thank you to everyone for your patience during Earl's absence, and **WELCOME BACK TO EARL!!**

★We Celebrate

Southminster-Steinhauer United Church wishes to invite your prayers and well-wishes as we celebrate the retirement of Rev. Dr. Nancy Steeves from active ministry. Nancy's last Sunday as part of the ministry team will be **January 22**, 2023 at 10am. You are welcome to offer greetings by way of her [online retirement card](#).

★United in Learning

United in Learning, the church's main online events service, has moved to an exciting new platform! [Have a look here](#). The United Church's Edge Network also offers online courses related to change and innovation. [See their courses here](#).

★**National Rural Ministry Town Halls**, last Monday of each month, 2:30-3:30pm Central, 1:30-2:30 Mountain. Calling all those in rural ministry! Join your colleagues on the last Monday of each month on Zoom for an energizing discussion of the joys and challenges of being in rural ministry, thoughtful consideration of current needs, and exploration of how to meet them most effectively. Register once to get the Zoom link to attend each of them. [Click here to register](#).

Events & Learning Opportunities

Walking in Two Worlds: Decolonizing Communities of Faith

January 19, 6:00PM Mountain, 7:00PM Central; with Rev Michele Rowe exploring spiritual pathways. Michele (she/her) is a Métis woman whose family is rooted in the Athabasca Region of Alberta. This is an event in preparation for PIE Day March 14: Public, Intentional, and Explicit inclusion of 2SLGBTQIA people in the church and world. Sponsored by Affirm United/ S'affirmer Ensemble and Affirming Connections. [Click here for more information.](#)

Upcoming CCS Fridays

The next CCS Friday presentation will be on **Friday, January 20**, 2023 at noon (Winnipeg time), when we will have an online discussion of the Universal or Cosmic Christ. Our special guest, Min-Goo Kang, will tell his own story of finding his path to God through the lens of Taoism. [Click here to register.](#)

CCS Fridays are online conversations offered by the [Centre for Christian Studies](#) to help us all to respond faithfully to emerging issues in local contexts. Coming up on **February 10**: Glenn Morison will lead an online discussion on personal stewardship and tithing.

Lighten Up: A Candlemas Contemplation

... a [Contemplative Gathering](#) co-sponsored by St. Andrew's College and the Living Skies Regional Council. Join us at either **10am or 2pm on Friday Feb 3 (Sask Time)** for this hour-long contemplative pause as the light slowly returns. [Registration is here.](#) For more information, [please be in touch with Dr. Bernon Lee.](#)

Biblical Telling: A New Way Home, February 3 - 6, 2023

A two & a half day online festival to explore the art and discipline of telling scripture by heart. Storytellers from across Canada, India, the USA and around the world gather to hone their bible telling skills and repertoire. Workshops will cover a spectrum of topics: Biblical Telling 101, biblical telling as a contemplative practice, sharing the Bible with children, the ring shape found in biblical text, Deaf signing our telling, Godly Play, the role of story in Indigenous wisdom and community, and many more. [Click here for more information.](#)

Anti racism and the United Church workshops, Feb 7 and March 7, 2023.

Part 1 with [Selam Debs](#). Feb 7, 2023, 10:00-11:30 AM ES, 9:00 Central, 8:00 Mountain.

Part 2 with [Rev. Alcris Limongi](#) March 7, 2023, 10:00 AM EST

[Click here for full details.](#) Brought to you by Antler River Watershed, Horseshoe Falls and Western Ontario Waterways Regional Councils, and the three regions have covered all costs. If you have any questions about this workshop or your readiness to participate in it, contact Thérèse Samuel at tsamuel@united-church.ca.

Vegreville Interfaith Group & Other Events

Interfaith Group: regular meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm via Zoom. If you want to join in, please call the office 780-632-2338 and leave your name and email address. For more information & other events, call 780-632-2338 or check out our events page on our website: <https://vegrevilleunitedchurch.com/>.

United Against Hate: faithfully responding to anti-2SLGBTQ+ actions, Wednesday, February 15, 6:00pm MT, 7:00pm Central. Join Affirm United/ S'affirmer Ensemble and Alberta's Affirming Connections to learn about the malicious misinformation campaign and threats that have been launched against the drag and 2SLGBTQ+ communities across Canada-and what you and your faith community can do. [Registration and details are here.](#)

The Art of Living and Dying

The Art of Living and Dying workshops and Circles of Trust study series draw from the wisdom of our ancestors that quality of life is enhanced when we do not live in fear or denial of suffering or our mortality. The first workshop will be taking place **Friday, March 3 and Saturday, March 4 from 10:00 am to 5:30 pm..** Special UCC member discount is available, as well as group discounts for groups of 5 or more. For registration & more information, please contact karin@sacredartofliving.org, or call 888-383-4171.



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