

Northern Spirit Regional Council Weekly Newsletter: EVENTS Edition, February 14, 2023 ♡
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NORTHERN SPIRIT REGIONAL COUNCIL

The United Church of Canada

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★ Our local events calendar for United Church ministries is coming back to life! ★
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Events & Learning Opportunities

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.](#)

Getting Started in Stewardship: Tuesday, February 21 10am PST, 11am Mountain, noon CST, Presented on Zoom.

Join United Church people from across the country to learn some stewardship first principles. Start with an on-line 2-hour course that answers questions like: What is stewardship all about anyway? Isn't stewardship just a churchy word for fundraising? Why do people give, and why would they give to our church? What can we do to encourage greater generosity?

The practical assignments that follow will help you reflect on giving and generosity as part of your faith, gather and interpret some of the giving data from your community of faith, and build a stewardship team in order to start making stewardship a priority in your community of faith. Completion of this course is a great first step before participating in Stewardship Best Practices, which will be offered next in March 2023. [Register here.](#) Any questions, please contact Vicki at vnelson@united-church.ca.

National Rural Ministry Town Halls (This month: February 27th); 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.](#)

Vegreville Interfaith Group & Other Events (This month: February 28th)

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.](#)

Learning For Lent Book Study: Wednesdays, March 1 - 29

Instead of Chocolate, Why Not Give Up Myths & Misconceptions This Lent? Join Grace Hussey, BSW, RSW & Student Minister, to learn the facts about Canadian Indigenous Culture in a safe online space. We will be reading & discussing Chelsea Vowel's informative & funny book, *"Indigenous Writes"*. Come to 1 or all 5 sessions running **Wednesdays 7-8:30pm MST**, from **March 1st-29th, 2023**. You are also welcome to sign up & join online as a group! We Hope to see you there! [Click here to register](#) by **Sun. Feb. 26th, 2023**. [Click here for more information.](#)

Liberating Liturgy: Wednesday, March 1, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Featuring Dr. Becca Whitla, Professor of Practical Ministry and Lydia E. Gruchy Chair in Pastoral Theology. Livestreamed by the Saskatoon Theological Union.

Dr. Whitla explores what it means to liberate liturgy in today's contexts. Drawing from the experience of several communities, she proposes that churches that want to fully embrace the multilingual, multiethnic, multicultural realities of the Canadian context need to examine and transform what goes on at church on a Sunday morning. Using a couple of case studies – singing and territorial acknowledgements – she proposes some initial principles for liberating and decolonizing how we worship. There will even be a couple of chances to sing and dance. Please join us for some mid-winter warmth and conversation!!! Please register for both in-person and livestream options by emailing standrews.college@saskatoontheologicalunion.ca by February 22.

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. This program provides support and insight to those offering spiritual care to others. 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.

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

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.

PIE Day: official launch for the Year of Intention, March 7, 6:00pm MT.

This year, we're challenging you to think about the meaning behind the I in PIE. How intentional are you in the welcome you extend to 2SLGBTQ+ and other marginalized folks? And more importantly, are your intentions pointing you in the direction of action? [Click here for full details and registration.](#)

★ GatheringWorship.ca Orientation Night: March 14, 7 p.m.

Rev. Susan Lukey will be hosting an orientation on March 14th, 7 p.m., on Zoom, for anyone interested in learning more about the new Gathering Worship website. This is an exciting new resource, so save the date & stay tuned for more details!

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.](#)



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