



NORTHERN SPIRIT REGIONAL COUNCIL

The United Church of Canada

Events Newsletter: February 28, 2023

Upcoming 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.](#)

Events & Learning Opportunities

★ **Leading Adaptively Course: March 2**

Starting **March 2**, join this three-session Zoom course and discover new ways to lead adaptively with skills you already have. Led by priest, researcher, and revivalist Clara King, [Leading Adaptively](#) is open to lay leaders and clergy from any denomination in the United States and Canada. Explore the core theory of Adaptive Leadership in a vibrant new way, and come away with usable practices to reinvigorate your day-to-day leadership journey! [Sign up today!](#)

★ **World Day of Prayer Events**

This Friday, March 3rd, is the World Day of Prayer, a prayer movement that invites us to enrich our faith experience with the experience of Christians from other countries and cultures and to bring hope to women touched by injustice. This year, the service materials were written by Taiwan: **"I have heard about your faith" based on Ephesians 1: 15-19**. Gatherings are planned [in Edmonton](#), [Spruce Grove](#), [St. Albert](#), and many others.

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.

★ Earth Week 2023: Together for the Love of Creation Discussion: March 7

During Earth Week 2023 (April 16–23), The United Church of Canada is joining with numerous sibling denominations and faith-based organizations under one banner, [Together for the Love of Creation](#). During Earth Week, we invite you to hold events to pray, learn, and act for climate justice. Ready to take action? On **Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 10:30 p.m. MT**, come learn more, brainstorm possibilities, and hear from Moderator Carmen Lansdowne at the [Together for the Love of Creation Zoom session](#).

Anti Racism and the United Church workshops: March 7, 2023, 10:00 AM EST Part 2 with [Rev. Alcris Limongj](#): [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.

In this session, Rev. Susan Lukey is thrilled to introduce you to the [GatheringWorship.ca](#) website, which was launched this past year. She'll take you on a tour through the website and show you all the tools it has to help you in your worship planning. For more information, please [click here](#), or [contact the office](#).

★ Alberta Cares 2023 Housing Rally: March 24, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Homelessness numbers are on the rise across the province. The cost of living is forcing more families to choose between rent and food. On **Friday afternoon, March 24 at 2 pm**, we need at least 100,000 Albertans to join in rallies taking place all across the province. To see the details for rallies in your local area, please

visit www.interfaithhousing.ca. If you are willing to help coordinate a rally in your area, please contact Pastor Pam Richards at pamelar@telus.net. It is time for Alberta to build a wise, well-resourced, and well constructed long-term plan to address housing and homelessness challenges in Alberta. #Albertacares2023

★ **Women of the United Church 2023 Conference & Annual Meeting: We Are One**

All Women of the Church are Welcome to attend this in-person event, **April 27 - 29**, at the FCJ Christian Life Centre in Calgary. We think that you will enjoy and be enriched by the program we have prepared and by meeting and worshipping with other women once again, and considering our theme of **We Are One: A Look at Bias and Racism**. Registration deadline is **March 24th**. [For more information & for the registration form, click here!](#)

★ **Lenten Action: Bring Visibility to a Guaranteed Livable Income**

Did you know that The United Church of Canada's members and allies have successfully convinced municipalities to pass resolutions for a Guaranteed Livable Income in St. John's (NL), Pictou County (NS), and Fredericton (NB)? This Lent it's time to act. The United Church of Canada Guaranteed Livable Income network invites churches and faith communities across the country to hold a vigil or event on **March 24, 25, or 26** to call for a Guaranteed Livable Income. More information can be found on the [Guaranteed Livable Income webpage](#). Send details of the event you are planning to justice@united-church.ca. #UCCanLivableIncome.

National Rural Ministry Town Halls (Next month: March 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](#).

★ **reVITALize Conference: June 7 - 9, 2023, Halifax**

reVITALize is a gathering for ministry leaders and lay people to REFRESH, LEARN, and BE SUPPORTED. Speakers talk about what is revitalizing them at the moment, and time is given for people to gather with friends and colleagues and meet new folks. All denominations and traditions welcome! [Learn more & register by clicking here.](#)

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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