



Events Newsletter: April 25, 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.



★ Add your local events to our Northern Spirit events calendar! ★
[Click here to view upcoming events.](#) And [click here to submit your event.](#)

★ **Annual Meeting Updates:**

★ [Click here to register for the 2023 Northern Spirit Annual Meeting:](#) May 4 - 7, in Camrose Alberta. **Registration will close tomorrow, April 26, at 4 p.m..** If you are planning on attending the meeting, ensure you submit your registration **by tomorrow afternoon** to have full access to the meeting, including meals, workshops, etc..

★ **Notice for Worship Sunday May 7:**

As your Minister and Regional representatives come to meet for the Annual General Meeting of Northern Spirit Regional Council on May 4-7, we are encouraging folk to join us for Sunday Worship through livestream. (*Watch for this livestream link in next week's Newsletter*). If you already have something amazing planned for that date, you can use the recording at a later date. OR we would invite you to use [the GC service on the Call and Vision](#) to create your own service and to adapt it to think about how you can live your faith as an active member of the region.

★ **[Click here for more details regarding the Annual Meeting.](#)**

News From the Pews & Other Ministries

★ **Talking & Walking Together: A Letter From Our Chair**

It takes a lot of people and places to make up a Region, a church family. Each one brings gifts and skills to add to the richness of our gathering together. There are times when we need to lean on each other, times when we may be struggling because our human and financial resources are stretched beyond their capacity... [Read the full letter from Rev. Helen Reed here.](#)

Events & Learning Opportunities

Ask and Imagine: Youth! Webinars

In 2019–2020, the United Church asked young people what helps them find a sense of identity in this church, and what barriers keep them from leading and engaging. Now, more than ever, we need to listen more deeply to the stories of young people and question more sharply the barriers to their participation and leadership. We invite those who lead and love young people to a Zoom conversation - a first step - to hear what young people have told us and to invite your thoughts, questions, and opinions. The conversations will be led by Pamela Evans, Pacific Mountain Regional Council, and Amy Crawford, General Council. Please join us at one of these four opportunities—no registration is required: [Thursday, April 27, 1:00 p.m. EDT](#) ; [Thursday, April 27, 5:00 p.m. EDT](#) ; or [Monday, May 1, 9:00 p.m. EDT](#).

★ **Join the Moose Hide Campaign on May 11**

The [Moose Hide Campaign](#) is an Indigenous-led grassroots movement of men, boys, and all Canadians who are standing up against violence towards women, girls, and Two Spirit people. By wearing a moose hide pin and participating in Moose Hide Campaign Day on **May 11**, Canadians are making meaningful progress towards reconciliation and

the creation of a country where violence against women and children is no longer allowed to flourish in the shadows. [Take a tangible action to end gender based violence in Canada.](#)

Into the Future...

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.](#)

The 8th Canadian Forum on Inter-Church Dialogues, June 8-10, 2023

The Commission on Faith and Witness of [The Canadian Council of Churches](#) has periodically organized the CFICD for those engaged and interested in ecumenical dialogues in Canada. This year's theme, *V'ᐃᐱᐅᐱ / Pêhonân – A Gathering-Waiting Place: Voices of Indigenous Followers of Jesus in the Ecumenical Movement* calls us into a deeper understanding and appreciation of the wisdom, gifts, and experiences that Indigenous followers of Jesus can offer the ecumenical movement. We invite you to [learn more](#) about or [register](#) for this important gathering.

★ Registration now open for Community & Connection 2SLGBTQIA+ Advocacy Conference

The [Community & Connection Conference](#) will be taking place **June 22 - 24**, at Robertson-Wesley United Church in Edmonton. This Conference will bring together individuals and agencies in the 2SLGBTQIA+ community to share their experiences, challenges and hopes. [Join us for 3 days of Community, Connection, and Hope.](#)

★ Alberta Engage Difference! Deepening Understanding for Intercultural Ministry: July 10-14, 2023: St. Stephen's College University of Alberta, Edmonton *AB*

Engage Difference! Deepening Understanding for Intercultural Ministry (DUIM) is a 5-day interactive and engaging program with practical ideas for implementation in your own context. DUIM is for ministry leaders and community members nurturing cultural relevance, understanding, and awareness in their communities. 5 Days focused on faith, heart, mind, and skills for the art of intercultural ministry. *****Register by June 12***** [More information and registration here.](#)

★ **The School of Earth & Soul – Celtic Wisdom 3: July 25–27, In-person, Alumni Hall, Victoria College**

Please join us for a three-day retreat on Celtic Wisdom with **John Philip Newell** and **Cami Twilling**. In 2016, John Philip Newell began a teaching initiative that is called The School of Earth & Soul. Its purpose is to reawaken awareness of the sacred in all things through the recovery of Celtic wisdom for today and to help translate this awareness into compassionate action. In July, Emmanuel College's Centre for Religion and Its Contexts is hosting the **Celtic Wisdom 3: Sacred Imagination** retreat, where participants will be invited to reawaken to the sacredness of the human imagination and compassionate action. [Please visit the Centre's website for bios, fees, registration and schedule.](#)

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