



News from the Region: May 2, 2023



News 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:**

★ **We are greatly looking forward to gathering in Camrose this week.**
[Please click here for all Annual Meeting information, including schedule and the workbook documents.](#)

★ Note that since staff of the Regional office will be in Camrose, **the office will be closed from Wednesday, May 3rd, to Tuesday, May 9th.**

The NorthernSpirit@united-church.ca email will be monitored, but expect a longer response time!

★ **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. 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. **The livestream link for Sunday's service will be posted to the website, here:** <https://northernspiritr.c.ca/news/regional-council-meeting/>

Family News

★ **Yamaha Grand Piano up for adoption!**

A generous donor would like to give a three-year-old Yamaha piano away to a loving home, free except moving costs. Please contact the office if you are interested.

★ **Job Posting: Office Administrator, Trinity United, Edmonton**

Church Office Administrator - Permanent Part-time (20 hours per week) sought for Trinity United Church, Edmonton, with probable additional hours during busy periods and special events, at \$20 per hour. Benefits and pension are available after a probationary period. The anticipated start date is June 2023. [Click here for the full job posting.](#)

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.](#)

Featured News

★ **Earth Week: 2021-2022 Sustainability Report**

For Earth Week 2023, The United Church of Canada released the 2021–2022 Sustainability Report, "Deepening Climate Integrity." With photos, stories, and numbers, the report features communities of faith from across the country putting our house in

order, raising our spirited voices, connecting with the Earth, and responding to climate impacts in 2021-2022. [Read the full report.](#)

★ **Red Dress Day: Friday May 5**

This Friday, May 5, is National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit people ([MMIWG2S](#)). Red dresses are hung in public spaces and people wear red shirts or dresses to honour those who have gone missing or been murdered. Please join this movement to say that you value Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit people, and to seek justice.

★ **Participate in the Moose Hide Campaign to Combat Violence and Call for Justice, Sunday May 7, and May 11**

Canada is in the midst of an ongoing national crisis of violence against Indigenous women, girls, and 2S-LGBTQIA+ people. Canada has a long legacy of devaluing Indigenous peoples—in particular Indigenous women, girls, and 2S-LGBTQIA+ people. As a result, many people believe that they do not matter, and that it is acceptable to commit acts of violence upon them. We've seen this reality at work in communities throughout our Regional Council, as the number of missing and murdered Indigenous people continues to grow. The United Church invites your participation. Think about prayers or other ways of sharing this Indigenous-led campaign in worship. Here's a [two-minute video about the campaign](#) that can be freely used. There are [free resources here](#), and a [short list of actions on the General Council page](#).

Wider Church News & Resources

★ **New employment opportunity! with St. Andrew's College**

St. Andrew's College is seeking an Educational Guide for our emerging Lifelong Learning Pathway. If this might be you, [click here](#). Applications close **May 19**.

Votes for the remit process now underway!

Votes for the remit process are now underway. **Approval of this remit will enable the creation of an autonomous National Indigenous Organization within The United Church of Canada.** The remit requires a vote by every regional council and each pastoral charge's governing body. Abstentions are considered a vote against the remit. Some people have been asking questions about this remit process. One, the deadline date is **March 31, 2024**. That deadline is next year, and it gives more than one full year to vote. Two, the vote is for the governing board of a community of faith (such as a church council). It does not need to be a vote for the full congregation. The process for Remits is outlined in [The Manual](#) of The United Church of Canada in section F.2. We invite you to learn more and explore the [remit process](#). / [Click here for more information about this remit!](#)

Worship Resources:

See United Church [Worship Resources](#) for upcoming Sundays and special celebrations.

[Mental Health Sunday - May 7, 2023](#)

[Asian Heritage Month 1 - May 7, 2023](#)

[Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 7, 2023](#)

[Rural Life Sunday - May 14, 2023](#)

[Asian Heritage Month 2 - May 14, 2023](#)

[Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 14, 2023](#)

[Christian Family Sunday - May 14, 2023](#)



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