



Events Newsletter: July 4, 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.](#)

News From the Pews & Other Ministries

♥ Reverend Greg Parker passed away last week. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Rev. Greg Parker, as well as the community of Provost-Macklin Pastoral Charge.

★ **Northern Spirit Celebration of Ministries: October 21, 4 p.m., at Kirk United Church Community Centre, 13535 122 Ave, Edmonton AB**

Northern Spirit will be holding a 2nd Celebration of Ministries service this year. We will be celebrating new ministries, and also celebrating our decision to be an Affirming Region. Come celebrate with us!

★ **Directory Updates**

Over the summer, we will be updating the Regional Council Directory. **If you registered for the 2023 Regional Meeting**, (and gave permission), your contact information will be included in the directory. **Ministry Personnel** will also have their names and pastoral charge contact information included. **Lay Reps and committee members who did not register for the meeting**, but still wish to be included, please send the office an email (NorthernSpirit@united-church.ca) with your name, address, phone number and email and permission to include. Any questions or concerns, contact the office. **Communities of Faith / Pastoral Charges**, if you have updates or corrections to your mailing address, phone number/s or email address, please let the Regional Office know.

Events & Learning Opportunities

Archive Training for Office Administrators: Monday July 10, 2023, 12:00 noon

NSRC Administrator's Association invites all administrators to a special training session led by Leanne Templeton, the Archivist for Northern Spirit and Chinook Winds Regions. In this hour long session Leanne will address how to properly maintain historic rolls, transfer memberships, archive and or destroy records and more. Join us in person at Garneau United Church in Edmonton (11148 84 Avenue) or on Zoom [using the link here](#). To register or for more information, please email Nichole at nsrcaa@gmail.com. Please indicate whether you will attend in person or via Zoom.

Affirm United/S'affirmer Ensemble 2023 Annual General Meeting and conference: July 14 - 16, 2023, *hybrid options

The in-person part will be held at Beaconsfield United Church in Beaconsfield, QC (just outside of Montreal). We encourage you to send a representative (or two!) to join us in person for fellowship, worship, and getting to know one another! We are so excited to see everyone in person. [Click here to view the Registration Form, with further details](#). There will be another form for joining virtually coming soon. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email communications@ause.ca.

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.](#)

Into the Future...

St. Stephen's College Gala: Friday September 15, 5 - 10 p.m., In-person, Edmonton, AB.

Reception, 3-Course plated Dinner, 2 drink tickets per guest, Guest Speakers, Live Jazz Music, Silent Auction which includes Live Painting with Fine Artist, Giselle Denis, as well as a chance at a week-long vacation in Port Rush, Ireland! Gala location: JW Marriott Edmonton Ice District - 10344 102 St NW, Edmonton, AB T5J 0K9. All attendees wishing to stay at the JW Marriott will receive 20% off their room on the night of the gala. Tickets are \$250 per person (tax receipts for a portion of the ticket price, will be sent out after the event). [For more details, please click here!](#)

★ **Rural Ministry Conference 2023: September 29 - October 1, 2023, High River Alberta**

A weekend gathering, for today's rural ministry context: come experience rural hospitality, inspiring theme sessions and practical workshops tuned to today's rural ministry contexts! [Click here for tickets & more information.](#)

★ **Evolving Faith Conference: October 13-15, 2023, Minneapolis, United States, with online attendance option***

A group experience for ministry personnel to be encouraged, inspired and renewed. Both digital & in-person attendance options. [Click here for more information about the Evolving Faith Conference.](#) And [click here for details about a travel group being organized by Leadershift.](#)

Hold the date! **Western Intercultural Ministries Network Conference and AGM 2023, 19-21 October, St Albert AB, Treaty Six**, at Star of the North retreat centre. All welcome to our first in-person gathering since 2019! Theme to be announced, but it will carry our commitment to being intercultural practitioners in ministry together, uniting perspectives and lived experiences that carry racial, gender, abilities, and sexual diversity. Song and worship, speakers, workshops, and lots of time for visiting and telling stories are all in the plans. **October 21** we will join Northern Spirit Regional Council at their Celebration of Ministries service and Affirming celebration. More information coming later in the summer. ~ Who is WIMN? [Click here for an overview and news.](#)

Registration is Now Open for the [2023 Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship](#), which will take place at Yorkminster Park Church **in Toronto from October 22-24.**

★ **Leading Through Conflict Workshop: October 27-28, 2023, Calgary Alberta**

This is a workshop opportunity with the renowned Susan Nienaber, to explore practices and traits to navigate conflict faithfully & successfully. The goal of this LeaderSHIFT

offering is to increase the health of communities of faith, and the effectiveness of ministry personnel. [Click here for more info & for tickets!](#)

Save the dates: 'Healing and Hope' Retreat for clergy women, October 30-November 2, at Five Oaks Centre, 1 Bethel Road, Paris, Ontario

Rev. Tina Conlon from Davenport-Perth Community Ministry, and Shining Waters Regional Council President, will join us for part of the time. United Church Moderator Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne will speak on the afternoon of Nov. 1. We are hoping to ensure there is lots of time for small groups, and relaxation on the lovely grounds of Five Oaks. There are a few single rooms at \$475 for room and meals for the entire time, and \$405 for shared rooms and meals. This is a first-come basis, maximum of 50 people but we will also keep a waiting list just in case. Contact us at sistersandministers@gmail.com.

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- [Click here to view our regional events calendar.](#)
 - [Click here to view the United Church's main online events service, United in Learning.](#)
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★ **Office Notice: The Regional Office will be closed Monday, July 10,** reopening on Tuesday July 11. ★

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