



NORTHERN SPIRIT  
REGIONAL COUNCIL  
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA




*News from the Region: October 16, 2024*

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**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](mailto:northernspirit@united-church.ca).



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

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## **Family News**

★ **Covenanting:** Spirit of Peace United Church, in Spirit River AB, will be celebrating their covenanting with their new minister, Rev. Harold Imes, on **October 20th, at 3 p.m.**, with a potluck supper to follow the service.

★ **Community of Faith Present & Futures:** how is your community of faith doing? If you would like to arrange a visit with the Pastoral Relations Minister and/or Pastoral Relations Commission to discuss your church's present situation or future visions, please

[contact the office](#) to discuss possibilities and to schedule a meeting, either online or in person.

## **Northern Spirit online Regional meeting October 24; registration & proposals reminder**

[Registration is open for our online Regional meeting.](#)

All are most welcome- you do not need to be a delegate or member of the Regional Council to attend. Delegates are of course both invited and expected. We need your wisdom and discernment as we learn, pray, and decide together here in our 100th year as the United Church. [Click here for details.](#)

**Proposals** are part of our business for this meeting. These set policy and direct the Regional Council and General Council (the national church) towards specific actions or priorities. [Learn more, and find a template, here.](#)

## **LAST CALL! Northern Spirit General Council 45 Commissioners nominations**

The Regional Executive encourages you to discern whether you are called to be a Commissioner to the 45th General Council, a three year term that includes the in-person meeting of the General Council this coming August in Calgary. And you're asked to help others discern. [Please click here for an updated invitation and resources](#), and share this widely.

## **What are your plans for the 100th anniversary? New resources available!**

We're not far from turning 100! We have [a Centenary resource and supports summary page](#) up on the regional website, and that includes an invitation to share your events with everyone. And find here [a short planning guide for communities of faith](#) from our Northern and Prairie Regional Council archivists Erin Acland and Leanne Templeton.

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## **Featured News**

### **Regional network statement on the police killing of an Indigenous child**

The Being Good Relations Network of the United Church in Alberta, Yellowknife, and Northeast BC expresses its heartfelt sorrow to the family and community of 15-year-old Hoss Lightning of Samson Cree Nation. Hoss was shot dead by the RCMP in Wetaskiwin AB after he called 911. We name that Hoss was seeking help, and that yet again, a call from a person in need resulted in a shooting death instead. We name [that police shootings disproportionately target Indigenous people across Canada](#), and that this has been happening for many years, and continues. Between August 29 and September 8 2024, across Canada, [six Indigenous people died at the hands of police](#). Being Good Relations invites you to [read and share the statement](#).

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## **Wider Church News & Resources**

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## ★ Video License Applications Now Open

Video license applications are now open for annual licenses from January 2025 to December 2025. Many churches benefit from the opportunity to show films and clips during worship and at events, and require a public performance license (or video license) to do it legally. The United Church of Canada offers discounted access to annual licenses from both Audio Ciné Films and Criterion Pictures. Access more information about the licenses, including pricing [at this link](#). If you have not had a chance to register for Buying United, please do so using the code **united** (all lowercase). [Apply on this form](#). Applications Due by **November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024**.

## ★ 2025 UCC Calendars

The [2025 Canadian Church Bilingual Calendar](#) is here! Featuring stunning visuals of United Churches from coast to coast, this calendar showcases the beauty and diversity of our faith community. Stay organized with essential information like church seasons, liturgical colours, significant United Church Days, and lectionary dates. Looking for a unique fundraising opportunity for your community of faith? Receive 20% off on bulk orders of 50 or more calendars by using the code **MYCHURCHCAL** at checkout. This code is valid until **November 15, 2024**.

## Stewardship Resource Kits

If you want to get started right away, consider downloading stewardship resource kits online. You can find links to 4 different themed [kits online here](#).

If you have any questions, or want to discuss your community of faith's context, reach out to stewardship support staff, Vicki Nelson – [vnelson@united-church.ca](mailto:vnelson@united-church.ca).

## General Council Executive meeting summary

The GCE met September 27-28, as the church begins to prepare for an upcoming online meeting of General Council Commissioners, and the 45th General Council in Calgary this August. [Please click here for a summary](#).

## GC Nominations Calls: closing October 24

General Council have launched their Fall 2024 Call for Nominations. This round of nominations is closing Thursday October 24. There are three different open calls at the moment that are all unique opportunities to engage in the work of the church: *the Justice and Reconciliation Fund Committee*; *the Faith and Life Sciences Reference Group*; and *the General Council 45 Equity Support Team*. [Click here for all details](#).

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## ***Worship Resources:***

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

[International Day for the Eradication of Poverty - October 17, 2024](#)

[Twenty-second after Pentecost - October 20, 2024](#)

[World Food Sunday - October 20, 2024](#)

[Peace Sunday - October 27, 2024](#)

[Reformation Sunday - October 27, 2024](#)

[Twenty-fourth after Pentecost - November 3, 2024](#)

[Twenty-fifth after Pentecost - November 10, 2024](#)

[Remembrance Day - November 11, 2024](#)

\* [Click here to access Northern Spirit's 2024 Prayer Cycle](#)

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***Notice: We have moved!***

The Regional Council office has moved into a smaller space as of April 2024.

Our new mailing address is:

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Edmonton, AB

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Our phone number has also changed. The new office number is:

**1(800) 268-3781, extension 6029.**

Email remains the same: [NorthernSpirit@united-church.ca](mailto:NorthernSpirit@united-church.ca).

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