



Events Newsletter: October 23, 2024



Photo by Northern Spirit minister, **Rev. Chang Lee**, Onoway Pastoral Charge

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

★ **TOMORROW: Northern Spirit Regional Meeting part 2, Thursday October 24, 6:30-8:30 MDT, on Zoom.**

Northern Spirit delegates and friends, we gather again for an online meeting of the Regional Council October, chaired by Rev Helen Reed, Thursday October 24 from 6:30-8:30PM MDT. This is part two of our 2024 regional meeting. The primary focus will be

business, including proposals to the Regional Council or General Council. An agenda will be shared a bit later. Please arrive at least ten minutes before we begin. If you would like to check your connection or learn/ re-learn any Zoom techniques, please arrive 20 minutes in advance. [Please click here for all details](#). **Register at this link!**

New & Featured Events

★ **Alberta UC Historical Society Annual Meeting: October 26, 10 a.m.,**
Winterburn United, Edmonton

The AWNC (Alberta and Northwest Conference United Church of Canada Historical Society) and its annual Journal are intended to provide a forum by which the history of the United Church and its antecedents can be told. The Society seeks to encourage individuals and communities to bring together human and material resources in the preservation of our religious heritage. The Journal includes stories, both personal and from congregations, sharing the history of the Church from their perspective. The **Annual General Meeting** of the Society will be held @ 10AM, October 26, 2024, at Winterburn United Church: 21503 - 103A Ave NW, Edmonton, T5S 2C3. For more information contact Willie Korendyk - Willie@wilkor.ab.ca.

★ **UC Rural Ministries Network workshop for LLWLs: Thursday November 21,**
Zoom

UCRMN is aware that many rural congregations are ministered to by Licensed Lay Worship Leaders. Each quarter UCRMN holds a free Zoom Workshop that allows folks to come together and share their stories, struggles, successes and blessings. **Thursday November 21, 2024** is for our many LLWL to check in and share their stories. [Register here](#).

Upcoming Events & Learning Opportunities

★ October-November **online workshops from United in Learning** [are listed here](#). Lots to choose from: stewardship and anti-racism, support for treasurers and those who work with church tech, courses on challenging anti-Semitism and on fair wages for ministry personnel. Have a look!

Strengthening Invitation | United in Prayer (Growth Department)

Each Thursday at 12pm Eastern / 11am Central / 10am Mountain the Growth Department prays for and with communities of faith in our shared ministry of Strengthening Invitation. This event is hosted primarily in English.

Let us know how we can pray for your community of faith.

Are you planning a special service to invite your neighbours? Are you reaching out to your neighbours through an event? Are you asking hard or exciting questions about your future?

Join us on Zoom and pray for others. Send your prayer request to growth@united-church.ca (you can send a request even if you're not attending) Register to join us [here](#).

40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism 2024: Live event every Tuesday, October 15–November 19, 7:00 p.m. ET *(please convert the time for your zone, noting that Daylight Savings Time ends Nov 3).*

[40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism](#) has released its list of events. [Please click here and scroll down for details](#). There are also accompanying [study groups](#), which offer ways to integrate and reflect on the content with learners from across the church. [Register for this year's live events](#)—and please [sign up for the newsletter](#) to stay up-to-date with regular content for this year's exciting program.

Grounding the Future: Spiritual resources for responding to climate change, KAIROS Prairies North fall regional gathering, Saturday, October 26, 9:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m. CST, St. Luke's Anglican Church, 8424 – 95 Ave, Edmonton, AB with some online options.

KAIROS Prairies North covers Northern Spirit and Living Skies Regional Council. Climate change is a spiritual crisis rooted in fear and greed. Individual actions like recycling and biking are important responses, but they aren't enough. Political and collective decisions are required, but they will always be thwarted unless people's hearts and values are also involved. What spiritual postures can we adopt that can ground both our personal actions and our collective decisions? [Click here for the event link](#).

St. Stephen's College 100th Convocation, Monday, October 28, 2024, Edmonton.

The Principal and Dean, Dr. Fred Tappenden, together with Chancellor Michael Phair, warmly invite you to attend the 100th Convocation of St. Stephen's College, which will be held on Monday, October 28, 2024. Please join us as we celebrate our graduating students and honorary degree recipient. The ceremony will be held on October 28, 2024 at 7:00 pm at Convocation Hall at the University of Alberta. Rev. Dr. Catherine Faith MacLean, this year's recipient of the Honorary Doctor of Divinity, will deliver the convocation address. Further details regarding the Convocation and related festivities can be found [on our Convocation webpage](#).

Drag & Spirituality Summit, November 1–3, Emmanuel College and Online

The Drag & Spirituality Summit is in its third year and is the first-of-its-kind gathering at the intersections of drag and spirituality. Join drag performers and faith leaders from around the globe for a stunning and sacred three-day summit. All spiritual experiences and drag expressions are invited and celebrated in person and virtually. Drag artists, spiritual care practitioners, lovers of drag, and folks wanting to learn more will congregate from around the globe with keynotes, panel discussions, workshops, spiritual drag shows, and a spiritual drag event for children of all ages and their families. [Click here for details and registration](#).

★ **Greening Faith Buildings webinar, 5 November, 6:30PM MST on Zoom.**

Are you a member of a faith community or social organization with a building that could use some energy-efficiency upgrades? Are you looking for funds and support? Not sure where to start? The United Church's Faithful Footprints grant and support program can help. Tune in to a free webinar on Nov. 5, where Newo's energy auditors, Maroof and Nicole, will share strategies, funding opportunities and answers to your questions. See you there! [Please register here.](#)

★ **Western Intercultural Ministries Network AGM and workshop, Thurs November 14, 12:30 MST, 1:30PM Central Standard.**

Your presence and ideas make intercultural ministry work! Please come for a short AGM, and a focus on the church's recent deep dive on diversity and equity in ministry leadership. WIMN's Executive represents the five Western Regions, and meets monthly. This supportive and fun space welcomes additional Regional representatives, and this meeting is a great chance to learn more about the network and how it runs. [Learn more about our work here.](#) And [click here for full details on the meeting, workshop, and Zoom info.](#)

Stewardship! Set Up Your Giving Program – Begins Week of November 19

This two-session course is for teams that have completed Getting Started in Stewardship and are wanting to focus on creating a stewardship campaign for winter or spring of 2025. [You can read more here.](#)

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.

★ **Next Getting Started in Stewardship Course is November 20 at either 3 or 5:30pm (CST)**

Curious about how to revitalize stewardship in your community of faith? Register now for our next session of Getting Started in Stewardship. This 90-minute session is the foundational course to help your community of faith move away from the annual cycle of panicking about the budget, to an on-going, sustainable ministry of gratitude and generosity, which supports people in their lives of faith. You can participate as an individual or in a team. After the course, we'll support you in taking the next steps. [Register here on CHURCHx.](#)

***What will we sing when we need to sing a new song?* with the Then Let Us Sing! committee: November 26, 7pm ET**

Join the *Then Let Us Sing!* committee on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. ET for a thought-provoking discussion on the future of music in The United Church of Canada. As we celebrate our 100th year, we'll explore how music can reflect our commitment to anti-oppression, hymns that inspire deeper spirituality, bold discipleship,

and daring justice, and the evolution of our songbook: new hymns to embrace and those we might consider retiring. [Register now](#) and explore more 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism Live Events.

Reminder of worship resources for upcoming Sundays

See the national [Worship Resources](#) for upcoming Sundays and special celebrations.

[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](#)

For more inspiring worship ideas and resources subscribe to [GatheringWorship.ca](#)

United Church 100th anniversary event map: Is your church community planning something special to commemorate this milestone? We'd love to hear about it! [Submit your event details](#) on the UC [Centennial event map!](#)

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