



Events Newsletter: June 18, 2025

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 and Other Ministries

♥ **Daysland and Killam Pastoral Charge** will be honouring Rev. Deanna Cox's De-Covenanting Service which is scheduled for **August 24, 2025** in Killam at 7pm. There will be cake and refreshments to follow.

♥ **The Power of Prayer: call for daily prayer for wildfire impacts.**

Keewatin Circle, the Indigenous United Church in Manitoba, invites you to pray with them for all communities in Canada regarding the forest fire emergencies. **Praying will take place for 1 hour each evening beginning at 7:00pm CDT (Manitoba/**

NWO), 6:00pm Mountain and CST, 5:00 pm Pacific. We are praying for the following:

- *Rain*
- *Safety of all communities*
- *Safety of evacuees*
- *Safety for all those responding to the needs of evacuees.*
- *Safety for those who are in communities fighting fires.*
- *As well as the animals both domestically and wild*

We are asking that all communities pray with us, as prayer is stronger when we come together in time of need.

June is Two Spirit and LGBTQI+ Pride Month

The [United Church has resources available here](#). You're invited to be out and proud-show up for a parade, host a meal or special service, decorate your church inside and out, support your library or the local school's GSA (Genders and Sexualities Alliance)... and more. There are so many possibilities to offer a Public, Intentional, and Explicit welcome.

Centennial greetings from the Regional Council

We turned 100! Let's declare the whole year a Centennial. [Here are video greetings from the Regional Council Executive](#).

Centennial thank you!

Thank you to all who have held and will hold creative, Spirit-ed community gatherings to commemorate our 100th birthday. Our regional calendar and community of faith social media show the wide range of creative happenings, from choirs to tree-planting, community history conversations to plans for future ways of serving and funding our communities. Congratulations to all who created these spaces.

New & Featured Events

★ Indigenous Day of Prayer June 15, and Indigenous Peoples' Day June 21

June is Indigenous History Month and June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples' Day. This is a time to celebrate the outstanding achievements, history, cultures, and diversity of Indigenous peoples. This is also the time of summer solstice. Check to see what First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities and organizations in your area are doing to celebrate, and join in. Check to see how your municipality, schools, and libraries are marking this time. Take in the Indigenous programming on APTN (Aboriginal Peoples' Television Network) and the CBC.

This year, the United Church celebrated [National Indigenous Day of Prayer](#) on Sunday, June 15. New worship materials are available on the [United Church website](#). This year's resources feature an order of service from the perspectives of both Bible and Bundle by the Rev. Agnes Spence of Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation, and another marking the 10th

anniversary of the release of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action from the Rev. Emma Seamone of Carberry, MB.

Upcoming Events and Learning Opportunities

★ The latest **United in Learning** online continuing education [events list is available here](#).

***Updated: UNJPPI Webinar: Palestine justice proposals for General Council, June 18, 4pm EST / 2 pm MT, online**

You are invited to learn about the six proposals related to Palestine that are going to the United Church General Council. This online webinar is for anyone interested in learning whether you are attending the GC meetings, involved in grassroots advocacy or just want to know more about the issues. There will be a brief presentation by each of the proposal proponents followed by a Q&A. To learn more about the United Church of Canada General Council and what it does, [visit their website](#). **Please note there is an [UPDATED LINK](#) to register for this webinar.**

You can review the proposals and introductory videos in advance of the webinar [at this link](#). This webinar will be recorded and shared with those who register. We look forward to seeing you there!

Choking Gaza: why aid isn't getting through, and what we can do. Thursday June 19, 7:00PM MDT.

Gaza's people are dying of imposed hunger and thirst. Its medical system is targeted for destruction, and people of all ages suffer continuous bombing. We'll learn about why aid isn't getting through, the terrible impact, and what Canadians can do through our donations and advocacy- because we can do something! Here is the [information for the event](#), including our speaker- please use it to invite.

Zoom link (do not post this in online public spaces; share by email only):

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[church.zoom.us/j/88958792399?pwd=V46I0vsfe300rutWBCtOQwal6o05Fo.1](https://united-church.zoom.us/j/88958792399?pwd=V46I0vsfe300rutWBCtOQwal6o05Fo.1)

Meeting ID: 889 5879 2399 Password: 600297 1 855 703 8985 Canada Toll-free

★ **Affirm United/S'affirmer Ensemble annual conference, July 18, 2025- July 20, 2025 at Trinity-Clifton United Church in Charlottetown PEI.** [Registration is here](#).

Save the date: **Launch of Centennial exhibition: Here From the Beginning 27 July, Pilgrim United Church**

United Church of Canada Apology to Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ / queer / gender-diverse people: Friday, August 8th at 9:00AM Mountain Daylight, Knox United Church, Calgary and via livestream.

This is an advance notice of a very important commitment by the United Church to offer a public apology, with more details to come from the General Council 45 planners. This worship service is open to all. If you are considering attending in person, please contact your Regional office or regional justice minister Julie Graham at jgraham@united-church.ca so that the Regional Affirming Committees can be aware of who wishes to attend, and can look at carpooling as needed.

Decolonizing Ourselves: Residential School Tour and Our Future in Treaty, KAIROS Prairies North visit to Blue Quills College and treaty learning, Saturday September 6, 10:30-4:30PM, at [University nuhelot'jine thaiyots'j nistameyimâkanak Blue Quills](#) near St Paul AB. Learn about our Treaty Obligations and see, first-hand, how the wound of Residential Schools can be transformed. Free registration and lunch, with support from the United Church's Justice and Reconciliation Fund. [Registration is here](#). This is the first KAIROS Prairies North decolonization gathering to be held in AB. Carpooling can be explored as registrations come in.

***United Church 100th anniversary event map:** Is your church community planning something special to commemorate this milestone? [Submit your event details](#) on the National [Centennial event map](#)!

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