



News from the Region: June 10, 2026



Congratulations to Rev. Alison Mock and to Yellowknife United, who held their covenanting service last Sunday, June 7. ♥

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.

Check out our [local events calendar](#), and [submit your own community events!](#)

Family News

♥ **Welcome to new Affirming ministries! (Updated)**

Pride Month is a busy season for welcoming new ministries to the family officially. In practice, these fine communities have been Affirming for a long time. Let's celebrate these ministries in our Prairies and North regions:

[Charleswood United Church](#) in Winnipeg celebrates Sunday, June 14 at 10:00AM, followed by a BBQ. Everyone is invited!

[St Paul's United Church](#) in Oxbow, southern SK is celebrating June 14 with details to come.

★ **Save the Date: Region Connect Gathering**

The next Region Connect Gathering will be held in Camrose, AB, on **October 24 & 25, 2026**. More details will come soon, but for now save the date for this gathering!

Wider Church News & Resources

★ Indigenous Day of Prayer, Sunday June 21: resources available

This year, Indigenous Peoples' Day and the [Indigenous Day of Prayer](#) coincide. This is an important opportunity to dedicate your Sunday worship to honouring the past, present and future of Indigenous Nations in your area, and in our church. We offer gratitude to the elders' council and Indigenous Ministries and Justice for giving us all words to share in worship. [All resources are posted here](#). Our Anglican kin have also [shared multilingual resources](#).

As always for this day, and this entire month and indeed year-round, please support all local invitations and spaces generously shared by local Nations. Show up! Express support online and through your church signage for the relationships that we are blessed with, and stand up publicly to any expressions of racism and stereotyping. May the Apology, our TRC commitments, and above all, our Creator, be our guide towards truth and reconcili-action.

★ ONE MORE DAY! Stewardship Opportunity

Do you like a deal? Do you like *free*? Then check out **The Bequests and Estate Giving course** from our [Stewardship department's course catalogue](#) of Called to be the Church: The Journey. Free until **June 10 (today!!)** as part of the United Church Foundation's centennial program. You can download the self-directed course and use it as you're able – want to wait until the summer months? That's fine – just download it now! The QR code with the link was shared at regional meetings, but I want to make sure everyone has had a chance to use it. Get it for free, for one more day!

★ August 10-14 - Indigenous and Racialized Youth Retreat

Applications are still open for the Indigenous and Racialized Youth Retreat this summer at the Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre in Manitoba. At this retreat, young people will come together to learn on the land, form friendships, and deepen their intercultural understanding. To apply, visit <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/n2Jb0ep7Vw> or **contact Inzwi Munikwa** (Lead for emerging Indigenous-Racialized Interfaith Community) at IMunikwa@united-church.ca for more information.

100 Tables Returns Nationwide

As spring blooms and our centennial year draws to a close, we are excited to once again invite all United Church communities of faith to take part in 100 Tables! New ideas for projects and favourites from last year are welcome, and we highly encourage both communities who participated in 2025 and those who couldn't make it to join in the fun. Communities who haven't yet received a \$225 RONA gift card to purchase their picnic table are still eligible to do so. Participants from last year will receive more information in the coming weeks. [Please read more here!](#)

Take action for Guaranteed Livable Income

Everyone deserves to live with dignity. Across the country, people are struggling to afford basic necessities. That's why the United Church is calling on the federal government to create a **Guaranteed Livable Income program**. It's a practical, compassionate solution that would help ensure no one is left behind. By providing a consistent income floor, it can reduce poverty, improve health outcomes, and give people the stability they need to thrive. You can help make this change happen. We've made it easy to contact the Senate Committee who is reviewing Bill S-206 for the creation of a Guaranteed Livable Income. **Add your voice today** with just a few clicks: <https://united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/create-guaranteed-livable-income-program>. Together, our voices can help build a more just and compassionate Canada.

In Case You Missed It:

Summer Worship Planning: *Inventions of Summer* available through Region

Inventions of Summer: A simple, creative, theologically rich companion for a Summer Sabbath or Worship Series. *Inventions of Summer* is a four-week, ready-to-use Summer Sabbath booklet and worship series inviting you to enrich your summer through simple reflections on sunflowers, string beans, mosquitoes, and fireflies. [More details and an overview of this worship series can be reviewed here](#). This series is available as a **gift** from the Region, who purchased a license from Prayer Bench, to support Leaders and Communities of Faith. [Sign up to receive this series at this link](#). When you sign up via the short form, you will receive access to the booklet, the worship notes and additional resources.

Happy Pride: A Message of Apology, Healing & Radical Belonging video from the Moderator

In 2025, The United Church of Canada offered an apology to 2S and LGBTQIA+ people and communities—naming the real harm caused through words, actions, silence, and systems that failed to protect and affirm God's beloved people. This message reflects on that apology—not as an ending, but as a beginning. A threshold into deeper healing, accountability, and transformation. [Please use this link to see how to use the video, and when](#).

Worship Resources:

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

[Third after Pentecost - June 14, 2026](#)

[UN World Refugee Day - June 20, 2026](#)

[Indigenous Peoples Day and Indigenous Day of Prayer - June 21, 2026](#)

[Fourth after Pentecost - June 21, 2026](#)
[Canadian Multiculturalism Day - June 27, 2026](#)

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