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| |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Q: How do you find communities of faith near you? How do you contact people in a neighbouring charge? A: Go to the [About ARWRC](https://arwrcucc.ca/about-arwrc/) page and [click on the map](https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1MjMRnbsq8OieJxp5hFheXzeAysVx6oOl&ll=43.652150262492384%2C-83.8936580421875&z=8)! | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |
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Anyone who missed the deadline may apply directly.   **75% Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy** If income dropped 15% in March or 30% in April, consider applying. Because income figures are held locally, the application must be initiated locally.   Details about and links to both programs can be found at this [Government of Canada website](https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/campaigns/covid-19-update/support-employers-cra-covid-19.html).  ***The total subsidy available is 75% (if eligible). If the 10% has already been authorized and processed, it will be deducted from the 75% if awarded.***  The subsidy is tied to the payroll account. That account may be held by a single community of faith, a multi-point pastoral charge or through a ministry sharing agreement. Where multiple communities of faith are involved, figures should be consolidated for the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy application.   **CEBA - $40,000 Loan** United Church communities of faith are **NOT** eligible for this loan. Any community of faith who made application and received these funds should not spend them. Please hold them until further direction is received concerning how to return them. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **United Church Pandemic Bridging Loan** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Many thanks to the generous United Church members whose bequests made possible the grant from [The United Church of Canada Foundation](http://unitedchurchfoundation.ca/) that is helping fund this loan program. Thanks also to the Board of the Foundation for making these funds available. This money will provide a portion of what is available. The balance will be funded by a line of credit for the denomination.   The details of the loan are on the application form found on the [COVID-19 Pandemic Resources page](https://arwrcucc.ca/covid-19-pandemic-resources/).   Please note that it is based on need and viability. Need means that local resources have been exhausted and the funds are necessary to sustain ministry (your United Church is not borrowing money to protect local savings).   The Covenant Commission has outlined additional information needed to assist with assessing need and viability. Please see the [Regional Council Requirements Form](https://arwrcucc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Regional-Council-requirements-for-UCC-Bridging-Loan-Form.docx) that is to be filled out along with the United Church Pandemic Bridging Loan  This additional documentation should be forwarded to the Minister, Congregational Support and Mission, [Lynne Allin](mailto:LAllin@united-church.ca), after you submit the online loan application. If you have any questions, please feel free to send an [email](mailto:LAllin@united-church.ca). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Refugee Sponsorship Training Program** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Please find attached the latest edition of the [Refugee Sponsorship Training Program bulletin](https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/files/0f43ef9c-ecd7-48ac-88c9-c4237368974e/RSTP_Bulletin_April_24_2020.pdf). This edition’s highlights include:   * Information on whether sponsored newcomers in their sponsorship period can apply for income support through the CERB program (if they meet the eligibility requirements of the program); * When sponsors may make deductions from the monthly financial support, they provide on the basis of newcomers receiving income support through the CERB program; and, * The details of upcoming RSTP webinars | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Keeping Sabbath** | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/images/3fc1c337-e661-4b56-bbab-fbe61917b4e5.jpg | | The United Church of Christ in the U.S., our full communion partner, is Keeping Sabbath. They have decided that Friday is a Zoom-free day. It's a way to build rhythm and relief into our current reality.   Kudos to all the people who have made such advances in using technology! The way in which people have learned and used new technology is inspiring. But it's also exhausting! It's okay to want (and in truth, to need) a break. Be kind to you! | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Search for the Next General Secretary** | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/images/06d7cdbf-fd76-431a-a7ac-40dfb67fe7f9.jpg |  |  | | --- | | This week the General Council Executive authorized an amendment to the by-laws (Manual) to enable communities of faith to handle pastoral relations matters during the pandemic. Please consult with [Diane Blanchard](mailto:dblanchard@united-church.ca?subject=By-Laws), Minister, Pastoral Relations for details.  The pastoral relationship is a partnership between the minister, community of faith, and the regional council. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Changes cannot be made in this relationship without the involvement of the Human Resources Commission. Be sure to consult with the Minister, Pastoral Relations to ensure that requirements are met. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Speaking of Call: Vocation Sunday, May 3** | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/images/e5df6683-0434-4c4f-95f7-a4dcfcf352e0.jpg |  |  | | --- | | Sunday, May 3rd is Vocation Sunday. It is an opportunity to invite people to consider the call of God to serve as ministry personnel; it's also an opportunity for communities of faith to thank their minister for having answered that call.  Find resources for [Vocation Sunday](https://www.united-church.ca/blogs/round-table/testing-call-vocation-sunday-2020) on the United Church website to make this a meaningful day. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Stories of Our Faith** | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/images/6ec91d27-23e7-44df-97a8-a7cc4890ad2d.jpg |  |  | | --- | | Mission & Service stories speak to the impact of COVID-19 on our partners. Your gifts to Mission & Service help to see that others, with fewer resources, are also supported.   [Read about our partners in Zimbabwe and in India](https://www.united-church.ca/community-faith/welcome-united-church-canada/stories-our-faith). | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **United Action for Justice** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | One of the stories included in this issue cover advocacy groups demonstrating against the unlawful imprisonment of members arrested in peaceful protests just 12 days earlier, and they knew they might well face a similar fate on Christianity's holiest day. The Easter demonstration took place in Sitio San Roque, an informal settlement for the urban poor in Manila, Philippines, the site of the original protest that was launched to demand the government help people who are starving as a result of COVID-19 lockdowns. [Read more](https://www.united-church.ca/stories/mission-service-partners-risk-jail-easter-sunday?utm_source=E-Newsletters&utm_campaign=d464ad2266-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_04_27_03_32&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_53a49c9e28-d464ad2266-188942713&mc_cid=d464ad2266&mc_eid=1807891ded).  The United Church of Canada also received words of prayer and solidarity in the wake of the violence in Nova Scotia from Bishop Reuel Marigza, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches in the Philippines, partner of the United Church. Read the full [Prayer for Nova Scotia](https://www.facebook.com/UnitedAction/photos/a.354451924606739/3221078001277436/?type=3&theater) from our global partner. | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/video_thumbnails_new/45082694ade69ab40daf4e6b10bbb1b1.png](https://youtu.be/xhrYS7HmU9I) | | Last Monday evening, April 21, United Church members across the country joined together in lighting candles and sending prayers to the families of the victims of the Nova Scotia shooting. This video is a moving collection of the photos people posted to their social media profiles; thank you to all those who participated. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Congregational Finances During the Pandemic** | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/images/a9fe3d59-f69f-4071-aad6-d9a4573f159f.jpg |  |  | | --- | | Congregational finances continue to be a major concern during the COVID-19 pandemic. These [weekly webinar sessions](https://www.united-in-learning.com/index.php/webinars/316-congregational-finances-during-the-pandemic?mc_cid=14ecc38240&mc_eid=5665f19fb9) will be used to share the latest news and updates affecting congregational finances. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Join CFO Erik Mathieson and Clyde Harris, a regular facilitator in our Webinars for Church Treasurers series, each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. EDT / 4:00 p.m. PDT for up-to-the-minute information on wise ways to manage the financial impact the pandemic is having on our congregations. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Annual Declaration 2020** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | April 1 to June 30 is the time to complete your Annual Declaration in respect to criminal charges. Takes fewer than 5 minutes as long as you have access to/remember the date of your last Police Records Check. (Note that during Covid-19 physical distancing restrictions, OPP and police stations are currently closed to the public for services such as obtaining a PRC if you do not currently have one or have lost it, etc.) Download [screenshot one](https://mcusercontent.com/3430c44e426848fe31d8afb4b/images/54ed5197-db5e-43f4-9a62-33195cf46ca3.jpg) and [screenshot two](https://mcusercontent.com/3430c44e426848fe31d8afb4b/images/15e37faf-415c-4d2a-a9b0-245a3d550d3f.jpg) to so you can see exactly what you need to do on Churchhub.ca.   You might see that your specific profile says you are out of compliance with mandatory training too – this could be because you haven’t actually done it OR you have taken it in person and the data from your certificate hasn’t been manually entered into your ChurchHub profile. Here are how these fields are populated: If you take it online within the last year, the United in Learning folks will fill these fields in within a week or so of taking the course. If you have taken it in person, it needs to be manually entered on your behalf from your certificate into your electronic file.   If you notice that your ChurchHub profile does NOT have data populated in your mandatory training fields (Professional Requirements) but you have taken them, then send an email with the course and when you took it. The system will prompt you to email this information through your ChurchHub profile.   If you haven’t taken the courses, or it has been 5 or more years since Boundaries then enroll in one of the refreshers on [United in Learning](https://www.united-in-learning.com/index.php/webinars). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Open Out Podcast Series** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Open Out](http://openout.ca/) is a podcast series exploring the nitty-gritty of opening our faith communities to the diversity that is the new Canada. After these days of sheltering-in will come a time once more of opening out - and we will be deciding open out to whom? same as before? or everyone. If you are interested in exploring these thoughts, please check out the podcasts.   The most recent one "That's how the light gets in" explores the role of vulnerability as communities seek to open themselves, through insights from a conversation with Damber Khadka from Knox United in Winnipeg. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Centre for Christian Studies** **- The Grads are Here!** | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/images/5fdee225-fcb4-4404-a488-d35b2aec8691.png |  |  | | --- | | The CCS Grads are here! Besides an introduction to each on, this issue also has the summary of their Zoom tips, and more! [Read more ...](https://mailchi.mp/cc41dad72de4/common-threads-3868345?e=e935820f48) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Mapping What’s Ahead: The Emotional Journey of a Crisis** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/images/38be3353-cb6e-4742-8b66-9d6ee4f10566.jpg](https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/files/537469f5-0981-435a-8ade-755ed138cead/emotional_lifecycle_of_a_disaster_.01.pdf) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A chart created by Episcopal Relief and Development to be particularly illuminating. It is based on their decades of experience working in disaster zones. The chart shows [the emotional process](https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/mapping-whats-ahead-the-emotional-journey-2/?utm_source=bm23&utm_medium=email&utm_term=Learn+about+a+typical+emotional+life+cycle+of+disaster.&utm_content=April+2020:+An+Easter+Unlike+Any+Other&utm_campaign=20200422+-+April+Monthly+News) a community and its members often take through a disaster. Click on the chart to download it.  *Shared with permission, Luther Seminary* | | | |
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| |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **The Antler River Watershed Regional Council newsletter welcomes submissions of upcoming events, regional news and educational opportunities. This is also the place to keep up-to-date on information from the regional office.** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Holding and Encouraging Communities of Faith**    **Antler River Watershed Regional Council The United Church of Canada** | | | |
| |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [SUBSCRIBE!](https://arwrcucc.us20.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b&id=afa2614952) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | *Copyright © 2020 Antler River Watershed Regional Council, UCC, All rights reserved.*  Want to change how you receive these emails? You can [update your preferences](https://arwrcucc.us20.list-manage.com/profile?u=ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b&id=afa2614952&e=%5bUNIQID%5d) or [unsubscribe from this list](https://arwrcucc.us20.list-manage.com/unsubscribe?u=ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b&id=afa2614952&e=%5bUNIQID%5d&c=3da157eb75).  [Email Marketing Powered by Mailchimp](http://www.mailchimp.com/email-referral/?utm_source=freemium_newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=referral_marketing&aid=ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b&afl=1) | | | |