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| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | ***Q***: Where can I find the minutes of the Covenant Commission? Are they on the website? ***A***: Yes, they're on the website. Go to About -> Commissions -> Covenant Commission. | | | |
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Thérèse Samuel has joined the staff complement of Antler River Watershed, Western Ontario Waterways and Horseshoe Falls Regional Councils. | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/images/c4189c74-36fc-4380-b198-ae5a11ba728f.jpg |  |  | | --- | | Thérèse will be spending half of her time in the Right Relations portfolio, which has been vacant for almost a year now, and the other half of her time in the Social Justice portfolio alongside Diane Matheson-Jimenez.We had an exhaustive search process last fall, with many wonderful applicants, and all of us on the staff support committee are happy to recommend Thérèse to you for this work. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Many of you will know Thérèse from her extensive work at all levels of the church, both in Alberta and here in Ontario. She is leaving her current ministry position at Thornbury Pastoral Charge (Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council) in order to assume her new duties. Thank you to her congregation for letting her come to us!We are looking forward to the justice-oriented, clear, and sensitive ways we know Thérèse will address the many issues of right relations and social justice that are before us as a church. Please join me in welcoming her to the team of all three regions!Sincerely, *https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/images/8f7644b2-701d-47cb-8094-9c778ecd08a3.png* Chair, Staff Support Committee | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **United Fresh Start continues into May** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | The Human Resources Commissions of our regional councils want to help new (or continuing) pastoral relationships get off to a healthy beginning by inviting you and your minister to take part in the [United Fresh Start](https://www.unitedfreshstart.ca/) program.   There are over 20 modules of resources to support learning together. A couple of the core modules, ‘Entering a New System’ plus one called ‘Habits, Norms and Expectations,’ will be offered this winter and spring by Zoom.  ***We invite you to register a group from your community of faith, including your minister, for these modules.***   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **MODULE & Registration** | **DATE** | **TIME** | | [Entering A New System](https://regionalcouncil789.formstack.com/forms/ufs07) | Saturday, March 20 | 9 - 11 am | | [Habits, Norms, Expectations](https://regionalcouncil789.formstack.com/forms/ufs12) | Tuesday, April 6 | 7 - 9 pm | | [Habits, Norms, Expectations](https://regionalcouncil789.formstack.com/forms/ufs12) | Saturday, April 24 | 9 - 11 am | | [Family Systems](https://regionalcouncil789.formstack.com/forms/ufs10) | Tuesday, May 4 | 7 - 9 pm |   Facilitators are prepared to offer modules of United Fresh Start to individual congregations as well. If you are interested in this, please contact [Diane Blanchard](mailto:dblanchard@united-church.ca?subject=United%20Fresh%20Start), Minister, Pastoral Relations, for a list of UFS facilitators. The schedule above is offered without charge. Engaging a facilitator for your community of faith alone has a suggested fee of $221 per module, negotiated with and payable to the facilitator. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **'The Basics' A Ministry & Personnel Workshop With Diane Blanchard, Minister, Pastoral Relations** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Spring is the time for flowers, new beginnings and the time of year when new members are elected to vital M&P committees of our communities of faith. There is lots to learn about these crucial roles. These workshops are open to members from Western Ontario Waterways, Antler River Watershed and Horseshoe Falls Regional Councils! More experienced members of Ministry & Personnel Committees are welcome to take this refresher, especially if you haven’t done a workshop recently.  There are two days/times offered through Zoom, click on a date to register:   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | **DATE** | **TIME** |  | |  | [Thursday, March 11](https://regionalcouncil789.formstack.com/forms/mp_workshops) | 7:00 - 9:00 pm |  | |  | [Saturday, April 10](https://regionalcouncil789.formstack.com/forms/mp_workshops) | 9:00 - 11:00 am |  | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Informational Toolkit about COVID-19 Vaccines** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | The following is from an information session about COVID-19 vaccines and public health measures held on January 20, 2021 with the Chief Public Health Officer.   For more information, including on common questions and concerns on the COVID-19 vaccine, please visit the [Government of Canada’s website](http://www.canada.ca/COVID-vaccine) on COVID vaccines. Here is the [informational toolkit about COVID-19 vaccines](https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/files/f343ac56-50cf-4062-9a59-e62a071b29f4/200121doc1_PCO_Vaccination_Public_Health_Advice_Dr_Tam_Clerk_Ian_Shugart_Closing_remarks_62mins29_wds8334.docx) and [in French](https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/files/bfee4de5-78ca-4f79-9679-0db2f91c97d9/200121doc2_PCO_COVID_19_la_vaccination_et_les_conseils_en_mati%C3%A8re_de_sant%C3%A9_Dr_Tam_Greffier_Ian_Shugart_62mins29_wds7702.docx), that we encourage you to share within your networks. | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/video_thumbnails_new/e15b77c8511b5d8978d9377c0317182b.png](https://youtu.be/KhCJcmuEmnU) | | This is the video recording of the January 20th event, please share it with those who can further share this information. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Be sure to check your local Public Health Unit regularly for any change in the colour of your zone and for local requirements. Do not hesitate to be in touch with your Public Health Unit if unsure.  Worship is different from a meeting or other congregational event. Worship guidelines may allow for up to 30% capacity of the worship space to be used (depending upon the colour of your zone). However, a meeting is considered a gathering and severe restrictions remain in place across the province for gatherings.  The most generous provision within our area is for up to 5 people to be together indoors. Please continue to hold all meetings, study groups or UCW events. either virtually or by conference call.  Thanks for helping to keep everyone safe. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Workplace Discrimination, Harassment and Violence Prevention and Response Policy** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | The new United Church policy has expanded and now includes protection against discrimination in the workplace. The policy can be [downloaded here](https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/files/4fe05c27-c0ee-4478-8b49-f4f80a29feee/harassment_policy_2020.pdf).  If your community of faith has developed its own policy, please make sure it is reviewed regularly and consider expanding it to include the terms of the denominational policy.  A community of faith may also determine that it will follow the policy of the United Church. In that case, complaints under the policy, are handled one step away from the local congregation, relieving people of the responsibility to investigate the conduct and determine the response, if necessary, if discrimination, harassment or violence are experienced by employees. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Community of Faith ChurchHub Account** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | ChurchHub is not just for pastoral charges searching for their next minister. It is the database that both the Regional Council and General Council use to make contact with your community of faith - so it is critical the information is correct. Please be sure to update any changes.  We recently struggled to reach a congregation who had received a bequest. The Executor was having trouble reaching the community of faith and asked the regional council to help. Unfortunately, our data base was also not current and we could not provide the information needed. Make it easy for others to connect with your pastoral charge!  If you don't have access to your congregation's ChurchHub account, please send an email to [ministry@united-church.ca](mailto:ministry@united-church.ca). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **2020 Statistics Time of Year** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | It's that time of the year again! This statistical information is critical to helping the United Church gather accurate information to be able to plan wisely. Additionally, these figures form the basis for the annual assessment of each pastoral charge. Please be sure to submit  this information soon!  **How to record Average Weekly Attendance for Statistical Forms** In this unprecedented time, to calculate your average weekly attendance for your 2020 annual statistical submission, please add the number of people in in-person worship to the on-line count and report that number. We are aware that while the on-line count might be inflated by people coming into and out of a stream/broadcast, there doesn’t appear to be any way to take that into account. For Year Book purposes, the column will be marked with an asterisk and a footnote added to indicate why the figures might be significantly different from other years. Should you have any questions, please contact [statistics@united-church.ca](mailto:statistics@united-church.ca). | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **EVENTS** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **The Rev. Michael Blair: Becoming the Beloved Community: A Call to Transformative Discipleship Friday, March 5, 2021. 7:00 p.m. ET** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | United-in-Learning is pleased to be partnering with Emmanuel College to bring this year's Gandier Lecture to a national audience! | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/images/f7d7ece9-c28f-403d-86a4-1807c5a90072.jpg |  |  | | --- | | The Rev. Michael Blair, General Secretary for The United Church of Canada, will be delivering this year's lecture at Emmanuel College. Named after the College’s first principal, this lectureship reflects the College’s partnership with the UCC from its founding until the present day, as well as the intent to bridge conversations between the college and the wider United Church context. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Find out more and reserve your spot](https://www.united-in-learning.com/index.php/webinars/380-emmanuel-college-gandier-lecture-2021?mc_cid=0e54d4288b&mc_eid=1807891ded). And there's a [poster](https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/files/3e24cef2-18c8-4dc0-a982-11a07d7db8cf/2021_03_05_Michael_Blair.pdf)! | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **One-hour World Day of Prayer 2021** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | The World Day of Prayer 2021 service video, prepared by the Women’s Inter-Church Council of Canada, can be accessed by going to wicc.org and clicking on the One Hour Service Video button  Imagine over 1.5 million Christians speaking 79 different languages in almost 150 countries coming together in spirit; uniting to pray for relevant issues affecting women and children. This was the 2019 reality for this tremendous movement that has been active for nearly 100 years.  The World Day of Prayer is traditionally celebrated on the first Friday of March, though communities can choose other dates. A different participating country writes the service each year, and we look forward to that prepared by the Vanuatu committee for 2021.  To learn more, [continue to the website](https://wicc.org/world-day-of-prayer/what-is-wdp/) or call Cathy at 416-450-1027 and then choose your World Day of Prayer. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Step into the Story** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Rev. Gail Fricker leads an on-line workshop series in partnership with [Five Oaks Retreat Centre](http://www.fiveoaks.on.ca/). | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/images/201b917e-b439-4d99-a32e-70c414e1d9a7.jpg |  |  | | --- | | Learn how to bring scripture and sacred story alive through the ancient art of storytelling. Step into the shoes of biblical characters to gain a deeper sense of Spirit and an understanding of a chosen scripture.  This course is designed to help anyone who wants to use storytelling in worship, in ministry with seniors or youth, or who just wants to explore a new way to spiritually reflect.  No previous experience of storytelling is necessary. It will be fun, interactive, and practical. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | This 4-week session meets once/week on Monday evenings by Zoom for 90 minutes of lecture, discussion, reflection, storytelling, and story listening. There will be an opportunity to work on your own story between sessions. [Register at Five Oaks website](https://fiveoaks.venue360.me/public/events/homepage?&org=ALL&eventPlan=ALL&season=ALL&groupBySeason=false&event=22). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Introduction to Indigenous Lands & Issues in Canada Sessions through to June 1** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Join us for a monthly series of online conversations starting February 20.  Adrian Jacobs, Sandy Salteaux Spiritual Centre (SSSC) Keeper of the Circle, and Indigenous elders from across Canada, invite you to explore the cultural and historic foundations to today’s headlines. Join us for a series of online conversations in response to the Indigenous education mandates from Canada’s Truth and Reconciliation Final Report. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/images/03f96bc6-52c9-4f60-b798-2812553fdb3f.png | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | **SESSION** | **TIME** | **TOPIC** | |  | March 20 | 10  - 12 pm (EST) | 1492 Back Lane Land Conflict | |  | April 17 | 9  - 11 am (CST) | Indigenous Child Welfare | |  | May 15 | 8  – 10 am (MST) | Indigenous People & Resource Development | |  | June 19 | 8 - 10 am (PST) | Traditional Lands & Environmental Protection |   [Registration](https://sandysaulteaux.ca/event/introduction-to-indigenous-lands-and-issues-in-canada). Registration is $25/session or $75 for the 5-part series. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **United in Learning is busy!** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Check out the spring offerings at [United-in-Learning.com](https://www.united-in-learning.com/index.php/webinars).   * **Racial Justice Workshop** - Dates for Spring 2021 * Bou**ndaries for Church Leaders** - Dates through June * **Congregational Finances During the Pandemic** - March 24 7pm ET * **Faith on the Move: An Online Journey Through Lent** - Tuesdays throughout Lent. 1:00 p.m. ET * **Learning on the Way: Resourcing for LLWLs** - March, April, May: more dates added due to high demand! * **Pension Information Seminar** - March 9, 2021. 1-2:30 p.m. ET * **Gathered for Preaching** - March 16, 2021. 7:00 p.m. ET * **Preparing for Retirement**: a practical spirituality - April 15, 22, 29  1:00-2:45pm ET   If you missed a webinar, you can find all the recordings on [United-In-Learning.com](https://www.united-in-learning.com/index.php/webinars/recordings?mc_cid=0e54d4288b&mc_eid=1807891ded). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Children & Youth Ministry Webinar: Death Café: March 16** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Death Café (Experiential Learning), March 16**: The aim is to normalize conversations around death. Death Cafés may offer personal insights about yourself, and may be a useful tool to use in your ministry. We gather in a safe, relaxed setting to discuss death & celebrate life. | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/images/b5bceff9-13d8-4962-ba50-17ec1136a6e5.png](https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/images/ce452131-ecd3-4206-a049-a1a401d077a3.jpg) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Two times are available for the webinar, send an email to [kdouglas@united-church.ca](mailto:kdouglas@united-church.ca?subject=children%20%26%20youth%20webinars). [Download the flyer](https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/images/ce452131-ecd3-4206-a049-a1a401d077a3.jpg). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **A Taste of Palestine: Taste Food, Hear Stories, Make Change!  Final part of the three-part series: March 9** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **March 9, 9:30 am** - Learn about the work of United Network for Justice and Peace in Palestine Israel.  Click here to [register by Zoom](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEkf-igqzoiHNF9kLQNabHBvGHZmoxTUAAH). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Online Regional Clergy Gathering March 24 from 3:00 to 4:30 pm** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Each month colleagues in ministry within each region come together online. It is an opportunity to connect with one another, to share relevant information and ask questions in these challenging times. It is also a time for mutual support with each other and regional staff. The sessions consist of a time of information sharing by regional staff, breakout rooms with colleagues and ongoing conversation. If you have not received an invitation to this gathering before, please send an email to [pkukadia@united-church.ca](mailto:pkukadia@united-church.ca) requesting one.  I look forward to seeing my colleagues at the March Clergy Gathering. Peace, Kevin Steeper Regional Pastoral Support Minister | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **National Affirming Day - P.I.E. Day Sunday, March 14** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Who doesn't need something to celebrate these days? We surely do! Save the date Sunday March 14th, 2021 for our National Affirming Day celebration of P.I.E. day.  Let's think about an Affirming pie. What would your Affirming pie taste like? What ingredients would you use? This year we are going to celebrate with P.I.E. recipes created by you! It could be a traditional apple pie recipe or it might have a twist in the ingredients ... two cups of inclusion, a tablespoon of sparkle, a quarter cup of love ... you get the idea! Now, think about how your faith community as an Affirming Committee or faith Congregation would build an Affirming pie!  Add your P.I.E. Day Event to our [Online Calendar](https://affirmunited.ause.ca/add-your-p-i-e-day-event-to-our-online-calendar/). Download this [custom liturgy & sermon](https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/files/4a8f79b7-3867-4f2d-b3b3-877681988768/PIEGaryPaterson.docx.pdf) by Very Rev. Gary Paterson | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/video_thumbnails_new/efb0668e940165c428ce3fcb45d6ebd7.png](https://youtu.be/um-3YFzWo40) | | A wonderful Affirming declaration from [Grace United Church](https://www.facebook.com/graceucsarnia/?__cft__%5b0%5d=AZWZeWH6smPwiQtdIhN3fVBr_3aKwIT2OB_FtKeCUvzsnbFVjB32da5qdnXjPZhnnipaHCKKUHs2b0dHLIn63HE0bdxBvlFdvmez0jUFUS5CXzC1UH1g2PSsZAT6w0T1d46NRdBe-Vj3aXqnfZz8xgu_X-rzdeawRefBEonFt3LiOQ&__tn__=kK-R) in Sarnia, with many thanks to the whole crew at Grace for putting this Affirming message together and to Pastoral Care Team member Rev. Dr. Kenji Mauri for sharing it with us! | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Hopeful Economics unConference Join us from March 3-5** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Hopeful Economics** is a way of looking at the assets and abundance of the world and making that work for everyone. **unConference** is when topics and discussions are informed by the people who show up. Help lead the direction of the conversation!  With an incredible lineup of speakers, dive into the relationship between social enterprise and faith. Learn about the economic impact of churches and how to pitch your community of faith to form new partnerships. And participate in fun and interactive sessions that challenge you to work with unsuspecting partners.  New ideas and connections guaranteed! Full details (including agenda) and [registration here](https://whova.com/web/virtu20_202012/?utm_source=E-Newsletters&utm_campaign=57d6e371d9-ETS_171011_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_53a49c9e28-57d6e371d9-188942713&mc_cid=57d6e371d9&mc_eid=1807891ded). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Spiritual Care Advanced Workshops** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | March 17 – **Dementia** with Jan Temple-Jones April 21 – **Family Dynamics at End of Life** with Joan Silcox-Smith May 19 – **Pain & Suffering from a Spiritual View** with Ann Veyvara-Divinski June 16 – **Mental Health** with Jan Temple-Jones  All workshops are on Wednesdays and are 90 minutes long from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Email [ehazen@gbhs.on.ca](mailto:ehazen@gbhs.on.ca) to be sent the Zoom link. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Emmanuel College’s Christian Left Conference Call for Papers Conference: July 23 – 24, 2021                Papers Due: March 19** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Emmanuel College’s Centre for Religion and Its Contexts, Trinity St. Paul's United Church, the Centre for Philosophy, Religion and Social Ethics of The Institute for Christian Studies and the Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre are hosting the second Christian Left Conference (free and online) from July 23–24, 2021. [Download the poster](https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/images/a6272f2a-c0b0-4031-8527-183b3e449d56.jpg). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/images/03042fbe-23f7-4df6-a40d-70411b69563e.jpg | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | This year’s theme is Rethinking the Christian Left from the Belly of Empire: Charting New Paths Beyond Colonization. Paper proposals are due March 19, 2021 and can be [submitted online](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=JsKqeAMvTUuQN7RtVsVSEPPJaGxaHCpEvDKPihpEmi1UOU1LMVNPRjJKMUJDOUhXT0Y2QVYwRjYxRi4u). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **St. Andrew’s College ReJUNEvation June 16 – 18, 2021** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Rev. Canon Dr. Scott Sharman presents on “***Now it Springs Forth: Looking for Ecumenical Movement with Fresh Eyes***.” Sharman invites participants to reflect on interesting and promising new directions heading into the 21st century – an “ecumenical spring” – in the Canadian context.  ReJUNEvation features online workshops and conversations. For more information, [please visit this website](https://stu.usask.ca/standrews/students/rejunevation.php). Registration information will be available soon. Please download and [share this poster](https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/images/8a2cf1a1-8b81-4d60-8254-e5539463975e.jpg). | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **MISSION & SERVICE** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Mission & Service** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | 1. [united-church.ca/stewardship](https://united-church.ca/community-and-faith/get-involved/stewardship) Welcome to the **NEW** home for all your stewardship solutions. Ideas, samples, Called to be the Church giving program resources, narrative budgets, videos, you name it. This site is replacing the stewardshiptoolkit.ca site. 2. Called to Be the Church: The Journey **“This is one of the best stewardship things I have ever been a part of. So much better than just resources arriving in the mail. I learned more in this than I did in seminary.”** -Rev. Jenny Carter, First United Church, Salmon Arm, BC  Introducing **Called to Be the Church: The Journey**—tailored and topical modules with coaching and ongoing support to meet your stewardship needs.  **Module 1: Stewardship Best Practices** is launching in many regions this spring. Four 2-hour online classes to dive into these vital best practices:    * Claim Your Mission –its really why people give to you    * Cultivate Generosity –practical ways to increase giving    * Create A Culture of Gratitude –saying thank-you is critical    * Stewardship Is Discipleship –integrate stewardship in all your spiritual growth programming   Module 1 also includes a **Stewardship Analysis report**, customised with your community of faith’s giving and stewardship data. Along with ongoing coaching and support after the four classes, the recommendations in the report will help you set solid, achievable, stewardship next steps.   1. Called to Be the Church: The Giving Program The new version of Called to Be the Church: the giving program will be arriving in the mailbox of your community of faith any day! Five weeks to use any time during the year to explore Discipleship is Stewardship. Full liturgies, sermons, kids/youth resources and Stewardship@Home materials. Inspire, Invite & Thank to grow generosity and increase revenue. 2. Video Stories of Mission & Service Check out these eight stories on this year`s [Mission & Service playlist](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLQDu-SgFb3Rjbi4t2qvhNhbEA17GXiLNo&mc_cid=3c8d77a1b4&mc_eid=1807891ded).   [Download this flyer](https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/files/acc5f433-dbf3-4638-9d9c-b080ec689a71/M_S.docx). | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **RESOURCES** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Faith On The Move - an online journey through Lent: Daily Reflections on Hope & Change** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Are you aching for a community of friends to walk through Lent with this year? Yearning for a few wise souls to share the risky, surprised-filled adventure and explore the places that will challenge you and stretch you to your limit?  Find out more at [United-In-Learning](https://www.united-in-learning.com/index.php/webinars/369-faith-on-the-move?mc_cid=cf8bf00541&mc_eid=1807891ded). This year's Lenten book is full of reflections on hope and change to help us cherish the complex stories of the Bible. It's good to read by itself; it's even more exciting to read together with others! We'll meet every Tuesday at 1:00 pm:   * March 9 * March 16 * March 23 * March 30 | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Palestinian Speaker for your Worship Service** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | If your faith community is already doing online worship because of COVID-19, but you miss having special sermons and discovering new things then enrich your Sunday experience with a sermon from the perspective of a Palestinian Christian guest speaker?  Sign up for ***Encounter***, a virtual liturgy program that gives you early access to sermons, special prayers, and music by Palestinian faith leaders. The sermon will correspond to the common lectionary, and will be 8-10 minutes in length and sent 2-3 weeks in advance as YouTube and Zoom videos.  More information on the program [found here](https://friendsofsabeel.ca/featured/encounter-the-holy-land/). | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **SOCIAL JUSTICE** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **United Network for Justice and Peace in Palestine and Israel** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Are you interested in peace and justice issues? Do you want to learn more about Israel and Palestine? Do you want to connect with other advocacy initiatives to further your commitment? [UNJPPI](https://unjppi.org/index.html) (United Network for Justice and Peace in Palestine/Israel) is a grassroots network of United Church members and adherents, and other friends, working toward the goal of a just peace in Palestine and Israel by calling for an end to Israel’s military occupation of Palestinian lands and equal rights for all who live in Palestine/Israel through education and advocacy. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/images/78d49e32-f855-4699-bda7-1ed62654e50f.jpg | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Read more](https://unjppi.org/mandate.html) about UNJPPI.    [Subscribe here](https://us6.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=7f4ab9a5a57204972eba6a8cf&id=3ebd6591af) for our monthly Network News containing resources, opportunities for learning and campaigns to get involved in justice and peace in the region. | | | |
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| |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [SUBSCRIBE!](https://mailchi.mp/adbd57d173e1/antler-river-watershed-regional-council-newsletter-sign-up) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Copyright © 2021 The United Church of Canada, 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=f0ca4e4c45) or [unsubscribe from this list](https://arwrcucc.us20.list-manage.com/unsubscribe?u=ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b&id=afa2614952&e=f0ca4e4c45&c=dfb2e0ea64).  [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) | | | |