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Resonance 2025

A Message from Rev. Éric-Hébert-Daly

Friends in Christ,

As we look forward to the Spring, I invite you to consider joining us for an important gathering of our Regional Council on June 7th at the Palais des congrès in Montreal.

We will be gathering, just days from the 100th anniversary of the United Church, to take a look at the state of our church and to try and see what the future might look like and how we might shape it. The project is called Towards 2035, and it is a nation-wide effort to engage the church in a discussion about where we have been and where we are going. This won't be a typical meeting.

Our event will cap off an important conference on the dynamics of secular and spiritual connections and relationships – Resonance 2025. Given the Quebec context of our ministry, this is going to be a fascinating opportunity to be in dialogue about this significant secular context and the ways we can engage with it. Furthermore, members of the Regional Council are entitled to a significant discount for the conference. The Regional Council meeting will be accessible at no cost.

We hope you'll join us for this important moment in the church's history.

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The Cross on the Camino Lebaniego

A Message from Rev. Éric-Hébert-Daly

As I walked the Camino del Norte about three weeks into my journey, I was a little ahead of my projected schedule. I had previously read about the Camino Lebaniego which split off from the del Norte and traveled four days south through the Picos de Europa and takes you to a monastery where the last large intact piece of the True Cross is kept. It is considered one of the most important Christian pilgrimage sites in the world.

I had spent some time in some terrain where I had the marks of bramble bushes with little cuts that were healing on my arms and legs. As I examined them the day before I arrived at the turn off towards the Lebaniego, I saw two cuts on the top of my right hand near the thumb that made the shape of a cross. I figured that this was the sign I needed to make my decision.

There is a reason that early Christians chose this site to protect the relics of the cross. The mountains are significant. The route is highly isolated and there are relatively few pilgrims on the route, even fewer from outside Spain. There are required stops for food and lodging because there are few services along the way. It is also one of the most beautiful places I've ever seen.

Arriving at the monastery in the midst of busloads of tourists coming through, I walked into the square wearing my collar. A woman ran up to me, greeted me and asked if I wanted to join the priests to do the pilgrim mass. I told her that I was Protestant and she instead invited me to come to the chapel fifteen minutes ahead of the mass. She would clear out the tourists and give me some time alone in the 8th century chapel with the cross for prayer and contemplation. I gratefully took her up on her offer.

As I sat alone in the cool chapel after a long hot walk, I contemplated the cross and I was overwhelmed. Let me be clear, I do not hold a firm belief in relics. In the end, the veracity of claims made about its origins are not something I have spent a lot of time considering. A relic does, however, create a physical encounter with the story of its origin. I'm convinced that items like this get imbued with the power of their story whether or not they are truly from the place they are purported to be.

It prompted me to reflect on the horrors of empires that seek to control through power and violence. I could feel the pain and grief of those who stood at the cross with Christ. I felt a deep and direct connection to the events of Good Friday in this little chapel, alone with the cross. That experience stays with me to this day, almost as if those fifteen minutes were more clearly etched in my memory than most other things. It prompted me to feel ever more connected with seeking justice and creating space for tolerance, understanding and love.

Sacred moments like this are key reasons why I'm a person of faith. When a connection to divine spirit can transport you through time, imbed you into an experience and all of its emotions and implications, it is harder to deny the presence of that spirit. It is impossible to deny our connection to one another as a result of the connection with the spirit.

All of our communities of faith should be creating space for the sacred encounter and witness. We all need moments of connection and the occasional 'reboot' that reminds us that we are not just physical or intellectual beings. Our spiritual health and relationship to the world and all its joys and pains is not something to take lightly. In the world and the context in which we are living, it is more important than ever that we carve out some time for spirit connection and seeing the bigger picture. Time for our hearts to be reshaped and attuned to one another. I'm convinced it is what will change the world for the better and bring about the radical transformation we all need. I dream of our communities being that sacred space for connection and transformation.

A Prayer of Remembrance for the Armenian Genocide – April 24, 1915

Holy and life-giving God, we come to you today with trust, knowing that your Spirit hovers over all existence, bringing life out of nothingness, beauty out of ashes, and resurrection from the depths of the earth.

Today, we remember the atrocities of the Ottoman Empire, that was marked on April 24, 1915, when many Armenian priests, scholars, and community leaders were lined up and assassinated ruthlessly. We also remember many Armenians who were deported and sent into exile in the deserts. Some survived by crossing rivers of living water and found new life.

Tender God, we cry for all the victims of the Armenian Genocide. The cry of the 1.5 million Armenian victims can still be heard, and the soil absorbing their blood still refuses to yield.

God of Life, the Armenian Genocide was one of the worst atrocities of the 20th century, Turkey attempting to eliminate the Armenian race, the very first nation to accept Christianity as a nation;* but the oppressor was defeated because your persistent love stands by the oppressed.

Therefore, today, we praise you for your grace, mercy, and power upon the Armenians, whose faith remains to be their compass, whose hope helps them soar, and whose joy helps them sing and dance even in despair.

We pray with thanksgiving, in the name of the One who was, and is, and shall be forever.

Amen.

—Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro is the first Armenian woman ordained by The United Church of Canada and is a descendant of an Armenian Genocide survivor. She is Lead Minister at Grace United Church, Gananoque, ON.

Growth - Renew, Create, Invite



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100th ANNIVERSARY NEWS AND RESOURCES

Send us your local activities and events so we can include them in the upcoming newsletters !
Please send to: aabrams@united-church.ca

Celebrate our Centennial with COLOUR!

Are you looking for a way to engage children and families with the 100th anniversary of the United Church? Read about figures like Lydia Gruchy and Wilbur Howard with our Centennial Colouring Pages. Each PDF features a short story (Grade 3 reading-level), thematic Bible verse, and colouring page exploring the past and present of the United Church. Submit photos of finished artwork to share with the wider church using the provided QR code. Incorporate into a Children's Time during worship, share with children at home, in a Pew Activity bag, or use it as a component in a Sunday School lesson. And keep an eye out for more pages as we draw closer to June 10th.

<https://united-church.ca/community-and-faith/get-involved/100-years-deep-bold-daring/centennial-toolkit>

Virginia Wallace, Candidate for Ordained Ministry, recently presented her Grad Research Project Presentation at the Atlantic School of Theology on March 13th, 2025. She will graduate from AST on May 10th, 2025. The goal of her research project Holy Saturday: The United Church in the Eastern Townships was to gain some insight as to what is currently happening in the communities of faith in the Eastern Townships of Quebec from a ministerial point of view and what it could mean for the congregations in the Townships moving forward. Perhaps this research will also be beneficial to rural UCC's.

Watch Candidate Virginia Wallace's Grad Research Project HOLY SATURDAY: The United Church in the Eastern Townships on Youtube.

News from UCW



**Eastern Ontario Outaouais Region UCW
In Partnership with Quebec Region UCW
83rd Summer Event
July 25, 26, 27, 2025**



COME AND BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT



Ramada Hotel & Conference Centre
805 Brookdale Avenue, Cornwall ON. K6P 4P3
613 933 8000 or 1 888 900 5762

**THEME SPEAKER - VIRIGINA WALLACE
Music Leader - Karen Koivumaki**

Registration Cost \$135.00 Registration & Room Deadline is June 20, 2025

Includes: Saturday Program, Lunch, Dinner and Sunday Lunch

You are responsible of booking your hotel rooms – mention Summer Event

Friday Night Program: THE RHYTHM ROOM – DRUMS FOR FUN

Cost \$10pp, payable on Friday night

For more information, please contact Summer Event Chairs

Kim Baird (EOOR) 613-362-0640 or bairdjk4@gmail.com

Valerie Nickson (Quebec) 514-268-0228 or valerienicksonucw1@gmail.com

A WEEKEND OF WORSHIP, STUDY, MUSIC & FELLOWSHIP ALL ARE INVITED

[Registration Form](#)

ACCOMMODATIONS

Ramada Hotel @ 613-933-8000 or 1-888-900-5762

You are responsible for booking your own room. Rooms are \$150.00 + tax per night, double occupancy. Breakfast is included with your room rate. When booking be sure to mention **Summer Event**.

Cancelation Policy: Any person who registers for an event sponsored by the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional UCW and is unable to attend, no matter the reason, shall be responsible for the total cost charged to EOOR UCW by the host church, venue or hotel.

AGENDA

Friday, July 25 7 p.m. Welcome

7:30 p.m. Drumming

8:45 p.m. Vespers

9:00 p.m. Fellowship

Saturday, July 26 9-9:30 a.m. Registration

9:30 a.m. Gathering Music

9:45 a.m. Welcome & Worship

10:00 a.m. Theme Presentation

11:30 a.m. Book Review

Announcements

Noon Lunch

1:15 p.m. Gathering Music

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Theme Presentation

2:30 – 3:00 p.m. Break

3:00 - 3:30 p.m. Dramatic Reading

3:30 p.m. Announcements

4:00 p.m. Adjournment

5:00 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Vespers

7:30 p.m. Entertainment: It's Saturday Night Live

Coming in Friday night? Join us for dinner at the St. Hubert Restaurant. It's just across from the hotel. Please bring: Voice United, More Voices, sweater.

Book table provided by Pat Gilmore, Grand River Books.

Fair Trade table by Marilyn Rodger.

THEME SPEAKER

Virginia Wallace (she/her) will be a newly Ordained Minister with the United Church of Canada on May 31st, 2025, serving Mount Bruno and Richelieu Valley United Churches in St. Bruno, Qc. She graduated from the Atlantic School of Theology with a Master of Divinity degree in May 2025. Virginia has two adult daughters and shares her home (in Granby) with her partner Andrew and a 3-legged cat. She loves gardening, hiking, chocolate, tea and serving God in new and creative ways. Elle parle français and English. Organization is her super skill.

SPIRIT CAFE

Come discover the Holy Spirit through Art Following a presentation on the Holy Spirit as expressed in art throughout history, you will have an opportunity to visualize how you experience the Holy Spirit through the medium of paint. Materials will be supplied for those attending in person.

MUSIC LEADER

Karen Koivumaki began her musical journey as a child taking piano, singing in the junior choir and at church camps. Vocalizing with the Thousand Islanders Chorus (women's barbershop), leading worship music at Johnstown United Church and directing a children's community Christmas gospel choir for the past 2 years helps her share the musical talent God has given her.

Reminders

Registration and room reservation deadline: June 20, 2025

Registration Cost \$135.00

Book your own rooms at the Ramada Hotel

It's Saturday Night Live Entertainment: Bring a joke, reading, poem, skit or your hidden talent to share with the group.

Summer Event Chairs

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Emergency phone number:

Carolle Dallas-Arbuckle's 343-571-7780 (C)

Easter message

Greetings, friends, my name is Tori Mullin and I am the Growth Animator for Eastern Ontario and Quebec.

One of the readings from the lectionary this Easter is Acts 10:34-43. In this part of Acts, Peter is sharing with the household of a Roman centurion, named Cornelius, a message about who Jesus is and what he has done. This is a moment where Peter states clearly that the Good News is truly for everyone. This is a turning point in Peter's life! Previous to meeting Cornelius, Peter was focused on sharing the Good News within the Jewish community, but a confronting vision from God transforms his understanding of the Good News.

For those of us who have had the opportunity to see God at work in our lives, Peter makes it clear what Jesus expects his followers to do. Having seen the Living Christ, we are told to tell others what we have seen and heard. Not just those who are like us, those we naturally gravitate towards, those we feel most comfortable with. No, like Peter, we are called to get out of our comfort zones, to challenge our own biases, and meet the stranger with curiosity.

This year the whole United Church is thinking not just about its past 100 years of ministry, but the years to come. There is a growing vision of a resilient, inspired, diverse, multigenerational church, present in rural and urban spaces spanning from coast to coast. This church cannot exist if we do not cross cultural, linguistic, social and generational divides. I would even daresay that our Good News is not truly good news unless we are willing to get uncomfortable, to be called out of our comfort zones and biases, and to greet the stranger with curiosity.

This Easter season, how will you be open to God's confronting vision of inclusivity, challenging old worn-out stereotypes?

You could take time to read the stories of hope being shared across our denomination by folks just like you with 100 Words of Hope, and even dare to write your own.

You could find a new song to sing with Then Let Us Sing!'s newly released Celebration Package which features music to help us set a larger table, where everyone can find welcome, space, and Christ's generous hospitality.

You could host a Courageous Climate Conversation in your community, bringing people together over their common concern for the earth.

You could engage with the newly published devotional on anti-racism from the Canadian Council of Churches called Journeys to the Well.

Or, you could make a point of introducing yourself to a neighbour you don't yet know, someone who is different from yourself, and look for the values you find in common. This simple act of befriending the stranger can have an unimaginable effect.

Whatever you choose to do this Spring, I hope that it will bring you inspiration, new learnings, and deeper relationships with your neighbours. And, if you'd like to tell me about it, or share more ideas for ways communities of faith can work towards that vision of a resilient, inspired, diverse, multigenerational church, please reach out at tmullin@united-church.ca.

Yours in Christ,
Tori Mullin (they/them)
Growth Animator

MCM NEWS

Blue Met Literary Festival – Bold and Creative – The Talks

“Some people contribute in a unique way to the health and betterment of their community. They are often called “game-changers”. Bold & Creative is an interdisciplinary Blue Metropolis project which aims to showcase non-Francophone game-changers from diverse milieus and communities from Quebec and beyond.”



Our own **bold and creative Anwar Alhjoob** - MCM Assistant Director - is one of Blue Met's 7 game changers that will be giving a talk on April 26th - about his journey from Israel where he worked as a lawyer in the prison system, to Montreal and MCM, and how as a Palestinian Muslim, he was welcomed with open arms by the United Church of Canada. You don't want to miss this exciting event!

Access to Justice Workshop

On April 8, MCM board member Ade Akintayo and staffer Noémie Beauvais organized an online workshop on legal remedies for rejected asylum seekers for the Nigerian community. A total of 53 individuals joined the session - all participant questions were thoroughly answered - the information shared was greatly appreciated by one and all.

Our legal clinic will ensure follow-up with ongoing questions and issues.

Bravo Adé and Noémie for ensuring access to justice in the broader community.

Research Launch

In alignment with our mission to promote access to justice for society's most vulnerable, MCM—alongside our academic partners—is proud to present the findings of a three-year research project titled "Access to Legal Services for Migrants without Status and with Precarious Status."

This important event will take place on June 2nd at Concordia University.

A unique collaboration between a United Church community ministry and academic institutions, this project placed migrants at the heart of the research process, ensuring their voices and experiences shaped the work. The day-long event will feature a range of presentations, interactive workshops, and thoughtful conversations, highlighting both the challenges and possibilities in creating a more just and inclusive legal system.



Leadership

Familial Relationships and Governing Bodies of Congregations

At its most recent meeting, the General Council Executive adopted a policy that makes it clear that family members of ministry personnel cannot serve on governing bodies of congregations without having sought the permission of the Regional Council. If you or your congregation requires an exemption from this policy, please contact your Regional Executive Minister at your earliest convenience: ehbertdaly@united-church.ca. The Regional Council Executive will consider such requests that are accompanied with explanations or mitigating circumstances.

In addition, a reminder that there are excellent learning resources regarding boundaries (financial/gifts, retirement issues, social media, etc.) available that are provided by the United Church of Canada: United in Learning: Boundaries Courses.

GCE44 GS 128 Amendments to Section B.7.3.1 for March 2025 | General Council | The United Church of Canada



Church Property Network (second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. ET)

The Church Property Network is an initiative led by The United Church of Canada and United Property Resource Corporation (UPRC) to support Communities of Faith with property solutions.

This monthly webinar will explore topics to help increase the vitality of your church property. Topics covered will range from increasing revenue through rentals strategies, to energy efficiency, to how to start tackling that leaky roof. Bring all your questions to the Church Property Network so we can learn together.

Upcoming sessions:

Learn more and register: <https://churchx.ca/local/shop/product.php?id=229>

Other upcoming webinars through United in Learning:

- Countering Antisemitism in Worship – January to May 2025
- Racial Justice workshops
- Personal and Professional Boundaries
- Stewardship Programming <https://churchx.us3.list-manage.com/>



Learn more and register: <https://mailchi.mp/87a7f4a5819a/united-in-learning-4753763>



April Stewardship Update

May is PAR Month: Our Philanthropy Staff Team have just created some resources for pastoral charges to create their own Pre-Authorized Remittance campaign next month (or whenever)! Resources include a Step-By-Step Guide to creating your Own Par Campaign, A Sample Plan, A PAR Sermon, communication messages, as well as links to other previously shared resources. Check out the downloads section of our [PAR Webpage](#).

Called to Be the Church: The Journey: When you are ready to make good stewardship a core part of your community of faith, we are here to help. Each course has a specific focus, enabling you to set goals, create a plan, and be successful, including both learning and practical elements. Here are our slated for this Spring and Summer:

Bequests and Estate Giving - 2 sessions that will teach participants about the varieties of Planned gifts and how to inspire and invite people to make a planned gift. April 24th and May 8th.

Setting Up Your Giving Program - 2 sessions that are designed for you and your Stewardship Team to develop the resources you need to get your Congregational Giving Program off the ground! April 30th and May 15th .

Getting Started in Stewardship, will run on June 19th and July 17th .

Be the First Bloom! Support Mission and Service This Easter: Just as the first tulips of spring bring vibrant life, Mission and Service brings hope and action to communities in need across Canada and around the world. This vital work, powered by your compassion, takes many forms, adapting to diverse needs. But Mission and Service needs you. This Easter, we invite you to be a personal embodiment of that vibrant first bloom. Make a critical gift to support our dozens of partners fighting injustice, poverty, and inequality. Your generosity is the essential nourishment for this living church in action.

Thinking about a sabbatical leave? Take a look at the updates on that very subject, on the [Regional Website!](#)

Climate

Greenfaith Montreal

Here are a few initiatives to share from partner climate organizations:

To register for the Pilgrimage for the Planet May 10-11 bike pilgrimage with demonstration taking place in Ottawa on Monday, May 12th: [Register here!](#) (and note that there are many ways to help this campaign beyond biking the full Montreal-Ottawa trek!) Registration closes on April 24.

If you are only joining us for the demonstration on May 12th (happening at noon on Parliament Hill), and not biking the full pilgrimage, you do not need to register, but we strongly encourage you to RSVP through this brief form below, helping us to get a better sense of the numbers we are expecting: <https://forms.gle/K5e441YyijLZx69j7>

Mères au front - Montreal - Sit-ins first Sunday of each month from 11am-1pm at 770 rue Sherbrooke Street West.

Also a reminder of the Spring Montreal Interfaith Eco-Action Day taking place on May 19th. More details to follow!

REMINDER - NEW STRATEGIC INITIATIVE: Saying goodbye to oil!



As part of the strategic initiative of the United Church of Canada to reduce emissions from fossil fuels and in light of recent oil spill incidents at two churches in our Region resulting in remediation costs of close to \$1M, the Regional Council has undertaken an initiative to have all remaining heating systems in our churches that use oil, replaced.

The Finance and Extension Board is strongly encouraging these churches to use the Faithful Footprint grants (up to 30 000\$) that are available to execute this work. Please contact Brian Ruse for further information or to discuss financing or to obtain technical assistance for this urgent project: bruse@united-church.ca



Justice

INVITATION: Migrant Rights Petition - Permanent Residency & Rights, Not Cuts

Conseil regional Nakonha:ka Regional Council recently endorsed a letter from the Migrant Rights Network (and sent a letter of our own) to the Federal Government. If you would like to add your voice as an individual, you are invited to do so using this link: <https://migrantrights.ca/take-action/rightsnotcuts/>

In the News:

[Black History Month Calendar: February March April](#)



Indigenous Pathways

You can subscribe to the new LIRR Regional newsletter through this form: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/newsletter/>



Applications for 2025 Indigenous-Racialized Young Scholars are now opened! You can find the form [here](#).



Common Good

Bursaries for students

Hugh Duncan Bursary

Financial assistance may be offered each year to full-time university students who are members of a United Church community of faith in the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council. The amount of the award depends on the number of applicants. It will not exceed 2,000 \$ and can be attributed 2 times to the same person.

Institut Français Évangélique (I.F.E.) Bursary

The Foundation I.F.E. may offer up to \$1,000 per person to full- or part-time university students at college (CEGEP) level or part-time university students, who are also members of a United Church community of faith in the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council.

St. John's Hall Bursary (travel)

The St. John's Hall Bursary Fund makes available bursaries to commemorate the St. John's Hall which was used for the education of protestant children in Québec City. Applicants do not apply for this bursary; instead, it is awarded by the Committee to those students awarded a Hugh Duncan bursary or an I.F.E. Bursary. Applicants should note high travel costs within Québec in their application.

Deadlines are June 2, 2025. For more details: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/bursaries/>

Legacy Fund – Building Communities through Arts and Heritage

(shared by Lisa Byer de Wever)

As the UCC is celebrating its 100th, we would be eligible. The deadline is before the anniversary date. You can find the details [here](#).

REMINDER - Federal grant for increased security

Please note this grant opportunity from the federal government to provide improved security for churches and other organizations that may be at risk of vandalization or hate-crimes. Learn more [here](#).

REMINDER - Regional Council Grants – next deadline May 15, 2025

Learn more / download forms: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/granting-and-enabling/>

Video of learning session about grants: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/learning-session-grants/>

Community Events and Announcements



United Churches Are Going Green! Host or Attend a Faithful Footprints Retrofit Tour!

The United Church of Canada's Faithful Footprints program has funded green renovations for more than 168 United Church buildings nationwide, supporting communities of faith to become more energy-efficient and reduce their dependence on fossil fuels.

As part of the 100+ United Church of Canada's events in Together For the Love of Creation Earth Week 2025 (April 20-27, 2025), the Faithful Footprints program is calling past and current program participants to host in-person retrofit tours.

[Learn more, sign up to host a tour, and find details on upcoming tours near you.](#)



Join us at Music Matters 2025!

Music Matters 2025 is our annual gathering of United Church musicians and musicians from the surrounding community who believe in the power of music in worship.

Join us in Montreal, from April 24-27 at St. James United Church and Union United Church for a weekend of inspiring workshops, meaningful conversations, and unforgettable music-making. Whether you are a musician, lead a choir, play an instrument this is your chance to connect, learn, and celebrate the role of music in our community of faith.

Don't miss this chance to learn, sing, and grow with the Music United community.

For details and registration, please [click here](#). Don't miss this chance to learn, sing, and grow with the Music United community!



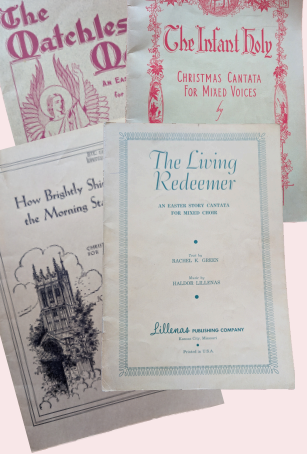
Liaison Training

What does a Regional Council Liaison do? How can we best support our neighbouring churches as they search for a new minister? How do we work our way around the mysterious ChurchHub?

Join us on Wednesday April 30th at 7pm to find out these things and more.

To register, please send an email to Rev. Darren Liepold, East Central Ontario Regional Council at dliepold@united-church.ca.

For more information, please contact Rev. Dan Hayward, dhayward@united-church.ca.



Greenfield Park United Church

is cleaning out the cupboards and wonders if anyone is interested in or has a use for any of the pictured items. The music items are only a sample. There is much more. The children's choir garments are 15 blue capes sized 6-12, 12 blue gowns sized 6-12 and 10 red vests sized 4-12.

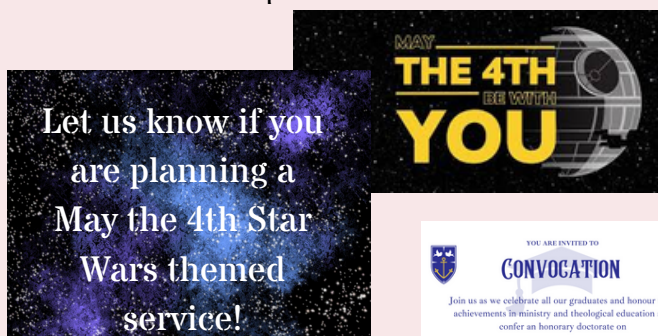
Anyone interested can contact Dorothy Shaw at dorothyshaw389@gmail.com or 438-882-5292. All items are to be given away free of charge.



Events at Valois United Church

April 26 (Saturday Evening): Valois Concert Series – Enjoy a FREE CONCERT from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Valois United Church, featuring the duet talents of Judy Hung on violin baroque and violoncello da spalla, and Madeleine Owen on Theorbo (an Italian baroque version of a lute).

RUMMAGE SALE MAY 3rd: Valois United UCW Spring Rummage Sale is coming up fast! Now accepting donations of gently used items, including: clothing (not winter), shoes & purses, books, children's books, kitchenware, toys, puzzles, jewelry and baking would be most welcomed. Contact admin@valoisunited.ca to schedule a dropoff time.



You are invited to [join us](#) on Wednesday, May 7th from 7-8pm for an information session, hosted by ECORC's Equity Forum –

Building Bridges: Equity Awareness Training and Information: an event that aims to deepen our understanding of equity and its importance within our community.

You will hear from current forum members why they joined the Equity Forum as well as learn about scorecards, where to find information and more. The evening will end with a Q&A session as well as an invitation. All are welcome to join!



100th Anniversary Service

A 100th anniversary joint service for The United Church of Canada will be held on Sunday, June 8, 2025 at Knowlton United Church.

This service will include Emmanuel United from Cowansville, Creek United Church, St. Paul's United Church in Waterloo and Knowlton United congregations coming together to celebrate this special occasion.

The service will be held at 11 a.m. followed by a 3-cake cutting event in the church hall.

All are welcome to join us.

Events at Chalmers-Wesley United Church

Chalmers-Wesley United Church, located at 78 rue Ste-Ursule in Old Quebec City, is OPEN to VISITORS daily from June 19 to September 13, Mondays to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sundays following the 11:15 a.m. worship service, to which all are welcome, until 4:30 p.m.

In addition, every Wednesday from June 25 to September 3, at 12:05, we hold our Musical Wednesdays noon-hour concert series featuring a great variety of local, regional and international musicians, with, this year, everything from a tuba and piano duo to opera singers, 78th Fraser Highlanders pipes and drums, a violinist and at least three organists, and even a saxophone quartet of the Royal 22e Régiment!

Entry is FREE of CHARGE, but we do suggest a donation of at least \$10 per person to help offset our expenses. For more information, contact Shirley Nadeau at scanadeau@videotron.ca or call 418-717-5394.



Participation in the Friends of the United Church of Canada Foundation centennial events is entirely voluntary.

You may have received correspondence and offering envelopes for this project in recent weeks. This group is organizing independently of the formal United Church of Canada structure, so if you wish to participate in what they are proposing, please feel free to be in touch with them directly.

Our Regional Council is not involved in any formal way.

Jobs Postings

Building on two years of planning and the work of an Interim Executive Director, **Saint Columba House** is now seeking a full-time Executive Director to lead our organization into its next chapter. The Executive Director will provide strategic leadership, manage day-to-day operations, oversee fundraising, cultivate partnerships and carry out our mission.

This is a full time, permanent position, starting summer, 2025.

Applications must include a cover letter and resumé, and be submitted by email to schsearchcommittee@gmail.com, by May 2, 2025.

Saint Columba House is an equal opportunity employer. We celebrate diversity and are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees.

For more information, send a request to the email above, or visit our website at <https://saintcolumbahouse.org/>

Vienna Community Church, based in Vienna, Austria, is looking for a Part-time Pastor. You can find the details [here](#).

Volunteers Needed

Why be a Mission and Service volunteer?



You might be able to do a **Little or a Lot**: You really want to dig into a big project to help the United Church, and you have the time to do it - or you're super busy, but you have a few minutes for Mission and Service.

As a volunteer, if you can do just a little bit, you can share Mission and Service stories in your community of faith each week. If you can do a lot, you can create surveys, test new resources, or share opportunities for promoting Mission and Service (and whatever you do, we'll provide the resources you need!)

Contact us today and learn more about how you can help!

Mission and Service Volunteer Program
The United Church of Canada
ms@united-church.ca
1-800-465-3771



Serving the Wider United Church of Canada

Member Engagement has just launched the call for nominations for various committee vacancies for the 45th triennium. Please visit our [volunteer opportunities](#) page to learn more.

The following groups have vacancies: General Council Executive, Judicial Committee, Theology and Inter-Church Inter-Faith Committee, Audit Committee, Finance Advisory Committee, Nominations Committee, Board of Vocation, Admission Board, Credentialing Committee, Remedial Committee, Response Committee, Vocational Standards Committee, Candidacy Boards and Other Candidacy Pathways Volunteers. Use our [online nominations form](#) to nominate someone or express your own interest.

The Table des Ministères en français

Is looking for people who would like to be part of their board of directors. If you are interested, please write to Ruth Sandeu at rsandeu@egliseunie.ca

Save the Dates

REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS - 2025

June 7, 2025 (hybrid) - Palais des
Congrès

If you have ideas for presentations or would like to help plan future meetings, please contact Valerie Nickson:
vepps_nickson@hotmail.com

Newsletter Schedule

Submission Deadline	Publication Date
April 30	May 7
May 14	May 21
May 28	June 4

Submit your news and events to:
aabrams@united-church.ca



Community Calendar:

<https://nakhakauc.ca/events/>