



2026-03-25 Newsletter

Reflect and pray each day this Easter

As a gift to the United Church community, Growth Animator Sharon Ballantyne (Atlantic Regions), has written a 50-day Eastertide devotional. These seven weeks of prompts focus on sharing the story of Resurrection, ministry as a community, and living a life of discipleship. Explore it personally or as part of a group.

Access the [booklet formatted PDF](#) (Printing instructions: select double-sided, print on long-edge)

Access the [simple Word Doc version](#)

For questions about formatting or printing contact tmullin@united-church.ca.



Worship Resources for upcoming Sundays and special celebrations.

- [Palm/Passion Sunday - March 29, 2026](#)
- [Maundy Thursday - April 2, 2026](#)
- [Good Friday - April 3, 2026](#)
- [Holy Saturday - April 4, 2026](#)
- [Easter/Resurrection Sunday - April 5, 2026](#)
- [Second Sunday of Easter - April 12, 2026](#)
- [Third Sunday of Easter - April 19, 2026](#)
- [Earth Sunday - April 19, 2026](#)
- [Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 26, 2026](#)
- [Camping Sunday - April 26, 2026](#)

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Share an Inspiring Easter Appeal

Easter is fast approaching, as is an annual time of generosity for our communities. Inspire and Invite gifts to Mission and Service this year with these helpful resources:

Use the [pre-made Script and Slideshow](#) to make an Easter Appeal as part of your worship services this Easter.

Share the [2026 Mission and Service Easter Video](#) in your newsletter or on social media.

Include the new [God of the Wild Wilderness prayer](#) from Mission and Service in your worship.

And, as always, don't forget to *Thank* the amazing donors who make the work of Mission and Service possible.

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Shelter the World in Love This Easter

God, make Easter my home.
Shelter me from apathy
with a desire to do good.
Let the rhythm of my days
pulse with your call to live justly.
Set the table of my soul
with the generosity of your Spirit.
Furnish my life with such hope
that, while I have breath,
I might not only share good news
but also be a source of it.
God, make Easter not only my home
but also my mission.
Amen.



Leadership



Stewardship Programming

When you are ready to make good stewardship a core part of your community of faith, we are here to help. Each course below has a specific focus, enabling you to set goals, create a plan, and be successful, including both learning and practical elements.

Find more information and register at CHURCHx.

- [Bequests and Estate Giving -- On Demand Course](#) (Free until June 10, 2026)
- [Stewardship Best Practices Winter/Spring 2026](#): February 23 to March 23, 2026
- [Bequests and Estate Giving Spring 2026](#): April 2 and May 6, 2026
- [Setting Up Your Giving Program Spring 2026](#): April 15 to April 30, 2026

For more information on these and other stewardship supports, contact called@united-church.ca.



Get ready to PAR-ty this May!

Our communities of faith depend on **monthly giving** to support our life and work together. One of the ways people can give is through Pre-Authorized Remittance (or PAR). The month of May is dedicated to PAR and we have a number of resources to help you **inspire, invite and thank** your community to give.

PAR month resources will be available under Downloads at the bottom of the [PAR webpage](#) in March. Have questions? Get in touch with Tori at tmullin@united-church.ca



The Sabbatical Leave Committee is presently inviting ministry personnel to apply for sabbatical leave during 2027.

Please read the information on the Conseil Regional Nakonha:ka Regional Council website and email the committee members listed below if you have questions:
Diane Campbell (dj.campbell@sympatico.ca) or Jim Fyles (jimfyles@mcgill.ca)

The applications need to be sent in by June 1, 2026.

You can find more information [here](#).

Climate



Faithful Footprints
Info Webinar
with live Q&A session

Get an overview of program updates, new eligibility criteria, application process, and more

Wednesday, March 25, 2026
2:30-3:30 PM EST
Online

The United Church of Canada Faith & Life Commission

The image shows a group of people gathered around a washing machine outdoors, with a man in a white shirt and blue pants looking at it. The background is a white wall and green grass.

Wednesday, March 25, from 2:30-3:30 p.m. ET, The Faithful Footprints team invites United Church communities of faith for an informational webinar about The United Church of Canada's dedicated Faithful Footprints grant. The **2026 Faithful Footprints Funding Cycle** is still open, with Expressions of Interest being accepted until April 30, 2026. [Register here.](#)



got a minute?
JOIN THE CALL FOR CLIMATE!
climate action is just a phone call away!

Join the Canada-wide campaign and call the Minister of Environment now to stop fossil fuel subsidies.

Eastern Synod

The image features a hand holding a red rotary phone receiver against a background of a blue and white globe. The text is overlaid on the image.

Got a minute? Make a "Call for Climate!"

This is the Eastern Synod's Lenten effort to faithfully phone federal cabinet ministers to ask for a fast from fossil fuel funding! In 2024, Canada spent \$29.6 billion taxpayer dollars on fossil fuel subsidies, supporting an industry that is already highly profitable and driving the climate crisis. When people from across the country take the time to phone a cabinet minister, the chorus of voices becomes palpable, and change becomes imminent. Have your voice heard now and call or email for an end to these subsidies!

To make it easy, use the calling script on our webpage, which has everything you need to know: <https://easternsynod.org/call-for-climate-campaign-resources/>



Join GreenFaith Montreal for an online discussion of the podcast series featuring Joanna Macy:

We are the Great Turning: Love, Courage and Connection in the Climate Crisis

Tuesday, April 21, 2026
7 pm to 8:30 pm EDT

Listen on your favourite podcast player or scan the QR code.

RSVP for the Zoom link and for more info
greenfaithmontreal@gmail.com

greenfaith Montréal

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Hi everyone,

We wanted to extend a warm invitation to all of you to join us for an online discussion of the helpful and inspiring podcast series "We are the Great Turning: Love, Courage, and Connection", featuring Joanna Macy: <https://www.soundstrue.com/a/resources/we-are-the-great-turning-podcast/>

We will join together April 21st, 2026 7:00-8:30pm EDT to discuss the entire ten episode series- however you can feel free to join whether you have listened to one podcast, none, or all!

Please see the flyer for more information, and you are welcome to share it.

If you are interested in joining us, please send an email to: greenfaithmontreal@gmail.com.

We hope to see you there!

Megan, Wendy, and Ellen

Common Good

Three Bursary funds are available through the Finance and Extension Board of the Nakonha:ka Regional Council for students registered in Universities and post-secondary institutions who are active members in Congregations in the Nakonha:ka Region.

Preference will be given to students registered in Canadian educational institutions.

For further information and downloadable application forms, please visit <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/bursaries/>

Applications should be submitted by May 31, 2026.



Community Events and Announcements



Bless, Break, Share - Lenten Study 2026

Tuesdays at 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. ET, February 24 - March 31, 2026

In this six-week series, join Rev. Christine Jerrett as she uses the United Church's new Devotional Book, Bless, Break, Share to guide a time of reflection and discussion on food and hunger throughout Lent. All sessions will be Tuesdays from 2pm-3pm ET

Session #6: March 31, 2026 - The Table of Solidarity
Find more information and register on [CHURCHx](#).

You can also purchase the Bless, Break, Share: Recipes for Faithful Living book through [this link](#).

Upcoming Events at Valois United Church

March 28 (Saturday) at 7:30 pm: Lakeshore Chamber Orchestra, under direction of Sylvie Allaire, presents: Serenade to Spring, Saturday, March 28 at 7:30 pm. Suggested Donation of \$20, 18 and under free.

For details visit www.lakeshorechamberorchestra.ca



Ressourcement pour des gens engagés



Dans un monde de plus en plus éclaté,
comment s'unir pour lutter,
résister et ré-enchanter le monde ?

Vendredi, 3 avril 2026 à 9 h30 à 15 h 30
2ème étage, 435 rue du roi à Québec
Un léger goûte sur l'heure du midi
418-525-6187



Merging Waters United Church
24 rue Maple, Sainte Anne de Bellevue

A SEASON OF PALESTINIAN FILMS
with guest speakers from Independent Jewish Voices & others

Sat. Jan.17
7pm

Fri. Feb.20
7pm

Sat. Mar.14
7pm

Sat. Apr.18
7pm

entry cost : free will donation



Convocation 2026!

Montreal Dio's Convocation will take place on Monday, May 4, at 7:00 PM at St. George's Place du Canada. Join us as we celebrate our graduates and honour their achievements in ministry and theological education. Save the date and celebrate with us!

Where: St. George's Place du Canada | 1101 Rue Stanley, Montreal, QC H3B 2S6
When: Monday, May 4, 2026 | 7:00 PM
Visit montrealdio.ca for updates!

The Montreal School of Theology

WORLD CHRISTIANITY IN MONTREAL

MIGRATION, SECULARISM, AND PUBLIC SPACE IN A CHANGING GLOBAL CITY

Montreal is one of North America's most vibrant and complex urban centers, shaped by migration, cultural diversity, and Québec's distinctive model of state secularism. This one-week, in-person course offered by the **Montreal School of Theology** invites students to explore how Christianity is lived out as a diverse global faith in a city that is a living laboratory of religious change.

Through classroom sessions, guided visits, and conversations with local leaders, students will encounter a wide range of Christian expressions—from historic congregations to immigrant-founded churches and new mission initiatives. The course highlights how Christian communities navigate secular public policy, inhabit public spaces, and contribute to Montreal's evolving religious landscape.

Designed for ministry students and clergy seeking continuing education, the course equips participants with practical theological insight, contextual awareness, and intercultural competence for ministry in changing environments across North America. The course may be taken for 3 academic credits and transferred to the student's home institution.

Instructors

Dr. Glenn Smith is a leading educator in urban theology and mission. He serves as Director of the Master of Theological Studies program at The Presbyterian College, Montreal, and has taught widely across Québec and the Francophone world. Formerly Executive Director of Christian Direction, he has contributed significantly to urban ministry and Protestant theological education in Québec and is the author of major works on urban mission, including *Christianity in the City of Montreal* (Bloombsbury, 2025).

Dr. Jesse Zink is Principal of Montreal Dio and canon theologian in the Anglican Diocese of Montreal. A scholar of world Christianity, his research and writing focus on global Christian movements, mission, and ecclesiology. His books include *Christianity and Catastrophe in South Sudan* and *Backpacking through the Anglican Communion: A Search for Unity*.

Information:
Wednesday, May 6 to Tuesday May 12 2026
Montreal School of Theology, 3475 Rue University, Montreal
Fees:
Regular: \$900 Auditors: \$500
Offered for 3 academic credits or as continuing education.

Questions?
info@montrealdio.ca
514 849 3004
Scan for more information and to register

montrealdio.ca/courses/worldchristianity

Spring Craft Market

St. Lambert United Church
Saturday, May 9, 2026
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

UCW BAKE TABLE

Marché printanier d'artisanat
Église unie de Saint-Lambert
Le samedi 9 mai 2026
10 h à 15 h

Antiques / Collectables

St. Lambert United Church
415, ave Mercille
St. Lambert
slucartisans@gmail.com

EQUIP AND ENCOURAGE 2026

May 19th – May 21st
A gathering for ministry leaders and lay participants to receive encouragement, formation, and practical tools for faithful and resilient Christian leadership.

[Learn more here](#)



Shared Way, Shared Witness: A Gathering on Ministry for a Collaborative Church in Montreal, May 19-22, 2026.

This three-day gathering for lay and ordained leaders in the Anglican and United Churches of Canada focuses on developing the skills, relationships, and theological imagination needed for collaborative ministry in a rapidly changing church. Together, we will explore two central questions: What is the church for, now? and What ministry do we need to sustain a vital Christian presence in communities across Canada?

Through keynote presentations, workshops, and structured conversations, participants will engage emerging models of church and ministry that move beyond the colonial, Christendom patterns we have inherited.

More information is available at www.sharedway.ca. The early registration deadline is March 20.

Please come to A Musical Variety Night to Celebrate and Honour Walter Farquharson on his 90th Birthday

May 30, 2026, in the Saltcoats Community Hall at 7 p.m. (cake and coffee too).

A Memory Album - please contribute letters, congratulations, pictures and stories about you and Walter for this project.

Please send an email or letter to Gerri Knudsen with your greetings – rgknudsen@sasktel.net or Box 124, Saltcoats, Sk. SoA 3Ro or bring the letter to the party.

Please feel free to share this invitation with friends and family who might be interested.

For questions, call Gerri or text 306 744-7769 for Saltcoats United Church



REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS - 2026

- June 5th, 2026 – Celebration of Ministries, Cedar Park United Church, Montreal, QC
- June 6th, 2026 – In-person Regional Gathering, Cedar Park United Church, Montreal, QC
- November 20th-21st, 2026 – Online Fall Meeting

If you have ideas for presentations or would like to help plan future meetings, please contact Virginia Wallace: virlynwal@hotmail.ca

Newsletter Schedule

Submission Deadline **Publication Date**

April 1	April 8
April 15	April 22

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

Community Calendar:

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

