



NORTHERN SPIRIT
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Events Newsletter: November 6, 2024



Upcoming events of interest to the people of the Northern Spirit Region.

If you have news or events to share, please write a short description, with a clear headline and a link to more information, and send it to northernspirit@united-church.ca.



★ Add your local events to our Northern Spirit events calendar! ★
[Click here to view upcoming events.](#) And [click here to submit your event.](#)

News From the Pews & Other Ministries

★ The **2025 Minimum Salaries and Reimbursements for Ministry Personnel** document is now available online. You can find it in the Downloads section at the bottom of the [Ministers' Salary Schedule and Cost of Living Groups webpage](#). ***The increases to salaries of ministry personnel are not automatically made by ADP. General Council Office staff do not update ADP with minimum salary***

data. Your pastoral charge ADP administrator must update the minister's salary in TeamPay or inform ADP of the new salary amount for the pay period beginning January 1.

★ **Calling All Youth! Youth Forum 2025 Applications**

Youth Forum is open to young people, ages 15 to 25, selected by regional councils. Youth Forum leaders have the ambitious and achievable goal of having 100 young people under age 30 attend General Council 45. Each region is asked to select up to six youth, with a minimum of 50% of participants being Racialized and/or Indigenous young people. Registration for Youth Forum at GC45 is free and travel arrangements are made by the General Council. Some events or activities may have associated costs. No one will be excluded due to difficulty in payment. [Find full details on the website here.](#) | [Apply at this link](#) before the application deadline of **November 30!** Tell your friends and youth groups!

Upcoming Events & Learning Opportunities

★ **40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism 2024: Event summary for November! Tuesdays, 5 p.m. MST**

[40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism](#) comes to a close this month, and there are some great events coming up. [Click here for full information;](#) a summary is below.

Tues. Nov. 12: Continuing Our Stories: Indigenous Identities in the Christian Church with leaders from the Anglican Church of Canada and The United Church of Canada.

Tues. Nov. 19: The Texts of Advent: Finding Good News and Avoiding Antisemitism with Amy-Jill Levine. There will be English-French interpretation.

Tues. Nov. 26: What Will We Sing When We Need to Sing a New Song? with the Then Let Us Sing! Committee

Western Intercultural Ministries Network AGM and workshop, Thurs November 14, 12:30 MST, 1:30PM Central Standard.

Your presence and ideas make intercultural ministry work! Please come for a short AGM, and a focus on the church's recent deep dive on diversity and equity in ministry leadership. WIMN's Executive represents the five Western Regions, and meets monthly. This supportive and fun space welcomes additional Regional representatives, and this meeting is a great chance to learn more about the network and how it runs. [Learn more about our work here.](#) And [click here for full details on the meeting, workshop, and Zoom info.](#)

★ **Candlelight vigils for climate justice, Nov 15-17, nationwide at a time of your community's choosing.**

From November 11-22, world leaders, civil society, Indigenous peoples, and others will gather at the [COP29 conference](#) in Baku, Azerbaijan to advance action on addressing the climate emergency. Leaders across the world and particularly in Canada are failing to take the decisive action needed to protect our world, and particularly the most vulnerable members of the global community. For the Love of Creation invites groups across Canada to host candlelight vigils in their own communities on the weekend of November 15-17, 2024. We encourage people to use their local events to highlight local climate-related issues that are important to them, as well as global issues. Make this as simple as you need! We will amplify each other's voices by acting on the same weekend. Let's light up the whole Canadian map. [Here's the link for resources and the vigil map.](#)

Stewardship! Set Up Your Giving Program – Begins Week of November 19

This two-session course is for teams that have completed Getting Started in Stewardship and are wanting to focus on creating a stewardship campaign for winter or spring of 2025. [You can read more here.](#)

Stewardship Resource Kits

If you want to get started right away, consider downloading stewardship resource kits online. You can find links to 4 different themed [kits online here.](#) If you have any questions, or want to discuss your community of faith's context, reach out to stewardship support staff, Vicki Nelson – ynelson@united-church.ca.

Next Getting Started in Stewardship Course is November 20 at either 3 or 5:30pm (CST)

Curious about how to revitalize stewardship in your community of faith? Register now for our next session of Getting Started in Stewardship. This 90-minute session is the foundational course to help your community of faith move away from the annual cycle of panicking about the budget, to an on-going, sustainable ministry of gratitude and generosity, which supports people in their lives of faith. You can participate as an individual or in a team. After the course, we'll support you in taking the next steps. [Register here on CHURCHx.](#)

UC Rural Ministries Network workshop for LLWLs: Thursday November 21, 11 am MST, Zoom

UCRMN is aware that many rural congregations are ministered to by Licensed Lay Worship Leaders. Each quarter UCRMN holds a free Zoom Workshop that allows folks to come together and share their stories, struggles, successes and blessings. **Thursday November 21, 2024** is for our many LLWL to check in and share their stories. [Register here.](#)

★ **"Finding Our Way Into Advent Hope" Contemplative Gathering, November 26, 11:40 Sask time, online**

St. Andrew's College, in partnership with Living Skies Regional Council, invites you to our next contemplative gathering, to be held with the Saskatoon Theological Union Chapel community on Tuesday November 26, at 11:40am Sask time. Come spend 40 minutes or so in quiet contemplation, centered on the ancient practice of *lectio divina*. [Join us via zoom](#), and be welcome!

October-November **online workshops from United in Learning** are [listed here](#). Lots to choose from: stewardship and anti-racism, support for treasurers and those who work with church tech, courses on challenging anti-Semitism and on fair wages for ministry personnel. Have a look!

Strengthening Invitation | United in Prayer (Growth Department)

Each Thursday at 12pm Eastern / 11am Central / 10am Mountain the Growth Department prays for and with communities of faith in our shared ministry of Strengthening Invitation. This event is hosted primarily in English.

Let us know how we can pray for your community of faith.

Are you planning a special service to invite your neighbours? Are you reaching out to your neighbours through an event? Are you asking hard or exciting questions about your future?

Join us on Zoom and pray for others. Send your prayer request to growth@united-church.ca (you can send a request even if you're not attending) Register to join us [here](#).

United Church 100th anniversary event map: Is your church community planning something special to commemorate this milestone? We'd love to hear about it! [Submit your event details](#) on the UC [Centennial event map](#)!

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