



Events Newsletter: March 12, 2025



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 and Other Ministries

★ *From the Growth Animator:* **Lent: The Perfect Time to Strengthen Invitation**

Ok, so maybe Lent isn't the *best* season to invite new people to church, but it is the perfect time to start planning how your community of faith is going to strengthen your invitation for Easter! [Click here to find out](#) how you can grow your congregation's capacity to invite your neighbours into a transformative relationship with the risen Christ this Easter. *Brought to you by the Growth Department.* Contact your Growth Animator anytime: Jordan Cantwell, jcantwell@united-church.ca, 306-477-1978.

★ **Mission and Service is looking for volunteers!**

Why be a Mission and Service volunteer? You might be a True Believer: You've been contributing money, time, or both to Mission and Service for years. You've seen the good work Mission and Service does, and you want to help do more of it. As a volunteer, one thing you can choose to do is create short videos and/or take photos that can be used to promote Mission and Service and Gifts with Vision (you can do this right from your phone!) 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.

★ **Job Posting: St. Paul's (Edmonton) is seeking an Accountant/Bookkeeper.** Where: St. Paul's United Church, 11526 76 Ave NW, Edmonton AB, T6G 0K7. This is a casual position (typically 8 to 10 hours per week). The bookkeeper must be willing to work flexible hours, in-person at St. Paul's. [For full details and qualifications, click here.](#) For questions or to apply, contact office@stpaulsunity.org. Applications will be accepted until March 21, 2025.

★ **2025 AGM: Save the date!** for the 2025 in-person Regional Annual Meeting, which will be held **May 29 - June 1**, at Riverbend United Church, Edmonton. Registration will open mid-March!

New & Featured Events

★ **Upcoming UC Foundation Webinar - Ask Us Anything About Grants, March 13, online**

Join the Foundation on March 13th, 2025, at 12PM EST for our *Ask Us Anything About Grants* webinar. We're excited to launch our new *Ask Us Anything* series, where you'll have the opportunity to ask us anything about a specific topic. This time, we're focusing on grants! Do you have questions about our granting program? Whether you're curious about eligibility, application tips, or just want an overview, this is the perfect opportunity to get answers straight from the experts! The webinar will be led by Erik Lo Forte, Foundation Lead. [Register at this link.](#) **Submit your questions here!** If you have a question you'd like to ask, we highly encourage you to submit it ahead of time! This will help us prepare and ensure we have enough time to address all questions properly. Thank you, and we hope to see you there!

★ **Affirming PIE Day March 14!**

Around Friday March 14 many ministries in our Regional Council will be holding events and services of worship that reflect a public, intentional, and explicit commitment to showing God's love for all people, with a focus on Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ people and their loved ones and allies. Be sure to see [all the amazing listings here](#), and to [share your own event details through this form](#). And of course, come out to support any local event. There are lots of great videos from the PIE song contest [available here](#), ready for use year-round. Thank you to all the people and ministries who are showing God's love

at a time when gender-diverse people in particular are under cruel attack in Canada and the US. Never doubt that love makes a difference.

★ **May 3 Flourishing day of imagination and work with Moderator Carmen Lansdowne**

All in Northern Spirit Regional Council are invited to spend a day with the Moderator, engaging in reflection and energizing activities toward dream-oriented actions for our churches and communities. You're invited to create a team from your ministry whether in person or online so that your ministry can create plans grounded in a belief that, despite all the challenges of church life in this day and age, we can move from despair to transformation – from languishing to flourishing. [Click here for details](#).

Upcoming Events and Learning Opportunities

★ **Updates on the United Church's 100th: grants, newsletter, and event reminders**

- Another round of grants for Centennial events is available! [Please click here for details](#).
 - The latest 100th anniversary newsletter is out, with a focus on "Her Story, Our History: Celebrating the Women Who Shaped The United Church of Canada". [Click here to read it](#).
- Have a look at the [national listing of all local Anniversary events here](#).
- And another reminder that we continue to update [our Regional Anniversary page and news feed here](#). We've included a Word document of the centennial stories generously written by Edmonton author and researcher Gayle Simonson.
 - We want your events too! [Click here to post your own event](#). Have a story from your community of faith you want to share? Send it to Chloe at chburns@united-church.ca or Julie at jgraham@united-church.ca.
 - Anniversaries: *Hope, Faith and Vision: 75 Years of St. Paul's United Church (Edmonton)*

As part of the 75th Anniversary Celebrations of St. Paul's United Church we researched and produced a history book of our Church, including the first meetings in 1948 to the building of the Church in Belgravia, the mission and activities up to 2023. It is 93 pages and includes over 150 photographs. For more information please contact St. Paul's at 780.436.1555, or office@stpaulsunited.org.

★ **How is it Going 4.0 - Connecting Dots, Saturday March 29, 9:30 am - 2pm, Spruce Grove**

Hosted by: St. Andrew's United Church, 1A Fieldstone Drive, Spruce Grove, Alberta.
Facilitator: Jordan Cantwell, Growth Animator.

Open to all United Churches in the Edmonton Area. All participants are asked to bring their lunch. Tea, coffee, juice and light coffee break refreshments will be provided.

To register, please send your name, email address and Church name to:
standrews@sprucegroveunited.com. **Please RSVP by March 24, 2025.**

Note: Although this is a follow-up to the three prior events held in May 2023, and February & September 2024, this is an open invitation to all churches who are interested in attending to make connections, share ideas and "Draw the Circle Wide". You don't have to have attended the prior events. Come and share your blessings and concerns.

★ **GC Cross-Country Check-In: April 2, 6 pm EST, online**

All are invited to an informal, thoughtful national town hall on April 2 at 6:00 p.m. with Rev. Michael Blair, and guests from the General Council Executive – live online. Everyone is welcome. [Register here on CHURCHx](#). Facilitated by: Treena Duncan, Regional Executive Minister, Pacific Mountain Regional Council.

★ **Korean Network invitation – UCC 100th Anniversary and UCCan KN**

60th Anniversary: May 13-15, Toronto

The United Church of Canada Korean Network (The UCCan KN) will celebrate the 100th anniversary of The United Church of Canada and the 60th anniversary of the Korean UC's ministry alongside its General Meeting from May 13th to 15th, 2025, at Willowdale-Emmanuel United Church in Toronto, with the theme of "Deep Memories, Daring Visions." This in-person gathering will bring together ministry personnel and lay leaders to honour the church's history and envision its future. [Click here to learn more about this event.](#)

***United Church 100th anniversary event map:** Is your church community planning something special to commemorate this milestone? [Submit your event details](#) on the National [Centennial event map](#)!

*[Past Newsletter issues are archived on our website.](#)



Northern Spirit Regional Council Office
8510 95 Ave NW Edmonton Alberta
1-587-407-0330

northernspirit@united-church.ca
www.northernspiritr.ca

Photo: Photo by [Clayton Chase](#) on [Unsplash](#)

Copyright © 2025 Northern Spirit Regional Council, All rights reserved.

[Click here to subscribe to receive this newsletter via email.](#)