



EDITOR'S NOTE: The image above incorporates the word “welcome” in languages used by communities of faith in our regional council. Did you know there were so many? [NOTE: If I missed you or made an error in spelling or translation, please let me know: jcoffin@united-church.ca]

At the regional council meeting at the end of this week, we are going to be talking about invitation and welcome. The planning team is grateful for the reflections you have shared so far on your registration forms, with stories about how you or someone you know experienced welcome with a community of faith, here or elsewhere. How do we invite and welcome newcomers into our communities of faith? How do we go out and seek new friends and partners in our communities? What are some practical ways that we can clarify the message we are sharing, consciously or unconsciously, when we interact with others? I am looking forward to hearing your insights (and sharing some of mine) during a communications presentation on Saturday morning.

On that note, please be sure to register for the meeting **before midnight on Thursday, November 23** to receive the Zoom link for the Friday evening and Saturday morning sessions of the meeting: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/regional-council-meeting-november-2023-online/>

Thanks to those who attended the learning session about the proposal for the Strategic Plan earlier this week; the recording will be available ASAP at: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/online-learning-session-strategic-plan-2024/>

The learning session about the 2024 Budget is happening **tonight**, so hope to see you there, too! Yikes, it's a busy week! <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/online-learning-session-budget-2024/>

DEEP SPIRITUALITY - BOLD DISCIPLESHIP - DARING JUSTICE

Letters of support to our allies

With the current strife in the Middle East, Marc Grenon, president of the Regional Council, has reached out on our behalf, with letters of support to allies who are especially impacted by the trauma of ongoing events, and acts of vandalism closer to home. Letters have been sent to Federation CJA, Congregation Beth Tikvah, Rabbi Sherril Gilbert and Rabbi Schachar Orenstein (co-executive directors of Aleph Canada) and Mr. Samer Laham (member of Partner Council, Middle East Council of Churches). If your community of faith or pastoral charge would like to reach out in support to a local organization or community of faith you know that has been impacted by the current situation in the Middle East, a draft of the letter from Marc Grenon is linked below that may serve as a resource or template. Our prayers for peace continue.

Download sample letter: <https://bit.ly/2023-11-22-LetterTemplate-MiddleEast>

Letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

On November 18, 2023, the General Council Executive, its corresponding members, and the members of the National Indigenous Council issued a plea to Prime Minister Trudeau to advocate for a ceasefire in the Israel-Hamas war, recognizing that, in the view of legal experts, genocide is currently taking place.

Learn more: <https://united-church.ca/news/dear-prime-minister>



REMINDER - From **October 10 to December 1, 2023**, the annual campaign for **40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism** will include a wide range of FREE weekly events on CHURCHx.ca, including a bilingual event on **November 28**.

Learn more: <https://united-church.ca/social-action/justice-initiatives/anti-racism/40-days-engagement-anti-racism>

REGIONAL COUNCIL NEWS

La Diversité et l'amitié au Rendez-Vous (shared by Rev. Paula Kline)



We were delighted to welcome two of our international church partners at MCM on October 23rd - Annie Namala from India and Samer Laham from Syria - two engaging individuals with whom our multicultural staff and student team had a lot in common to talk about!

Palestinian MCM Assistant Director, Anwar Alhjojo and Samer shared their perspectives on the Middle East ... social work student intern, Delphine Brisson (who doesn't appear in the pictures), had spent time in India and reflected with Annie on her work with the Dalit population ... hailing from Afghanistan and a medical doctor by training, new MCM staffer Muzhgan Haydari spoke of some of the challenges she has encountered on her journey of migration, and how that influences the research project she is doing at MCM on 'access to justice for vulnerable migrants' ... her Spanish colleague, Marta Pereira, explained how she brings her immigration experience and work with refugees to bear on that same project.

Each story had all of us captivated and wanting to hear more, as we enjoyed a delicious lunch provided by our *Women Weaving their Dreams/Vers un souffle nouveau* Catering Collective.

Le monde est en effet très petit et nous avons énormément en commun les uns avec les autres - surtout notre mission conjointe de créer une société de compassion, de justice et de l'hospitalité. Les rencontres comme celles-là nous offrent l'occasion de s'inspirer et de s'encourager mutuellement. La présence de notre partenaire Marcelo Leitas nous manquait. La prochaine fois, nous l'espérons!

Nos plus grands remerciements à l'équipe de la Région qui a facilité ces visites de nos partenaires d'outremer : Éric Hébert-Daly, Brian Ruse, Joel Miller, Royal Orr, Pierre Goldberger, Peter Bisset, Emmanuel Tehindrazanarivelo, Samuel Dansokho et Norman Robert Boie.

Excellent travail les amis!

REMINDER - Remit 1: Establishing an autonomous national indigenous organization

The online Remit information sessions on October 4 (*in English*) with Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly and Rev. Dr. Teresa Burnett-Cole and on October 11 (*in French*) were both recorded, and are now available to share with your pastoral charge: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/remit-1-establishing-an-autonomous-national-indigenous-organization/>

REMINDER - The governing board of each pastoral charge has a right and responsibility to vote on this remit, and all votes must be submitted by **March 31, 2024**. If a pastoral charge does not submit a vote, the default will be to count the missing vote as a vote against the remit.

REMINDER - CEBA Loan Repayment

In anticipation of the repayment of federal Canada Emergency Business Account 'CEBA' loan, the United Church has developed a repayment program for UCC congregations who find themselves struggling to fully repay their commercial CEBA loans - which would trigger foregoing the already accounted for forgiveness portion. We have created a loan program to support our congregations through this transition. To take advantage you must respond **prior to December 10, 2023**. To provide bridging support, the national office is prepared to facilitate a swap out of the commercial loan and replace it with a UCC loan. In short, UCC would issue loans of \$30,000 or \$40,000 for the express purpose of paying off CEBA. All eligible United Church CEBA loan holders in good standing with UCC are able to take advantage of this loan at an interest rate of 5.0%. First payment comes due **February 1st, 2024**. To get started simply complete the loan agreement and forward to Maria Pimpinella at mpimpinella@united-church.ca along with a copy of void cheque.

Download form: <https://bit.ly/2023-CEBA-CloseoutForm-UCC>

REGIONAL COUNCIL GATHERINGS



PRE-MEETING Online learning opportunity 2024 BUDGET - TONIGHT: November 22 at 7 pm

Learn more: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/online-learning-session-budget-2024/>

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<https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/online-learning-session-strategic-plan-2024/>



LAST CALL FOR REGISTRATION!

Deadline to register: **Thursday, November 23 at 11:30 pm**

Resources and registration for lay representatives, ministry personnel and interested observers: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/regional-council-meeting-november-2023-online/>

REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING: Strengthening Invitation: Taking a Strategic Approach to Growth November 24-25, 2023 (online)

Join us online on this **Friday evening (November 24)** and **Saturday morning (November 25)** to reflect on what it means to strengthen invitation and take a strategic approach to growth. We hope you will have taken advantage of the **two online learning opportunities** offered in advance of the meeting for in-depth exploration of the strategic plan and the budget before voting during the meeting. Additional presentations and business to discuss will include Communications, Office of Vocation, Nominations, Granting & Enabling, and updates to the Governance Handbook.

SAVE THE DATES – 2024 REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

- **March 15-16, 2024** (online)
- *****CHANGE OF DATE*** May 25, 2024** (hybrid) – location TBD

MINISTRY PERSONNEL

Congratulations to Mardiros Eglenceyan, Sacraments Elder

Mardiros Eglenceyan has been approved to be licensed as Sacraments Elder in the Armenian Evangelical Pastoral Charge for the period **December 1, 2023 to November 30, 2024**.



Ministry of Supervision

The Certificate in Ministry of Supervision provides participants with the information and skills to mentor individuals preparing for ministry by equipping them for supervision including pastoral practices, leadership, reflection, feedback and spiritual guidance.

It is designed for clergy and lay individuals who are interested in supporting students and communities for supervised ministry education (SME), internships and field education.

PREREQUISITES: A minimum of five years of post-ordination or commissioning, experience in congregational ministry leadership OR equivalent lay leadership

The course will take place as a once a week intensive with three-hour synchronous class time on Zoom each week.

- Jan 11, 12:00 – 3:00 pm ET
- Jan 18, 12:00 – 3:00 pm ET
- Jan 25, 12:00 – 3:00pm ET
- Feb 1, 12:00 – 3:00 pm ET
- Feb 8, 12:00 – 3:00 pm ET

Registration: <https://churchx.ca/local/shop/catalog.php?id=2>

For more information, please contact Andrew Richardson: ARichardson@united-church.ca

LAST CALL - Ministry & Personnel Committee workshop - Saturday, November 25th (9am – 12 noon)

This online workshop, held with the Eastern Ontario Outaouais and East Central Ontario Regional Councils, will cover all the main roles and responsibilities of the M&P Committee. (NOTE: This will be a repeat of the workshop offered in the Fall of 2022 and Spring of 2023.) This will be a general orientation to the work of the M&P Committee for those new to their congregation's committee and who have not participated in this workshop before, and a refresher for current members. Members of M&P Committees and Ministry Personnel are invited to register for this workshop. **Advance registration is required.** Once you register, you will receive an email containing information about joining this Zoom workshop. [NOTE: Regional Council meeting is taking place at the same time as this event, but M&P members who are not representatives to the Regional Council are welcome to attend.]

Registration: <https://united-church.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcoce2rrzosGdwnClqb659fddUchOFoBcXq>

REMINDER - Online Ministry Support

The next online gathering for ministry support will be on **December 5 at 1:30 pm.**

Contact Rev. Dan Hayward at dhayward@united-church.ca to learn more.

EXECUTIVE

Summary of Executive Meeting (November 16, 2023)

The Executive received recommendations from the Pastoral Relations Team (new Sacraments Elder, updated the 2023-24 Voluntary Associate Minister list); received recommendations from the Property & Finance Leadership Team (2024 Regional Council Budget, Knowlton United Church Ministry Plan, and the Hybrid Worship Technical Assistance Fund); received recommendations from the Finance & Extension Board (2024 F&E Budget, sabbatical leaves for ministry personnel); considered a Regional Council Policy regarding retired Designated Lay Ministers; and received reports from VisionAction (Strategic Plan, presented by Rev. Helen Hliaras), Ministries in French (La Table), the Minister for Community of Faith, Cluster & Networks, Communications, the General Meeting Planning Leadership Team, and First Thirds Ministries.

Next Executive meeting will be **January 17, 2024**. **Executive members and staff are requested to submit any correspondence, reports or other documents one week in advance, by January 3.** Once approved and translated, final minutes of Executive meetings are posted at: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/minutes-and-reports/>

PROPERTY AND FINANCE LEADERSHIP TEAM



Online Information Session for Treasurers

On **Monday December 11 at 7:00 p.m.**, Craig McAlpine and Brian Ruse will conduct a Zoom information session for Regional Council treasurers and other interested persons. The purpose of the session is to explain the new Regional Council resources available for treasurers (see next page for more information):

- the accounting software “Accounts” and “Donation” available from the company “Software4Nonprofits”
- the bookkeeping and accounting services available from the Quebec Council of Christian Charities/Conseil Québécois des Organismes Chrétiens to assist the treasurers of our communities of faith
- the auto-generating scheduling calendar/spreadsheet for treasurers, which creates a customized to-do list for treasurer tasks

Zoom link: <https://united-church.zoom.us/j/82796326338>

REMINDER - New Resources for Treasurers

Nakonha:ka Regional Council has taken three initiatives to assist treasurers of our communities of faith in performing their duties.

Firstly, we have evaluated and are recommending the use of two easy-to-use and inexpensive non-profit accounting software products from the company Software4Nonprofits. Their bookkeeping software is called "Accounts" and has the following capabilities:

- bookkeeping (journal entries, sample or custom chart of accounts)
- banking (deposits, cheques, reconciliation)
- tracking income, expenses, assets, liabilities, funds
- generating financial statements (income statement, balance sheet)
- generating annual charity information returns (federal and provincial)

The annual cost of this software is \$129 plus tax. We have arranged for a \$50 discount on the first-year purchase price (i.e., you will pay \$79 for the first year) - please contact Brian Ruse prior to purchasing for information on obtaining the discount.

The second software product is called "Donation" and allows you to track donors and to create automated charitable tax receipts. A plus is that donations can be imported directly from PAR. The annual cost of this software is \$99 plus tax. We have also arranged for a \$50 discount on the first-year purchase price of this software (i.e., you will pay \$49 for the first year) - please contact Brian Ruse prior to purchasing for information on obtaining the discount.

Secondly, we have arranged with the Quebec Council of Christian Charities/Conseil Québécois des Organismes Chrétiens to assist the treasurers of our communities of faith. You will be able to take advantage, at no cost to you, of their bookkeeping and accounting services (in both French and English), including:

- calculating payroll deductions
- preparing tax slips (T4, T4A, Relevé 1, etc.)
- applying for GST & QST rebates
- preparing annual charity information returns (T3010, TP985.22-V)

Thirdly, the Property and Finance Leadership Team, thanks in large part to the efforts of member Craig McAlpine, has developed an auto-generating scheduling calendar/spreadsheet for treasurers, which creates a customized to-do list for treasurer tasks throughout the year.

We will be providing more information on these initiatives in the coming weeks. In the meantime, please contact Brian Ruse at bruse@united-church.ca with any questions.



A few words about Software4Nonprofits (from Shirley Cartmill, Trinity United Church)

"I noticed in one of your newsletters, you mentioned 'Software4Nonprofits'. I urge our pastoral charges to subscribe to this software. I have been using this software for keeping track of all donations at Trinity, since 2017. I love it! So easy to print out Tax Receipts and reports. All questions to them are answered very quickly. Our Director of Finance just started using their Accounts Software and likes it very much. Helps doing your 3010 at the end of the year."

GRANTING AND ENABLING LEADERSHIP TEAM (GELT)

ENDING SOON - Discontinuation of Hybrid Worship Technical Assistance Fund

The Hybrid Worship Technical Assistance Fund grants will be discontinued as of **December 31, 2023**. The grants are still available until then, as long as the application and receipts are submitted to Brian Ruse by year-end.

Grant application forms and information: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/granting-and-enabling/>

REMINDER - Next Regional Council Grant Application Deadline: February 15, 2024

Grant application forms and information: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/granting-and-enabling/>

STEWARDSHIP

REMINDER - Roger's latest Stewardship Blog – "The First Step to Success". Roger writes that changing a community of faith's culture is required to deepen generosity and stewardship: <https://united-church.ca/blogs/round-table/first-step-success>

REMINDER - Upcoming Stewardship Programs



- Setting Up Your Congregational Giving Program
January 16 and 30 – 1:00-3:00 pm or January 17 and 31 – 7:00-9:00 pm
- Stewardship Best Practices
February 6 to April 18 (with a three-week Easter Break to apply your learning)
- Bequests and Planned Giving for Your Community of Faith
Next offered - **April 24 and May 8 - 2:30-3:30 pm**

All programs will be offered on CHURCHx. Learn more: <https://united-church.ca/community-and-faith/get-involved/community-faith-stewardship/encouraging-generosity-your-community-faith>

Mission and Service Volunteer Program – We are currently looking for volunteers in every community of faith to take a leadership role with Mission and Service. Volunteers will be the communication lead between the congregation and those who produce our resources. If you are interested, or know someone who would be good for this, please reach out. Call us at 1-800-465-3771 or e-mail us at ms@united-church.ca

Book a time to talk about stewardship

Are you thinking about year-end or wanting to make a stewardship plan for 2024? Would you like to talk about legacy giving to your congregation, but don't know where to start? Do you have questions about growing giving to Mission & Service?

Roger Janes is your stewardship support person and is available to share resources, answer questions, or brainstorm with. Don't know where to start? Book a phone or zoom conversation with Roger today at:

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/StewardshipSupport@united-church.ca/bookings/>

ENVIRONMENT NETWORK

Greenfaith Circle Gathering (online) - Monday, November 27th at 8pm

This will be an opportunity to reflect and connect further on both personal and collective contexts as well as to do some more visioning for our 'Braiding Sweetgrass' book study that would begin in the New Year. We will send a Zoom link reminder closer to the date.

Learn more: greenfaithmontreal@gmail.com

Green Churches Network Newsletter

<https://mailchi.mp/a2c86c365e60/green-churches-newsletter-6674099>

REMINDER - For the Love of Creation Bilingual Newsletter

Some of the resources, events and collective action for climate justice in the latest issue include the following:

- **November 30** - Faithful Responses to Eco-anxiety
- **November 30-December 12** - COP28 (Dubai)

Learn more: <https://mailchi.mp/9a2b8126c664/for-the-love-of-creation-update-may22-13548593>

Subscribe: <https://gmail.us10.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=9d3c6a31c52da4ccee2384011&id=eab511128f>

Faith & the Common Good Newsletter

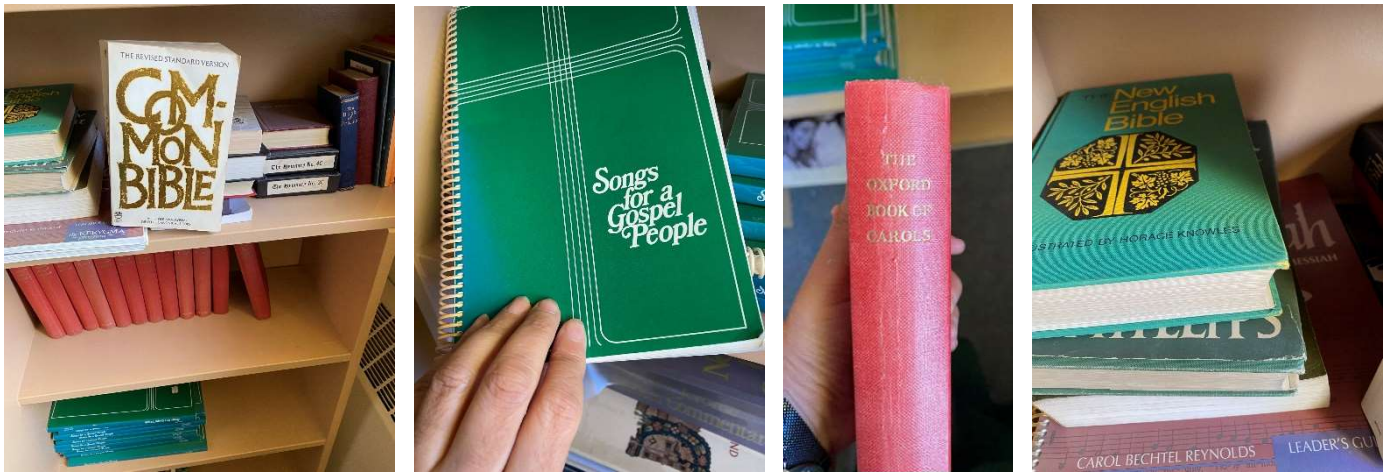
Subscribe: https://www.faithcommongood.org/mailling_list

FIRST THIRD MINISTRIES

Shanna Bernier, the staff person responsible for supporting First Third Ministries, recently shared a moving report with the Regional Council Executive about the November 2023 Youth Forum (see link below). Here is an excerpt:

"This Youth Forum was an excellent touchstone for me, as a First Third Minister. Sometimes when we plan, evaluate and explain our work we can get distracted and sidetracked by the "who" and the "how" questions. This Youth Forum answered the "why" in my heart. Nakonha:ka's First Third Ministry is about creating spaces for young people to feel safe, accepted and beloved children of God, and to enable them to become disciples, emboldened by the intangible mystery of faith in our broken world."

Learn more: <https://bit.ly/2023-11-03-FirstThirdMinistries-Report-YouthForum>



Older Bibles and Hymnals Available

Further to the downsizing and decommissioning of the Beaufort location, there are some older Bibles and hymnals available to be donated to any who are interested (pictures to follow in a future newsletter).

Learn more: office@mergingwaters.ca



SUMMERLEA UNITED CHURCH

Remembrance Sunday

Summerlea United Church in Lachine was fortunate to experience the musical gifts of Master Corporal Jeff McCarthy, highland piper, playing "Flowers of the Forest" and Leslie Field, soprano saxophonist, playing the "Last Post" during their Remembrance Day Memorial Service.

Master Corporal Jean Michel Baribault of the Sherbrooke Hussars was also present as the honour guard.

Rev. Christine Gladu had compiled a slide show presentation comprised of photographs of Summerlea folk and their relatives who had served our country during past wars.

It was a wonderful way to remember loved ones with gratitude and hope.

MONTREAL CITY MISSION

REMINDER - Make the Season Kind Holiday Market



This December, CBC Quebec is holding a *Make the Season Kind* Holiday Market. The one-day event takes place on **Thursday, December 14 from 11 am to 6:30 pm** at the Maison de Radio-Canada (1000 Papineau Ave).

Yummy local food and beverage, zero waste/handmade items, whimsical gifts, pottery, jewelry & clothing - you name it - with a focus on sustainability.

MCM was CBC's Charity of the Year in 2022, and this year the honour goes to The Food Banks of Quebec. In keeping with the values of Food Banks of Quebec, the *Make the Season Kind* Holiday Market creates a space for equitable, transparent, and mindful consumption.

A recent member of St. James /MCM Community of Friends, Hind Ahmed, will be sharing her artwork on this occasion. You can purchase Christmas cards with Hind's designs. A wonderful way to spread your Christmas message of peace in today's world through supporting the local refugee population.

Learn more: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/community/cbc-quebec-2023-charity-of-the-year-1.6956900>

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Thank you for your support of MCM's work with vulnerable migrants.
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Art has been Hind Ahmed's lifelong passion. Influenced by her family's artistic lineage, Hind honed her skills at the College of Fine and Applied Art in Khartoum, Sudan.
Son style unique combine des techniques d'art libre et des paysages au couteau, créant des compositions captivantes.

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RUC Special Events Committee presents

Guffman 5
featuring John Sadowy on piano

Something's Coming

Sunday, December 3 at 3pm
Roxboro United Church 116 Cartier, Roxboro

Tickets \$20 includes refreshments
call 514-685-4956

Guffman 5 is a dynamic Montreal vocal group with Julie Lafontaine, Mary Burns, Darryl Macdonald & Chris Maragoudakis, featuring John Sadowy on piano. They have delighted audiences with their repertoire consisting mostly of jazz standards, with a dash of pop, folk, Broadway, plus a few surprises! Guffman 5 brings a special blend of lush arrangements and playful whimsy to their love of vocal harmonies and classic jazz.

Deutsches Weihnachtslieder-Singen

German Christmas Carols,
Chants de NOËL en allemand

Join us on December 3 at 3 pm
for Carol Singing and German baked goods
St. Paul's United Church, Magog
211 Ave des Pins 819-993-1554



HOLIDAY COMMUNICATIONS REMINDER

Please upload your special holiday events (Blue Christmas, concerts, craft fairs, Christmas Eve services, etc.) to the regional council calendar:

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

or to the regional council Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Nakonhaka>

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA NEWS AND EVENTS

REMINDER - United Church Rural Ministry Network (UCRMN)

The United Church Rural Ministry Network is for all rural and small town folks – lay and ministry – and offers resources, events and a regular newsletter focused on rural issues. Upcoming events include an in-person **Rural Church Network (US and Canada) Spring Meeting** in Calgary on **June 18-21, 2024** (Cost \$360)

Learn more: <https://mailchi.mp/843713c49355/may-2023-ucrmn-enews-13568236>

REMINDER - Nouvelles des Ministères en français

<https://egliseunie.ca/mot-du-responsable-23-octobre-2023-rev-dr-emmanuel-djacoba-tehindrazanarivelo/>

Recent news from United Church of Canada

- Broadview newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/8c009521f4d8/mother tongue>
- Église Unie du Canada: <https://mailchi.mp/egliseunie/infolettre-7-novembre-1053304>
- E-ssentials: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/es230905-1053372>
- GC44: <https://generalcouncil44.ca/news>
- Gifts with Vision: <https://mailchi.mp/85a65d419534/gifts-with-vision-is-live-1050972-1052956>
- Living into Right Relations: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/living-into-right-relations-1053200>
- Philanthropy News: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/gods-mission-our-gifts-1053404>
- UCC Foundation News: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/good-news-you-can-nov23>
- United Church Resource Centre: <https://mailchi.mp/ucrdstore.ca/just-arrived-called-to-act-by-david-sparks>
- UC Rural Ministry Network: <https://mailchi.mp/843713c49355/may-2023-ucrmn-enews-13568236>
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OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

Wassail at Christ Church Beaurepaire

Friday, December 1st, 7 pm (optional rehearsal for people singing the Hallelujah chorus at **6:30 pm**)

Get into the Christmas Spirit with Christmas music and carol singing, followed by a festive reception (with mulled wine)! The Wassail at Christ Church Beaurepaire is a traditional community event for people of all ages! The Wassail 2023 will have a special feature: a sing-along Hallelujah chorus from Handel's Messiah, in collaboration with All Saints by the Lake (Dorval)! Bring along your family, friends and neighbours! All donations will go towards Christ Church's Christmas Basket Program for needy families. For people who would like to join in the Hallelujah chorus (SATB) there will be a short optional rehearsal at 6:30 (copies of music will be available, but you can also bring your own or download the score). Otherwise, just come and sing! There will be a list of approximately 50 well-known songs and you will have an opportunity to request the ones you like, and we will sing them together!

Learn more: <https://christchurchbeaurepaire.ca/wassail>



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REGIONAL COUNCIL DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov 22 – 7:00 pm	Pre-meeting Learning Session: Budget 2024 – Property & Finance Learn more: https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/online-learning-session-budget-2024/ Zoom Link: https://united-church.zoom.us/j/85081270394
Nov 23	LAST CALL to register for Regional Council Meeting Registration: https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/regional-council-meeting-november-2023-online/
Nov 24 – 6:30 pm Nov 25 – 9:00 am	Regional Council Meeting (online) Learn more: https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/regional-council-meeting-november-2023-online/
Nov 25 – 9:00 am	Ministry & Personnel Committee workshop (online) https://united-church.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcoce2rrzosGdwnClqb659fddUchOFoBcXg
Dec 5 – 1:30 pm	Online Ministry Support Circle Contact Rev. Dan Hayward: dhayward@united-church.ca
Dec 10	LAST CALL to submit CEBA loan closeout form to mpimpinella@united-church.ca Download form: https://bit.ly/2023-CEBA-CloseoutForm-UCC
Dec 31	LAST CALL to submit Hybrid Worship Technology Assistance Fund application to bruse@united-church.ca Download form: https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/granting-and-enabling/

Other special dates to engage with our communities in Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship and Daring Justice:

Until Dec 1	40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism https://united-church.ca/social-action/justice-initiatives/anti-racism/40-days-engagement-anti-racism
Dec 1	World AIDS Day https://united-church.ca/worship-special-days/world-aids-day

NEXT NEWSLETTER: December 6, 2023*

Send stories: jcoffin@united-church.ca

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: December 1, 2023

Submit events: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/events/community/add>

*****Please note that the December 6 edition will be the last newsletter for 2023*****

TENTATIVE NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION SCHEDULE FOR EARLY 2024

Submission deadline	Publication date	Notes about stories you might want to share
January 12	January 17	
January 26	January 31	
February 9	February 14	
February 23	February 28	
March 8	March 13	
March 22	March 27	
April 5	April 10	
April 19	April 24	
May 3	May 8	
May 17	May 22	
May 31	June 5	
June 15	June 19	