

Regional Rambler

Living Skies Regional Council The United Church of Canada



January 19, 2022 - Events

*The **Regional Rambler** is our primary resource for sharing information across the Regional Council. To be added to the receiving list, please email Bev Diebert (bdiebert@united-church.ca).*

Welcome to the Events edition of the Regional Rambler! Every second week, the newsletter will focus on events and learning opportunities; on the alternate week, we'll be back to news and updates. We hope this helps us shorten the text, and helps you more quickly identify upcoming learning opportunities that have a specific date. To submit a Regional or national event, please contact Rambler editor Bev Diebert, bdiebert@united-church.ca Events featured in the newsletter itself must be of direct relationship to the United Church, its partners, or identified priorities for the church.

Regional Council events will also be posted [on our Regional calendar](#). And you are most welcome to submit local public events to our [Community of Faith Calendar](#), whether you're part of a congregation, community ministry, partner group, and more. [You can use this form](#) to do that. Staff will approve the events in order to avoid the inevitable spammers. "Local" is a relative term these days of online events, so we leave that to your judgement. Generally it refers to shorter, more specific events that are, of course, public.

Winter 2022 online learning opportunities from **United in Learning** [are detailed here](#).

1. This month:

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25. [Click here for this year's resources](#), offered by the Middle East Council of Churches. Please note that in-person WPCU worship services may be cancelled due to the pandemic; please be sure to double check.

Online Bible study for SK, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Tuesday, January 18 - Tuesday, January 25, 12:15 pm – 1:00 pm CST daily (except 3:00 pm CST on Sunday, January 23)

Theme: "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him" (Mt 2:2). Developed through a series of daily reflections. Each day will be led by a different denominational leader. [Register here](#). Or watch the [live stream on YouTube](#). For further details, contact Cathryn Wood at admin@pcecumenism.ca Presented by The Prairie Centre for Ecumenism and The Regina Council of Churches

Dialogue circles: Listening to Indigenous Voices: A Dialogue Guide on Justice and Right Relationships

Jan. 19, Feb. 16 and March 16 from 4:00-6:00 CST; Three sessions over the course of 3 months starting Jan. 19, 2022. Each group of 5-8 participants, led by one facilitator, will meet three times for 2 hours in length. To learn more or to register: <http://tiny.cc/LTIVcircles> To learn more about the dialogue process: www.ltiv.ca

An Ecumenical Milestone for Theological Education!

The partner schools of the Saskatoon Theological Union are pleased to invite you to a short online service of worship, as we **sign and celebrate our new STU Covenant**. Join us at **11am on Thursday January 20th** as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Representatives of the Lutheran Theological Seminary, the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad, and St. Andrew's College will give brief reflections on the significance of this Covenant in the deepening relationship we share together in the task and joy of theological education. For more information, please contact Shawn at shawn.sanfordbeck@saskatoontheologicalunion.ca, or call 306 441 6367. Event Zoomlink: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87803664220>

Support Circles for People of Colour in the United Church - new

Next gathering: Thursday, Jan 20, 3:00-4:30pm Central, (every third Thursday; next gathering is Feb 17)

If you are looking for support around experiences of racism in the United Church, please join us for a monthly time of sharing, mutual support, and community-building. These monthly gatherings are open to people of colour (including those who identify as Indigenous, racialized, mixed-race, and/or non-white).

[Register here.](#)

Engaging with Black History Month in the United Church: A Conversation - new

Wednesday, January 26, 1:00-2:30 CST How are communities of faith engaging with Black History Month?

Join us to share and learn about what's happening across the Church, as we reflect together on what meaningful and justice-led engagement can look like. [Register here.](#)

Updated: Invitation to Contemplative Gathering: Wednesday, January 26, 2022, 10am or 1pm SK time

These one-hour gatherings are an opportunity, in Presence, to discern and listen, to rest and receive. This coming together gives us a chance to find our grounding and to renew our sense of common belonging.

Please note that there is a limit of 21 persons per session. **To Register:**

10:00 AM Gathering: <https://form.jotform.com/220105092766249>

1:00 PM Gathering: <https://form.jotform.com/220105804964250>

For more info: Contact Janet Clarke at pastorinresidence.sac@saskatoontheologicalunion.ca

Regular Contemplative Gatherings are offered through a collaboration between St. Andrew's College and the Committee on Ministry Personnel Support of the Livings Skies Region (UCC). The facilitation team for the Gatherings includes Janet Clarke, Jane Doull, Rick McCorrister, Brian Walton

A Cup of Hope Online Festival of Faith - new

Monday, January 31 to Friday, February 4, Noon- 5:00PM Central. Sponsored by the northern ministries of

Pacific Mountain Regional Council. Presenters will share about what a vibrant, viable, and vital community of faith looks like regardless of size, context, or amount of paid ministry time and staff. We're inviting you to take a cup of hope from four streams of engagement: Thriving and Hopeful (each morning a different look at what thriving looks like now and into the next decade); Hope in the Theory of Change (how to apply what you've heard and learned from the whole festival); Hopeful Decisions Matter (how to make healthy decisions that build up community); and Hope in Ministry (tools and stories for ministry: AFFIRM, pastoral care, First Third, and reconciliation).

[Register here.](#)

For more information please contact Rev. Dr. Bob Filler, revbob@trinitypg.ca

2. Next Month:**Seollal Celebration! Korean New Year and welcome to St Andrew's College for Korean exchange students**

– **new Tuesday February 1st 10:00-11:00AM.** Join us for a short meet and greet to welcome the students, and for a chance to learn about Seollal traditions. Korean kin in Living Skies and around the world are preparing for one of the most important and joyful celebrations of the year. Come celebrate New Year's all over again! [Here is the meeting link.](#)

SAVE THE DATE: Living Skies Youth Confirmation Weekend - postponed

Following health policy advisories, we've postponed the confirmation weekend with a **new date TBA.** More info is on its way, but if you have questions in the meantime, please contact Kent at kmohn@united-church.ca or Josie at LSYAYAC.Josie@gmail.com.

Save the Date for Upcoming Covenanting Services - new

- **February 19** – covenanting with La Ronge and Janae Brownley
- **February 27** – covenanting with Regina: Lakeview and Yellow Grass United Lutheran Partnership and Carla Blakely