

Regional Rambler

Living Skies Regional Council The United Church of Canada



February 2, 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:

All of February is Black History Month. [Click here for a wide range of worship and reflection resources](#).

Have a Heart Day, First Nations Child and Family Caring Society February 1-14 - new

Have a Heart Day is a child and youth-led reconciliation event that brings together caring Canadians to help ensure First Nations children have the opportunity to grow up safely at home, get a good education, be healthy, and be proud of who they are. Kids and youth are especially welcome to take leadership. [Click here for an overview and resources](#).

Ministry Personnel Gatherings

Join your ministry colleagues every **Tuesday (February 8, 15 and 22)** over Zoom for conversation, support and information sharing. Facilitated conversation begins at 1pm; connection information is found in the [calendar](#).

General Council 44 and Commissioners: overview

General Council begins February 13. Here are the [details about important upcoming dates](#). There are many changes to how General Council will take place, above and beyond the reality that it will also be only online. [Please click here for a basic overview](#), and share this link as needed. [Click here to see the main GC44 website](#).

Queer Virtue discussion, Friday February 18, 7:30-9:00PM Central - new

Registration is required and free. [Register here for the Zoom link](#). We will chat with Rev. Edman, author of the book "Queer Virtue." She will give us some key insights on how the elements of "queer virtue" can challenge us to rupture false binaries, to "queer" lines that pit people against one another. All identities and backgrounds welcome. [Link to the Facebook event here](#). [Learn more about Rev. Edman here](#). This event is co-presented by Affirming Connections and Affirm United/S'affirmer Ensemble, as part of our lead up to National Affirming/PIE Day, which happens every year on March 14! [Learn more here](#).

"We Ride At Dawn!" - new**How to Journey with your congregation to grow generosity, deepen gratitude, and build community**

This is a Practically Prophetic Webinar **Tuesday, February 22nd, 2022, 7pm**

Vicki Nelson, the Stewardship Animator for Western Canada, will help get our compasses all pointed in the same direction as we gain skills and confidence in talking about faithful generosity. More info at <https://livingskiesrc.ca/event/generosity-stewardship-practically-prophetic-webinar/>

Invitation to Contemplative Gathering: - new**Wednesday, February 23, 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.

Registration info at: <https://livingskiesrc.ca/invitation-to-contemplative-gatherings-jan-mar-2022/>

Regional Council Snow and Ice Art Competition, now until the **end of February** or so. [Read all the details here!](#) [Join the public Facebook group here.](#)

Upcoming Covenanting Services

- **February 19** – covenanting with La Ronge and Janae Brownley at 7pm. [Service details, on the calendar.](#)
- **February 27** – covenanting with Regina: Lakeview and Yellow Grass United Lutheran Partnership and Carla Blakely

2. Next Month:**What would it mean for you to RAISE MORE MONEY for your community of faith?**

More impact? Less stress? More gratitude? More lives changed? Stewardship Best Practices, a module of **Called to be the Church: The Journey**, can help. **This March** there are opportunities for congregations AND community ministries (chaplaincies, camps, outreach ministries, etc).

Gather a team and talk about what makes your ministry worth supporting, get some tips on how to tell your story, invite generosity, express gratitude, and more! [Check here](#) to learn more about **Called to be the Church: The Journey**. If you want dates and details for either the training for congregations or community ministries, contact Vicki Nelson vnelson@united-church.ca (1-800-268-3781 ext. 2045)

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.