

# Regional Rambler

## Living Skies Regional Council The United Church of Canada



### May 25, 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](mailto:bdiebert@united-church.ca)).

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.

#### United in Learning webinar overview

See and share all the latest information about events from United-in-Learning! [Click here](#) to find out about all of the learning opportunities offered by United in Learning. There is always something new, so visit the site often. And, in case you missed something, you can view [recordings of past webinars here](#).

#### 1. This month:

##### Deadline passed - reports for the Docket / Annual Report

Group leaders (Committee, Networks, Task Groups, Clusters,) and friends and partners of Living Skies Regional Council were invited to submit reports for the 2022 docket / Annual Report. The deadline for submissions has passed. Please let Bev Diebert ([bdiebert@united-church.ca](mailto:bdiebert@united-church.ca)) if you still intend to send one. All received reports will be on the website in early June. Any questions, contact Bev.

##### National Webinar for Church Treasurers, May 25, 5:00PM Central Standard

*It's back and nationwide!* Join this monthly support and information session for all the church's blessed treasurers. [Click here for details and registration](#).

##### Centre for Christian Studies: job opportunities

The Centre for Christian Studies in Winnipeg, MB is inviting applicants for two positions: **Principal** and **Program Staff**. Join a dynamic, creative, and supportive staff team that is passionate about theological education and grounded in diaconal practice. For full job postings, job descriptions, as well as Skills, Resources and Community Profiles, visit <http://ccsonline.ca/job-postings/> or email [ccs.searchcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:ccs.searchcommittee@gmail.com) Application deadlines: **May 27** (Principal) and **June 3** (Program Staff).

##### Green Priestcraft: Becoming a Chaplain of Creation an online retreat Sat. May 28, noon – 6:30 CST

This daylong workshop will introduce participants to some basic tools and practices of spiritual and ritual care for the Earth. Drawing on his extensive work in [Christian Animism](#) and [Druidry](#), Rev. Shawn will explore a spiritual cosmology which sees the Creation as "teeming with neighbours ... only some of whom are human." Expect to have your curiosity awakened and your sense of "self" gently stretched, as we peer into a cosmos which is more sentient than we ever imagined! **Leadership:** Shawn Sanford Beck. Full info and registration: <https://naramatacentre.secure.retreat.guru/program/green-priestcraft-becoming-a-chaplain-of-creation/>

##### NEW - A Celebration for Lashburn: St. James

A Service of Celebration and Closure for St. James United Church in Lashburn will be held at **2 pm on Sunday, May 29, 2022** at All Saints Anglican Church in Lashburn, Sk. **Everyone is welcome.**

### Celebration of Ministry details

Join folks from Living Skies Regional Council for a celebration of ministry service on **Sunday, May 29 at 4pm at St. Andrew's United Church in Esterhazy**. We will celebrate the ordination of YoungJin Park, and a covenant between YoungJin, the St. Andrew's United Community of Faith, and Living Skies Regional Council. This service will be livestreamed for those unable to attend in person – be sure to gather your communion elements to participate! Livestream will be available on the St. Andrew's FaceBook page.

### NEW - Foundations of Reconciliation: A scripture-based study through Indigenous contexts

**May 29 and June 5, 2:00PM Central Daylight**. All welcome to an exploration of the Foundations of Reconciliation with a scriptural focus on Covenant and Conquest. These are held alongside the narratives of Treaty and the Doctrine of Discovery as we explore the work of Robert Warrior. Facilitated by Rev Tony Snow and co-sponsored by Chinook Winds Regional Council. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Link: <https://united-church.zoom.us/j/91013310120>

### NEW - Multifaith Saskatchewan AGM

The Multifaith Saskatchewan AGM will be on **Sunday, May 29 at 3pm** on Zoom to facilitate participation from across the province. **Please put it in your calendars now**. Meeting ID: 867 3853 1951 Passcode: 566734 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86738531951?pwd=cWNnc2kKJ7cN3cjC-kbrNYyGEAKztsJG.1>

Our speaker for the AGM will be Scott Cruikshank from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. We have invited Scott to speak about the Latter-day Saints' interest in interfaith activities.

In addition, at the AGM we will be holding **elections for the following positions**: President; Vice President; Communications; Southern Rep (2022-2024); and two Northern Reps (2021-2023) and (2022-2024)

Nominations for any of these positions may be sent to Nicholas Jesson ([njesson@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:njesson@archregina.sk.ca)). We welcome self-nominations! No experience is necessary. These positions are described in the MFS Constitution at <https://multifaithsask.org/constitution/> If you have questions about the Board and its responsibilities, please contact me at the same address.

### Ministry Personnel Gatherings

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

## 2. Next Month:

### NEW - Daring Justice: Courageous Conversations Across Divides

**June 1 (corrected date), 11:00AM Central Daylight**. [Click here for more information or to register](#).

The United Church is hosting an online engagement event with General Council 44 Global, Ecumenical and Interfaith Partners to discuss increasing inequities, injustice and deepening polarizations, all compelling issues for people of faith. Moderated by Aisha Francis, Executive Director, KAIROS Canada, the conversation will include, among other leaders, Bishop Susan Johnson, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, the Rev. Eun-kyung Kim, Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea, and Bishop Rosemarie Wenner, World Methodist Church.

### Traditional Feast invitation for Living Skies, Saturday, June 4 at 1:00PM in Regina, Treaty 4.

The Regional Council is honoured to share this invitation from Regina Native Outreach Ministry's board. [Please click here for details about the invitation](#); the callout for men to help; details about food we can bring and contacting Rev Deb Anderson-Pratt for more information.

### Bonnie Morton is Retiring

The Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry invites you to Bonnie's Retirement Celebration, **Sunday, June 5 1:30 - 3:30pm** in Regina. **Service of Release is 1:30** in front of the Sask Legislature, **reception at 2:30** at Wesley United Church 3913 Hillsdale Ave. Written expressions of gratitude for her ministry and videos can be sent to [RAPMOffice@gmail.com](mailto:RAPMOffice@gmail.com) Cards can be mailed to RAPM, 2330 Victoria Ave. Regina S4P 0S6.

### Anti-racism action planning for communities of faith weekly in June

**June 8, 15, 22, and 29, 6:30-8:00PM Central Standard. Last call for registration.** Living Skies, Northern Spirit, and Prairie to Pine Regional Councils invite one lay member and one ministry personnel from up to 24 communities of faith within our bounds to this series. In four weekly sessions, we'll focus on the new book [Wait- is this racist?](#) We'll bring this work into the Canadian and United Church context with resource people and a focus on the United Church's Anti Racism Action Plan. Please [see the registration form](#) for more details. **Deadline: May 25.** Questions, including setting up your mini team? Please contact staff support Julie Graham and she can contact the facilitation team: [jgraham@united-church.ca](mailto:jgraham@united-church.ca)

### Regional Council Tea Party

All are invited to a Regional Council check-in on **June 9, at 7pm on Zoom to celebrate those who are retiring**, and to hear an update on the work of the Regional Council this year. There is no need to register; connection information will be in the calendar.

### NEW - Humour and history, story and song

On **June 11**, Saskatoon: Grace-Westminster United Church will present historical walking tours to mark the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this Saskatoon church and the surrounding neighbourhood. Along the tour path, actors will play the roles of people from the congregation's early days. As a finale to the event, Pamela Haig Bartley will present a short play about temperance advocate, Grace Fletcher and her conflict with her husband and the authorities over the "demon rum." It is of note that the Grace in the church's name celebrates the spirit of this indomitable woman.

Come for an afternoon of humour and history, story and song. Tickets (by donation) are available at the office of the church. For more information, visit the church website.

### Women's Day Camp at Camp Shagabec in Cypress Hills Park

**Monday, June 13, 2022 10am – 4pm** All United Church of Canada Women and guests are welcome; you do not have to be a UCW member to attend! Please bring a history book from your community, if you have one and are willing to have others look at it. Our theme is "Small Town Saskatchewan" Registration cost—\$20 includes lunch. Please register with Donna Barber prior to **Wednesday, June 1, 2022.** Email - [donlyn@sasktel.net](mailto:donlyn@sasktel.net), phone - 306-773-6081 (home) or text - 306-750-8810. Bring the names of the deceased women from your congregation for the memorial service. AND, Bring your cookies for Camp! More details will be in the Women's network newsletter.

### Religious Community in a Digital World, June 13-16,

Online; [More Information Here](#) and [Registration Details Here](#) Online Community? Church Hybridity? The Digital Body of Christ? If these are realities which continue to excite, disturb, or otherwise engage you, please join this inaugural online Summer Learning Event, co-sponsored by the three schools of the Saskatoon Theological Union (which includes the United Church's St. Andrew's College) in partnership with St. Thomas More College. The keynote speakers are Dr. Deanna Thompson, author of *The Virtual Body of Christ in a Suffering World*, and Dr. Jeffrey Mahan, author of *Church as Network: Christian Life and Connection in Digital Culture*.

### Learning on Purpose, Centre for Christian Studies, June 13 to 24, Metropolitan United Church, London, ON;

[more Information and Registration](#). This 2-week leadership development course and introduction to learning in community is offered by the Centre for Christian Studies. It is a practical, holistic, hands-on, theological, learning community experience. Those who take it come out feeling transformed (in a good way!). The course can be taken as a stand-alone Continuing Studies course, or as the beginning of the Diaconal Ministries program, or for personal discernment. If you would benefit from this kind of learning and can make it to London in June, check it out, or email [info@ccsonline.ca](mailto:info@ccsonline.ca) for more information. There is still time to register.

**UCC Camp Day for Camp Staff & Boards **Saturday, June 18, 10am** at Lumsden Beach Camp**

Let's share resources, programs, ideas, policies, recruitment, and any other camp-related thing we can think of. Plus, it's a great excuse to meet other camp people for networking and sharing dorky camp-stories.

We'll have more details and info posted on the Region website soon. For now, please mark it in your calendars and spread the word amongst staff, volunteers, board members, etc.

**Future dates to plan for: June**

June is Indigenous Month as well as Pride Month! In both cases, please have a look for local options you can engage and support through public signage, donations, practical assistance, and your respectful ministry of presence. Large and small, our support matters. Get to know your Two Spirit, LGBTQIA+ and Indigenous neighbours, so that you can be present.

**NEW - Sunday June 5:** Pride Sunday. [Click here for a resource collection from the national church.](#) Have your own resources to recommend, or resources you created? Please email Julie Graham at [jgraham@united-church.ca](mailto:jgraham@united-church.ca) **by June 1.**

**NEW - Sunday June 19:** Indigenous Day of Prayer. [Click here for a new service of worship](#) by the National Indigenous Council; please use freely and with gratitude! There's also a [comprehensive list of great resources here.](#)

**NEW - Tuesday June 21:** National Indigenous Peoples Day. Please look carefully at local gatherings; show up whenever and however you can; use your community of faith signage and space to lend your public support.

**NEW - Elrose Covenanting Service**

The Covenanting service will occur on **June 26, 2022 at 11am** at the Elrose United Church. Elrose will provide a pot luck following the service. Kyle/Lacadena congregation will join the Elrose congregation for this celebration. We look forward to seeing everyone!