

Regional Rambler

Living Skies Regional Council The United Church of Canada



June 22, 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).*

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.

Indigenous Peoples' Day was June 21 and there may be events in your area throughout the week. Please join in local events whenever you can. See more online options for this important week below. *"Healing and wholeness are only possible as Truth is revealed. And perhaps then Reconciliation can begin."* — Rev. John R. Thompson, Co-Chair, National Indigenous Council

As we continue through **Pride Month** and its many events, we pray, with gratitude, for all ministries and people who are offering public, intentional and explicit commitment to Two Spirit and LGTQIA+ people and groups, and who may be facing opposition in many forms. May sibling Jesus' commandment to love one another uplift you and your much-needed ministry.

Please see [United in Learning's summer events newsletter here](#).

1. This month:

NEW – Marjorie Kent Service of Remembrance

Rev. Marjorie Kent of Lumsden, SK died on July 8, 2021 at the age of 69 years. She was predeceased by her father, Grant Hoggarth; and brother Lyle Hoggarth. Marj is survived by her mother, Doreen Hoggarth; her husband and life partner of almost 50 years, David Kent; her son Fletcher Kent and his wife Shauna Young-Kent; daughters Leanne and Amy Kent, and Amy's spouse Kenny Spasoff, who was like a son. Marj adored her six grandchildren; Matthew and Victoria Kent, Linden and Luke Spasoff and Ari and Bekah Jacobson. Her grandkids adored Marj, too. Marj is also survived by her brother, Earle (Jan) Hoggarth, sister-in-law Mel Johnson and nephews Cameron and Nolan (Laura) Hoggarth.

A sticky note found at her desk said "We pray that when we are gone, people will miss us because our kindness is lost". We will all miss her kindness, her joy and her love. A Service of Remembrance will be held at Heritage United Church, 1050 North Arnason St., Regina, SK on **Saturday, June 25, 2022 at 2:00pm**, with Rev. Joy Cowan officiating. The service can also be viewed at www.facebook.com/HUCRegina. The family requests that all those in attendance wear a mask during the service. To leave an online message of condolence, please visit www.speersfuneralchapel.com

Alvin Dixon Memorial Fun Run/Walk 2022 June 17-July 25 in association with General Council 44.

[Click here for details](#). When? Anytime between **June 17 (the official opening) and July 25**. This is to raise money for the Alvin Dixon Memorial Fund for Indigenous post secondary students, especially those attending places like the Vancouver School of Theology and Sandy Saulteaux Spiritual Centre. Alvin was a respected elder, teacher, bridge builder, and advocate from the Heiltsuk First Nation who contributed deeply to the Indigenous church and to the wider United Church of Canada. All ages and abilities welcome.

National Gathering: Anti-Racism in the United Church, Wednesday, June 22, 12-1:30pm in SK. [Register via Zoom now](#). Picking up from our last gathering, we will continue reflecting on what it means to decentre whiteness and to centre the needs of people of colour in our work, before discerning together what this network's role might be in the Church's journey toward becoming an anti-racist denomination. In preparation for these conversations, we invite you to **watch this video** on [Becoming an Anti-Racist Church](#) as an example of what centring the needs and voices of people of colour could look like. This network and gathering are open to anyone in the Church who is actively engaged in anti-racism work in their ministry contexts. If you know others who might be interested, please **have them complete this brief form** to be added to our list: <https://forms.office.com/r/BKwwFgJ8m5>

Residential Schools: Introduction to Trauma Awareness and Strategies to Support Communities, Thursday, June 23, 12:30PM - 2:00PM (MDT / SK.) Discussion Leaders: John Snow and Tony Snow; hosted by the Western Intercultural Ministries Network in honour of Indigenous Month. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81021906932> Meeting ID: 810 2190 6932

Building God's Beloved Community: National Book Launch, June 23, 2022, 5:00-6:00PM CS / SK. Drawing on the expertise of United Church theologians and ministers from across the country, *Building God's Beloved Community* outlines the church's approach to some of the big questions about God, the Bible, and theology, narrates the life of Jesus as both a historical figure and the messiah, and provides an overview of the history of Christianity and the United Church. This book also offers insight into United Church worship, tradition, doctrine, and governance, while introducing readers to its legacy of social justice as a lived expression of faith. [Click here for full details and registration](#).

Elrose and Kyle/Lacadena Covenanting Service

The Covenanting service for Elrose, Kyle/Lacadena and Deborah Springer 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!

Journey into Indigenous Allyship Workshop, June 27, 7:00PM SK, hosted by Chinook Winds Regional Council. This four-part series with Indigenous knowledge keepers explores what it means to be a Treaty person and how to build your Indigenous ally toolkit. [Please click here for details and registration](#).

2. Into the future:

Guaranteed Livable Income petition: July 2 deadline

The United Church hosts a national Guaranteed Livable Income (GLI) network, which includes reps from our Regional Council. Many people ask what GLI could look like in practice; it stands in such contrast to current social assistance programs that it can be hard to imagine. Prince Edward Island has signalled its willingness to enter into a partnership with the federal government to begin such a program. We are invited by the GLI Network of the United Church to consider signing the petition. [Please click here for information](#).

NEW – SAVE THE DATE – UCW Annual Meeting

The Women's Network is planning to hold an in-person UCW Annual Meeting at Watrous United Church on **September 24, 2022**. More details will follow.

Fall planning- hold the date!

Intercultural Adventure Seminar 5: The Holy Spirit for Koreans in The United Church of Canada, October 17, 18 and 19, 2022, at the Edmonton Korean United Church. Financial support available. Bilingual Korean and English. All welcome! Please see the details in English and Korean here: <https://www.facebook.com/InterculturalAdventure>