

Regional Rambler

Living Skies Regional Council The United Church of Canada



June 8, 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.

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:

NEW - Reports for the Docket / Annual Report

A wide range of groups connected to the Living Skies Regional Council have submitted reports for the 2022 docket / Annual Report. Most sections have now been posted to the Regional Gathering page (button on the home page) on our website <https://livingskiesrc.ca/>. If you have a chance, please have a look at them before the Regional Council Tea Party on Thursday evening.

Regional Council Tea Party

All are invited to a Regional Council check-in on **Thursday, 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.

Humour and history, story and song

On **June 11**, Saskatoon: Grace-Westminster United Church will present historical walking tours to mark the 140th 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.

LAST CALL - Video invitation to Affirming ministries: Let's create together!

Rev Laura Fohse at McClure United, Saskatoon, Treaty Six, writes, "I would love for all of the Affirming Ministries across Canada to send me a short and simple video clip! I will use these clips to create a montage of Affirming Ministries sharing their love. **"I need all videos by end of day on Sunday, June 12th."** [Please click here for the full invitation and instructions](#). This project celebrates Pride Month.

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".

NEW - Journey into Indigenous Allyship Workshop

June 13-27, 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.](#)

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](#).

NEW - 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.

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.

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](#).

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 - 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>

NEW - 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

NEW - 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!

NEW - Regina Post-Secondary Students

Are you, or someone you know, going to a post-secondary educational facility in Regina this fall? Wesley United Church, located two blocks from the U of R campus, is offering to pastorally support you while you are attending school. For details, [please see their invitation](#). If you are interested, they would like to hear from you by the **end of June**.

2. Into the future:

NEW - 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>