

# Regional Rambler

## Living Skies Regional Council The United Church of Canada



### November 23, 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)).

In this **EVENTS** edition of the Rambler, events are listed in order of occurrence or registration deadline. **Dates of the event or registration deadline** are highlighted in green for easy identification. Events included for the first time will have **NEW:** beside the title of the event. And, it's hoped **Into the future** items will help facilitate your long-term planning.

*Our local events calendar* for United Church ministries is coming back to life! [Click here to view it.](#) And [click here to submit your event.](#) Have a street address and a nice landscape-oriented photo ready.

**United In Learning:** the latest events from the church's national online education and reflection program [are listed here.](#)

### 1. This month:

**"Advent: Roadmaps of Grace"** ... a *Contemplative Gathering* co-sponsored by St. Andrew's College and the Living Skies Regional Council. Join us at either **10am or 2pm on Friday November 25** for this hour-long contemplative pause in the midst of the inevitable busyness. [Registration is here.](#) For more information, please be in touch with Dr. Bernon Lee at [bernon.lee@saskatoontheologicalunion.ca](mailto:bernon.lee@saskatoontheologicalunion.ca)

#### **Advent Unwrapped begins, November 25.**

This national program brings together people and resources from across Canada and around the world for our Advent journey. Sign up for the [Advent Unwrapped Newsletter](#) here.

#### **North Battleford Covenanting service**

Third Avenue United Church in North Battleford has set **Sunday Nov. 27 at 10:30am** for their covenanting service with Rev. Jo-Ann Hills and Living Skies Regional Council. The live stream link can be found on the North Battleford: Third Avenue Church's website.

#### **NEW: Rural Ministries Town Hall, November 28, 2022, 2:30pm - 3:30pm Central**

This is an open forum for Rural Ministries within the UCC to discuss the challenges and joys of rural ministry. Attendees will have the opportunity to develop relationships and receive support from one another. You will have the opportunity for small group discussion and brainstorming. Hosted by the EDGE Network, welcoming feedback and ideas of potential future supports for rural ministries. [Register here for this meeting.](#)

#### **NEW: Giving Tuesday, November 29, Mission and Service.**

After the headlines fade, the emergency remains. You can help. This year, Giving Tuesday gifts will support the United Church's vital [emergency response work.](#) Your gift will help provide critical support like food, water, shelter, personal care, rebuilding efforts, and trauma counselling.

Your gifts will be put to work as soon as they are needed in the areas where they are needed most. And your support will be there to help rebuild long after the headlines fade. Every gift counts. [Make a life-saving gift](#) this Giving Tuesday. [Read more here.](#)

**Wicihtowin Indigenous Engagement Conference: *Bearing Witness*, 28-29 November, Saskatoon.** Space is filling up fast! [Click here for information](#) and consider sending a small team from your community of faith.

**Jesus and the Marginalized: Jesus Christ for Koreans in The United Church of Canada author conversation, November 29, 1:30PM Central Standard.** Hosted by the Western Intercultural Ministries

Network, a 90-minute workshop and followed by a brief annual meeting for this grassroots network of intercultural ministry that covers Western Canada. All welcome! *Jesus and the Marginalized: Jesus Christ for Koreans in The United Church of Canada*, co-authored by Rev. Dr. Ohwang Kwon, and Dr. Don Schweitzer, explores the meaning of Jesus for Koreans in the United Church of Canada, and in the Canadian context. [Please click here for full details.](#)

**Updated:** Worship resources for upcoming Sundays and special themes:

[All resources](#)

[First of Advent, Nov 27 \(how did that happen so fast?\)](#)

[World AIDs Day, 1 December](#)

[International Day of People with Disabilities, 3 December](#)

[National Day of Action and Remembrance on Violence Against Women, 6 Dec](#)

## **2. Next Month:**

**CCS Friday's are back!**

*Coming up on CCS Fridays:* **December 2, 2022 at Noon** Lambeth Learnings--what are the important Lambeth Learnings that could inform inter-church and ecumenical relations? It's free to attend, you just need to register for a zoom link. To register, [head here](#) .

## **3. Into the future:**

**Get Support to Create your Stewardship Campaign!**

If your congregation hasn't undertaken a stewardship campaign in a while, consider registering for a 2-week learning module on creating a congregational giving program with *Called to be the Church: The Journey*. There are 2 opportunities to participate in the program coming up in **January 2023**, dates TBA. [Learn more here.](#)

**NEW: Stewardship Best Practices workshops, Friday January 13, 27 & February 10; 1:30pm Central.**

Stewardship Best Practices is a module of *Called to be the Church: The Journey* designed for camps, chaplaincies and community ministries. It is adapted from a program for congregations. There will be hands-on work and active participation during each session and also a little homework. Throughout our time together you will start to create your fund development plan for 2023.

[Click here for details](#) about this opportunity for your community of faith!

Questions? Ready to sign up? I'd love to hear from you. [vnelson@united-church.ca](mailto:vnelson@united-church.ca).