Regional Rambler

Living Skies Regional Council The United Church of Canada

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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 at bdiebert@united-church.ca.

<u>Church office workers, please feel free to use these announcements</u> in your church bulletins or newsletters.

In this **NEWS edition** of the Rambler, new and time-sensitive items are listed near the top of each section. Items included for the first time will have **NEW**: beside the title of the event. **Dates** are highlighted in green for easy identification.

1. Living Skies Regional Council News

NEW: Second of a three-part series from Jordan Cantwell, the Prairie Growth Animator Check out Jordan's <u>Ideas for Summer Family Ministry #2</u>

NEW: Family Faith Every Day: opportunity for churches to engage with parents of young (0-3) children https://chalicepress.com/pages/family-faith-every-day A \$15,000 grant is available for communities of faith to participate in a 3 year project to develop a group for caregivers of babies and toddlers, with a focus on equipping families to share their faith in the home. The application is available at the link above and the deadline is Friday, July 5. If you are interested in applying or have questions, please be in touch with our YAYAC Minister, Rev. Lindsay Mohn, at livingskiesyaya@united-church.ca.

NEW: Rethink Children and Youth Ministry: An Online Summit

https://convergencecolab.org/p/rethink-children-and-youth-ministry

Are there kids and youth in your church? Do you wish there WERE kids and youth in your church but don't really know how to make it happen in this time and context? Contact our YAYAC Minister Rev. Lindsay Mohn at livingskiesyaya@united-church.ca for access to this amazing conference. The event has already happened, but Living Skies Region has purchased lifetime access to the videos as a resource for all of our communities of faith. They are all approximately 30 minutes long, and Lindsay has a top 5 list of the Must Watch videos from the week!

NEW: June is Indigenous History Month and Pride month.

Let's stretch ourselves and our communities of faith to participate in local Indigenous, Two Spirit, and LGBTQIA-led events and learning spaces. Use your church signage or lawn to show your support; check out the many excellent books and movies both communities offer; and support your local library, school, community groups, and more in addressing the continued realities of anti-Indigenous racism, transphobia, and homophobia in our communities and country.

NEW: Pride Month event and resources

There is a lot going on - click here for all our resources and invitations!

The theme for this month's 100th anniversary national newsletter is *Love is Louder*, in honour of Pride Month. <u>Click here to view or download it</u>. **Wednesday June 19**, join the Prairie to Pine Equity and Diversity Committee for a debrief and planning community conversation on Pride plans through June and the summer. <u>Click here for the full details and a shareable invitation</u>. (Note the time zone!).

As many of you know, public, intentional, and explicit support of Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ people and their loves ones can attract negative attention. Our <u>Pride safety resource</u> has some tips for building and online security, and encouragement for committing to our public, intentional, and explicit support for Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ people.

Three public events for our upcoming Regional meeting

Our Regional meeting is almost here; here are three fully public events to which you're invited in person or by livestream. <u>Click here for details</u>, and to access Powerpoint slides to share with your ministry.

NEW: Information for the 2024 Regional Meeting / Welcome Package was emailed to all registered participants yesterday. Please check you junk folders.

NEW: Service of Praise Bulletin

The same bulletin that will be used in Saskatoon for the Service of Praise, has been posted on the Regional Meeting page for communities of faith joining online to use. Here is the link.

2. Wider Church Information:

Summer Camp in Saskatchewan!

Spring is here and with it the excitement amongst campers, volunteers, and staff at our amazing UCC Camps! Lumsden Beach Camp (near Regina Beach): Registration is open! Hiring for Head Cook, assistant cook and maintenance. https://www.lumsdenbeachcamp.com/

Camp Shagabec (Cypress Hills): Registration is open! Applications for Volunteers are open.

https://shagabec.com/ Camp Tapawingo (Candle Lake): Registration is open!

http://www.camptapawingo.net/ Camp Christopher (https://www.campchristopher.ca/):

Registration is open! Camp Woodboia (https://www.facebook.com/p/Camp-Woodboia-100070296482386/) Registration is open! They are also looking for Leaders-In-Training (under 16) and Cabin Leaders (age 16+)

3. Upcoming Opportunities:

Please check out our CoF calendar for upcoming local events on the LSRC website. Watch for other upcoming events to be added. Our Community of Faith events calendar is open 24/7 for online events! As long as the public is invited, you can post it. From workshops to worship, go for it. Here's the handy form. Be sure to submit your events, so folks don't miss events in their own 'backyard'.

Queen's House Retreat and Renewal Centre welcomes you! Their ecumenical programming combines in-person and online events using Zoom. Please visit their webpage for a list of all upcoming programs and to register for all programs: https://www.queenshouse.org/programs/
See here for an updated on the future of Queen's House sale.