

Regional Rambler

Living Skies Regional Council
The United Church of Canada



June 19, 2024 – 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 at bdiebert@united-church.ca*

In this **EVENTS** edition of the Rambler, events are listed in order of occurrence. **Date/s of the event** are highlighted in green for easy identification. **Registration deadlines** are highlighted in dark orange. Events included for the first time will have **NEW:** beside the title of the event. And, it's hoped the [Into the Future](#) will help facilitate your long-term planning.

Check out the Community of Faith Calendar (on the Living Skies Regional Council website - 3rd option down under News & Events). [Click here to view it](#). Don't miss the many fun and interesting upcoming seasonal events. **Communities of Faith**, *be sure to **submit your events*** to the calendar (use the form, 4th option down under News & Events), so folks don't miss the festivities.

[Click here for the latest United in Learning](#) online conversation and learning offerings on the church's online education and training space. The United Church's Edge Network also offers online courses related to Change and innovation. [See their courses here](#).

NEW: A word of caution for Regional Gathering participants

We regret to inform you that a number of people who were present at the gathering have tested positive for COVID-19. We are aware that the virus continues to be present in our communities, and continues to pose a risk for many, especially those who have compromised immunity. We share this news with you to encourage you to monitor yourself for symptoms and take any precautions that might be necessary should you experience them.

1. This month:

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. [Click here to view or download it](#). **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. [Click here for the full details and a shareable invitation](#). (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 [Pride safety resource](#) 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.

June is Indigenous History Month.

There are gatherings of all kinds throughout the month, especially on **Friday June 21, National Indigenous Peoples' Day**. Most are in person but some are online (keep reading for information about one.) Please look for local opportunities and online learning spaces; use your church's signage and lawn to express your support for this significant day and month. Please invite a speaker if you can, show a film (school and public libraries have many), make time to honour this month.

Updated: Ministry Personnel Gatherings - Tuesdays at 1pm

Ministry Personnel are warmly invited to join colleagues over the summer for unstructured collegial support. Please check the website calendar for [connection information](#).

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.

Nourish Your Mind and Nurture Your Spirit at Queen's House! For inquiries/additional information contact Sarah Donnelly, Programming Director: 306-242-1916 x226. If you are considering an event at Queen's House, please connect with Bookings Coordinator, Angela Brockmeyer. Angela can be reached at 306-242-1916 x230; bookings@queenshouse.org.

Save the date – Covenant Service

Eatonia-Mantario Pastoral Charge will be covenanting with **Rev. Peter Kugba-Nyande** and Living Skies Regional Council on **Sunday June 23, 2024 at 4:00 pm** with pot luck supper to follow. All are welcome to join this in-person only service.

NEW: Attention Church Finance Administrators:

As summer approaches, we are pleased to share the news of continued progress with the national insurance initiative. A webinar is being held on **June 26** for existing program participants, and notification has been sent to the contacts on record as administering local insurance (often trustees). In its first year, the program reported premium savings of \$2 million, and a streamlined process is now in place for underwriting new applicants. For this reason, we are alerting all congregations to the webinar on **Wednesday, June 26, 7:00–8:30 p.m. EDT** [Registration/access details](#) on CHURCHx. **Program summary and FAQs posted** on The United Church of Canada website: [UCC Protect United: Coverage Overview and FAQs \(2024\)](#) (In Downloads at bottom of page.) The webinar will be available as a recording afterwards on [our YouTube channel](#).

2. Next Month

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: Great News! The program for the [Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship 2024](#) is all set, our same great caterer is booked, the volunteers are lined up, registration is open and now we are simply hoping and praying that you will again bless us with your presence. **REGISTER NOW** to take advantage of our Early Bird Registration fee: \$325 prior **to July 31, 2024**

Stones Cry Out: Praying with the Land, Lutheran and Anglican National Worship Conference July 18-21, 2024, Regina.

Registration is now open! Visit our website at:

www.nationalworshipconference.org and follow us on Facebook [@nationalworshipconference](https://www.facebook.com/nationalworshipconference) for updates regarding the keynote speakers, workshops, and Friday evening hospitality options! The focus of the conference is to help us to think about, talk about, and pray about the ways in which we can transform our worship, in authentic ways - from language and image of empire and colonialism, to one which recognizes our rich multi-cultural and Indigenous heritage. Now is the time to register. [Please click here.](#)

3. Into the Future:

NEW: Season of Creation resources available now

The 2024 Season of Creation will take place from **September 1st to October 4th** with the theme “To hope and act with Creation”. This year, the **September 1st** celebration falls on a Sunday, providing a special opportunity to prepare prayer services in tune with this year's theme and symbol. We invite everyone to start planning your events and celebrations! Download the 2024 Celebration Guide at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/12M3weSD4D2mviCiI3Mxen3JQZ5Rrazz3/view> Further information about the Season of Creation is available at <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

A Spiritual Journey Rooted in Nature **Tuesday, September 24 (4:00 pm) – Thursday, September 26, 2024 (1:30 CST) (Option to stay an extra day for a time of complete solitude) **Qu’Appelle House of Prayer, Fort Qu’Appelle, Sk.****

In this retreat, we will be inspired by Richard Rohr’s contemplative practice to stop our busy lives and minds long enough to see everything in the natural world with humility and love. We will be invited to love what is right in front of us one step at a time, starting with a stone and then moving to the plant world, the world of creatures, and humanity itself. Once we see the divine fingerprint of beauty, truth, and goodness pulsing through all that is, we may have worked up to loving the divine in new and refreshing ways. For complete information, visit:

<https://www.freeflowwellness.ca/retreats> **Register by Sept 13**

SAVE THE DATE: UCC Office Admin Conference! **October 1-4, 2024**

Planning is underway for our next Office Administrator’s Conference at Home Inn & Suites in Saskatoon, SK. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to connect, learn and “fill our cup”. A registration package will be coming out in early April with more details, along with a letter for support to provide to your M&P Committees.

COSTS: Single accommodation: \$650 / Double accommodation: \$475 / No accommodation: \$300. For more information, contact Chantal Winslow at cwinslow@united-church.ca