

# Regional Rambler

Living Skies Regional Council  
The United Church of Canada



November 20, 2024 – Events

*“I don’t know who has done this. You did not tell me, and I heard about it only today.” Genesis 21:26*

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](mailto:bdiebert@united-church.ca)

In this **EVENTS** edition of the Rambler, events are listed in order of occurrence. For easy identification: **Date/s of the event** are highlighted in green; **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** section will help facilitate your long-term planning.

**Check out the Community of Faith Calendar** (on the Living Skies Regional Council website - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 4<sup>th</sup> option down under News & Events), so folks don’t miss the festivities.

## 1. This month:

**October-November** online workshops from **United in Learning** [are listed here](#). Lots to choose from: stewardship and anti-racism, support for treasurers and those who work with church tech, courses on challenging anti-Semitism and on fair wages for ministry personnel. Have a look! The **United Church’s Edge Network** also offers online courses related to change and innovation. [See their courses here](#).

**NEW: Trans Day of Remembrance national service of memory, Wednesday, 20 November, 6:00PM CST** online. Organized by Affirm United/ S’affirmer Ensemble, of which Living Skies is a member, and the Queer Interfaith Coalition. Come close Trans Awareness Week with a time of prayer, with the theme *Call You By Name*. [Please register here to receive the link](#).

### Called to be the Church the Journey: Fall Stewardship Courses

#### Stewardship Resource Kits

If you want to get started right away, consider downloading stewardship resource kits online. You can find links to 4 different themed [kits online here](#).

#### Next Getting Started in Stewardship Course is **November 20 at either 3 or 5:30pm (CST)**

Curious about how to revitalize stewardship in your community of faith? Register now for our next session of Getting Started in Stewardship. This 90-minute session is the foundational course to help your community of faith move away from the annual cycle of panicking about the budget, to an on-going, sustainable ministry of gratitude and generosity, which supports people in their lives of faith. You can participate as an individual or in a team. After the course, we’ll support you in taking the next steps. [Register here on CHURCHx](#).

If you have any questions, or want to discuss your community of faith’s context, reach out to stewardship support staff, Vicki Nelson – [vnelson@united-church.ca](mailto:vnelson@united-church.ca)

### Strengthening Invitation | United in Prayer

Each **Thursday at 11am Central / 10am Mountain** the Growth Department prays for and with communities of faith in our shared ministry of Strengthening Invitation. This event is hosted primarily in English. Let us know how we can pray for your community of faith.

Join us on Zoom and pray for others. Register to join us [here](#). Send your prayer request to [growth@united-church.ca](mailto:growth@united-church.ca) (you can send a request even if you're not attending)

**UC Rural Ministries Network workshop for LLWLs: Thursday November 21, 12:00 PM CST, Zoom**  
UCRMN is aware that many rural congregations are ministered to by Licensed Lay Worship Leaders. Each quarter UCRMN holds a free Zoom workshop that allows folks to come together and share their stories, struggles, successes and blessings. This time it's LLWL's turn to bring your experiences. [Please click here to register.](#)

**A Time for Awe - A Free Flow Wellness Zoom-Based Retreat Tuesdays, Nov 26 – Dec 17, 2024 (1:30-5 CST)** From our first breath to our last, experiences of awe create moments of connection to a vast mystery beyond ourselves, and inspire us to live our lives with greater unity and reverence. Leading up to Christmas, when we prepare to be awe struck by an incredible birthing story, we will explore the top four wonders of life that bring awe our way as identified by Dacher Keltner: moral beauty, collective movement, nature and music. For anyone interested, this theme will be further explored leading up to Easter with 4 other wonders of life that bring us awe. For full details visit: <https://www.freeflowwellness.ca/retreats> **Deadline: November 23**

### “Finding Our Way Into Advent Hope”

St. Andrew's College, in partnership with Living Skies Regional Council, invites you to our next **contemplative gathering**, to be held with the Saskatoon Theological Union Chapel community on **Tuesday November 26, at 11:40am Sask time**. Come spend 40 minutes or so in quiet contemplation, centered on the ancient practice of *lectio divina*. Join us via zoom, and be welcome! <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82963758924>

### Ministry Personnel Gatherings

Facilitated gatherings for all ministry personnel continue every **Tuesday at 1pm** on Zoom. Check the website calendar for [connection information](#) to join colleagues for conversation and support.

**NEW: 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism 2024: Final Public event, Tuesday, November 26 at 5:00PM MST, online at United in Learning:** *What Will We Sing When We Need to Sing a New Song?* with the Then Let Us Sing! Committee working on our new national music resource. Come out and learn about anti-racism commitments leading us into “a new song”. **40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism** comes to a close this month, and there are some great events coming up. [Click here for full information.](#)

### Youth Forum at General Council 45 **Application deadline is November 30.**

Youth Forum is an opportunity for young people ages 15-25 to participate in the education, decision-making, and community of General Council 45 of The United Church of Canada. Its aim is to ensure that young people have a voice in the denomination-shaping issues and decisions for the next three years in the life of the church. It is an opportunity to speak to issues that matter to young people, to share ideas, and to connect with peers and other members and leaders of the General Council. For more information and to apply: <https://livingskiesrc.ca/event/youth-forum-2025/>

## **2. Next month:**

**All you need to know about Faithful Footprints energy efficiency grants, December 6, online, 3:00PM CST.** The Faithful Footprints Prairie Hub wants to give you money! These events are for United Church ministries interested in lowering carbon emissions and investing in energy efficiency and green energy projects in their faith spaces. These events will provide detailed information on how to apply for the grant, eligibility criteria, and tips for a successful application. Don't miss out on this opportunity to take the first step towards creating a more sustainable future! [Click here for December 6 registration.](#)

## **3. Into the Future:**

### **Living Skies Youth Confirmation 2025**

Our YAYAC Team is currently making plans for our confirmation class that will be held as a one weekend retreat in **early 2025**. If you have youth grades 7-12 in your community of faith that might be interested in being confirmed, please let us know by emailing Rev. Lindsay Mohn at [livingskiesyaya@united-church.ca](mailto:livingskiesyaya@united-church.ca) as this will help us determine the location and timing of the event. We will also be looking for leaders and mentors for the class, so please prayerfully consider if you might be able to offer your time and presence!