

Regional Rambler

Living Skies Regional Council The United Church of Canada



October 1, 2025 – News

*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.*

**Church office workers, please feel free to use these announcements
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:

Updated: Equipping the Saints: Pastoral Care for patients and Families affected by Alzheimer's and Dementia - **Wednesday, October 15, 1:00-2:30pm on Zoom.**

Our guest speaker will be Nancy Styles. Nancy is a retired registered nurse with 24 years of experience caring for patients and families affected by a variety of forms of dementia. She is a Licensed Lay Worship Leader with the United Church offering regular ministry at Stoughton, New Hope Nursing Home and Ceylon and occasionally at Yellow Grass, Minton and Creelman. She provides music at Parkway Nursing Home monthly. To register, please email Bev Diebert (bdiebert@united-church.ca). We hope that you will join with Living Skies, our Hospital Chaplains, and with Nancy for this time of learning and discussion.

Save the dates – November 4 and 6, 2025 evenings for Living Skies General Meeting

Watch this fall for more information about the LSRC Learning Session and Online General Meeting. For now, please save these dates.

An invitation from the Nominations Committee

This week the Nominations Committee is highlighting the Nominations Committee. Last year's committee created this video: <https://youtu.be/a0ia5T3Ur9Q?feature=shared>. We will also be asking the Growth Department to pray for our Nominations Committee during their prayer meeting tomorrow at 10am our time. You are welcome to join. Register to join the prayer / support session [here](#) For more information about the Nominations Committee, their work and vacancies, [see their webpage](#). Please contact Bev Diebert (Admin Support Staff) at bdiebert@united-church.ca / 639-396-0200 if you have questions.

2. Wider Church Information:

Job Posting for the First Third Animator for Northern Spirit

Northern Spirit Regional Council is seeking an individual to fill the role of First Third Ministry Animator on a Permanent Part-time basis (17.5 hours per week). For further information about this position, [see here](#). Closing date for applications: **Monday, October 6, 2025.**

World Food Day (October 16) resources from the Canadian Foodgrains Bank

This year, CFGB invites churches, groups and individuals to mark World Food Day with a variety of thoughtful resources that can be incorporated into church services, small group gatherings, or personal reflection. Drawing from the story of Gladys in our new film called [A Legacy Taking Root](#), which will be released this fall, our resources invite you to pray, learn, advocate, and give. Our collection of worship resources on our [World Food Day website – Until All Are Fed](#) includes calls to worship, prayers, videos, scripture readings, group discussion guides, sermon starters, and diverse activities for children. You can also find a [postcard action for food security here](#).

Seeds of Hope Grant Applications Now Open!

The Foundation's Fall 2025 *Seeds of Hope* granting cycle is now accepting applications! The Seeds of Hope granting program supports innovative, unique projects which enable us to live out the New Creed's call to seek justice, live with respect in Creation, and love and serve others.

Deadline: Applications must be submitted by 11:55 p.m. on October 15, 2025

Apply today: <https://unitedchurchfoundation.ca/grants/seeds-of-hope/>

100 Tables local projects continues!

The United Church of Canada's [100 Tables](#) project really took off this summer. As of August 22, there are [109 communities of faith registered as hosts of a table](#) in their town or city. Part of our 100th anniversary celebrations, this an initiative that turns ordinary picnic tables into extraordinary places of welcome, and part of our campaign to create [A Place at the Table](#) for all to join. Rooted in justice, compassion, and radical belonging, 100 Tables invites communities to create tables that reflect local priorities, whether those are food security, care for creation, 2S and LGBTQIA+ inclusion, or reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples. Consider what your community can offer!

Updated: Short reminders of our history for this Centennial year continue

Here is one of Gayle's very short stories about United Church history. Many thanks to Gayle, who offers us these 100-word history vignettes for use in your own community! **Please remember to credit!** For our twenty-second vignette, she writes:

NEW: Though Newfoundland and Labrador didn't become a province until 1949, the Methodist and Presbyterian churches there became part of the United Church of Canada in 1925. The churches there now make up the First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council. Gower Street United Church in St. John's, which dates back to 1815, is considered the oldest United Church in the region. Along with the nearby properties of the Anglican, Catholic, and Presbyterian churches clustered in downtown St. John's, the church is included in Canada's designation of the area as the Ecclesiastical District National Historic Site. The designation recognizes the churches' contributions to the "spiritual, educational, charitable and political fabric of society."

3. Upcoming Opportunities:**Community of Faith Calendar**

Please check out our CoF calendar for upcoming local events. 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'.

"Francis and the Web of Creation" ...

St. Andrew's College (in partnership with leaders from the Living Skies Regional Council, Northern Spirit Regional Council, and GreenSpirit Chaplaincy) invites you to our next contemplative gathering, to be held on **Friday October 3, at 10am Sask time**. Come spend 40 minutes or so in

quiet contemplation, centered on the ancient practice of *lectio divina*. Join us [via zoom right here](#). *All are welcome ... and invite a friend!*

Come Let Us Sing – A 100th Anniversary Concert

Join us on **October 5 at 2:30pm at Grace-Westminster United Church** (505 – 10th St. E., Saskatoon) for a wonderful afternoon of United Church music while supporting local outreach ministries. The concert will feature United Church musicians from across Saskatoon. Admission is by donation. For more details, [see the Living Skies calendar entry](#)

Getting Started in Stewardship - Monday, Oct. 6 at 2pm OR 4:30pm Mountain (3pm or 5:30

Central) Learning why stewardship is not fundraising, why people are compelled to give, and how doing stewardship work is an essential part of discipleship building. This 90 minute session is great for people new to stewardship, or for folks who haven't engaged in it for a while. Register here - <https://churchx.ca/local/shop/product.php?id=301>

4. Reminders:

Weekly Events:

- ***Online Bible study - Wednesdays at 1 pm (SK time)** Contact jcantwell@united-church.ca for more information. Click here to join: <https://bit.ly/41Vh93V> *New participants always welcome!*
- ***Strengthening Invitation** - the Growth Department prays for and with communities of faith each **Thursday at 11a-m Central / 10am Mountain** Register to join us [here](#) . Send your prayer request to growth@united-church.ca (you can send a request even if you're not attending)
- ***Ministry Personnel Gatherings - Tuesdays at 1:00pm on Zoom**. Connection info is in the calendar.

Bible Woolies – a United Church based children's app

Have you heard about Bible Woolies yet? Bible Woolies is an awesome app created for kids by a United Church minister - it's a way to connect kids to Bible stories, church, music, and all kinds of fun, all wrapped up with a reminder that they are loved. The best part? You don't have to edit for content! It's all United Church theology and values.

Check out the free app on the website <https://biblewoolies.ca/> - for your kids, grandkids, church kids, anyone who loves to learn and play games. Print off the QR code and post it on your church wall or pass it out to families who might be looking for faith-based content for their kids!

Pastoral Relations Ponderings - [Pastoral Relations Pondering Vol 63](#). Updates from the Pastoral Relations desk.

Spirit River Community, an outgrowth of Queen's House.

Sarah Donnelly has created a new 'retreat centre without walls', called "Spirit River Community". To learn more and to see what programs are being offered, see www.spiritrivercommunity.org

"Hear this, all you peoples; listen, all who live in this world, both low and high, rich and poor alike"
Psalms 49:1-2