

Regional Rambler

Living Skies Regional Council
The United Church of Canada



October 22, 2025 – 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 (mostly) 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.

United in Learning - Find what's new in the [latest newsletter from the national church's online education, action and community program](#). Upcoming opportunities include a cross-country check up, and much more. **E-ssentials** - Please also see the [very handy latest national newsletter](#), which goes over highlights for national work. The **United Church's Edge Network** also offers online courses related to change and innovation. [See their courses here](#).

Updated - **Check out the Community of Faith Calendar** (on the Living Skies Regional Council website - 3rd option under News & Events). **Be sure to browse** the list for fun and interesting upcoming events. [Click here to view it](#). **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.

This Week's Events:

- ***Online Bible study - every Wednesday 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 each **Thursday at 11am Central / 10am Mountain** Register to join [here](#) . Send your prayer request to growth@united-church.ca (you can send a request even if you're not attending)
- ***Eyewitness Report on Gaza, Oct. 22, 7:00pm CST, Knox Met United Church in Regina and by livestream.** Join us to hear the firsthand experiences of **Dr. Deirdre Nunan**, a Saskatchewan-trained orthopaedic surgeon who has spent much of the past decade working in international humanitarian contexts. She has spent nearly two years working in Gaza, including on three occasions during the past year. She recently returned from working at Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis, Gaza. Admission is free. No registration required. For livestream info, please contact Valerie Zink, valeriezink@gmail.com. *This event is sponsored by Doctors Against Genocide, Palestine Solidarity Regina, Amnesty International Saskatchewan, Regina Peace Council, Regina Public Interest Research Group, Students for Justice in Palestine, Faculty for Palestine, and Regina Making Peace Vigil.*
- ***How did we get from the Bible to a genocide in Gaza?, with Dr. Dan Epp-Tiessen, Wednesday evenings, October 22, 29, and November 5 at 7 p.m. (CST).** This popular three-part webinar series returns on Zoom, free of charge. **Oct. 22:** How the Bible helped generate Israel's settler-colonialism and the dispossession of Palestinians. **Oct. 29:** How Christian antisemitism,

inspired by the New Testament, led to the creation of the state of Israel and the oppression of Palestinians. **Nov. 5:** How Christian Zionist readings of the Bible have enabled the genocide in Gaza. [Register here](#). **The Zoom links will be sent to registrants closer to the dates.**

***Voices of the Land: Indigenous perspectives on Climate Justice – Oct. 23, 2025, 7:00-8:30 p.m. ET**

Join three internationally respected Indigenous leaders in a transformative webinar on Indigenous Spiritualities, Land Rights, and Climate Justice. This isn't just a discussion; it's a call to action. **Why Attend?** *Hear how Indigenous communities across the globe are leading the way in climate justice. *Reflect theologically on land and Creation through Indigenous lenses. *Deepen your understanding of decolonization and what it means to Indigenous peoples. *Be inspired to advocate for Indigenous rights and climate action.

Lori Ransom of the World Council of Churches will moderate the webinar. All speakers contributed to the WCC's report: *Indigenous Spiritualities, Land Rights and Climate Justice*. To find out more and register, visit [CHURCHx](#).

Fall YAYAC Retreat: We're going on a road trip to Manitoba!

This year, join Living Skies YAYAC (Youth & Young Adult Community) as we hit the road to Viridin, Manitoba for an incredible weekend with the Prairie to Pine YAYA crew on **October 24-26**. This retreat is open to grades 7-12 and there will be a few carloads going over from various parts of the province. We can't wait for you to join us! For more information [click here](#) or contact Rev. Lindsay Mohn at livingskiesyaya@united-church.ca

Reminder: Ministry Personnel Prayer Gathering – a time to connect

All ministry personnel – *active, retired, honorary associates, and candidates in appointment*, are warmly invite to a once a month, one hour online gathering on the **4th Tuesday of each month (October 28)**. For details of what to bring and link information, [please see the calendar announcement](#). This is a simple space to pause, breathe, and remember we are not alone in ministry. Come for prayer, community and the gift of communion shared across our regions.

This month:

NEW: Clergy Appreciation Month: Final weeks – don't miss out!!

What are some of the things you appreciate about your minister? Their care? Their insight? Their humour? Their presence? **October** is the month to offer words of gratitude for all that they bring. If you are part of a community of faith without a minister, maybe there is someone from the past you appreciate? Contact Tracy Murton at tmurton@united-church.ca for contact information so you can drop them a note. A word of kindness can make such a difference in someone's day.

Engagement on Anti-Racism 2025 - now until - November 26, 2025, 6:00 p.m. ET

Please join us for this popular annual series! Weekly Wednesday events are opportunities to delve deeply into anti-racism work. A season with new content launches this October!

This year's series will feature: **Live events** with dynamic speakers each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time. (7 Live Events); **Videos for each week**, accompanied by faith reflections and action items. A **downloadable folder of materials** for leaders to run an anti-racism program.

Please sign up for the [Anti-Racism newsletter](#) to continue to stay up to date! To learn more about the live events schedule and to register, visit [CHURCHx](#).

United Church's 100th Anniversary:

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

As we enter the month of The United Church of Canada's 100th Anniversary, here is another one of Gayle Simonson'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-fifth vignette, she writes:

NEW: In 1915, to encourage girls to get involved outside the home and to develop leadership skills, Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian churches and the YWCA collaborated to develop a program called Canadian Girls in Training (CGIT) for girls aged 12-17. Participation grew quickly and the YWCA withdrew after five years to allow the churches to continue on their own. Many women have fond memories of their CGT summer camping. CGIT was important to many prominent Canadian women, including politician Flora MacDonald, labour leader Shirley Carr, actress Dinah Christie and Dr. Helen Huston. Though numbers have dropped, the United, Presbyterian and Baptist churches still support about 150 groups across the country.

Next month:

Walking the Long Path: How to Build Peace Sustainably, a Saskatchewan Peace Conference

Saturday, November 1, 9:00 am to 3:45 pm at First Mennonite Church, 418 Queen St, Saskatoon

If you are working to make your community better, you are a peacebuilder! We invite you to a one-day peace conference exploring what it means to be grounded in hope amidst turbulent times.

Together, we will reflect, learn, and practise the skills needed to continue the work of peacebuilding within ourselves, with our neighbours, and in our broader world. To learn more or register, visit <https://mennonitecentralcommittee.cmail20.com/t/i-i-zlyhild-l-r/> MCCS's Facebook link for the conference is [here](#). *Join us to be inspired, challenged, and equipped to keep walking the long path of peace. We look forward to seeing you there!*

Save the date – November 6, 2025 evening for Living Skies General Meeting

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

Northern Saskatchewan Hospital Chaplaincy News - Saskatoon Cluster Meeting

Expanding Pastoral Care in Our Communities of Faith, a time of sharing and discussion with the Northern Saskatchewan Hospital Chaplaincy. All are welcome to join this in-person gathering at **St. Martin's United Church** (2617 Clarence Ave., Saskatoon) on **November 13th from 1pm - 3pm**, to encourage and equip lay pastoral care within our churches.

Updated – Covenanting Service

Fall is the season of new beginnings! Join the covenanting service between **Hyerim Park** and **Westminster** United Church in **Humboldt** on **November 16 at 2:00pm**. Guest worship leader will be Rev. Laura Fohse, with a potluck lunch and fellowship after the service. The service will be live-streamed. Stay tuned for other upcoming services in Living Skies.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION RETREAT 2025 Save the Date - **November 21-23** in Biggar SK.

Grades 7-12 are invited to go through the confirmation class together with other youth from around the region, and will then return to their home communities of faith to be confirmed. More information and the registration form are available on [the Living Skies website](#).

Into the Future:

Save the Date for *Collective* - a national youth event in Summer 2026

Start thinking about youth connected to your community of faith that might be interested in joining a group from Saskatchewan to travel together! For more information: <https://united-church.ca/events/collective-2026-embrace-impact>

Spirit River Community

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.spiritriverrivercommunity.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