

# 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](mailto: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. And, **deadlines** are highlighted in dark orange;

## **1. Living Skies Regional Council News:**

**Pastoral Relations Ponderings** - [Pastoral Relations Pondering Vol 71](#). Updates from the Pastoral Relations desk.

### **Updated: Living Skies Region is Hiring for the Summer! - 1 position left!**

We are excited to be hiring for three summer positions funded by the Canada Summer Jobs program. Two positions have been filled, but we are still searching for one more successful candidate between the ages of 15-30 and legally eligible to work in Canada to start **July 1**. [See here for more information](#). Applications will be accepted until **Friday June 12, 2026, at 11:59 pm**.

### **Camp Tapawingo Women's Camp**

Camp Tapawingo is pleased to be hosting the Women's Camp on **June 12 to 13, 2026**. Please see page 4 for details in the [May Sask UCC Women's newsletter](#) about the camp. To register, see the [Camp Tapawingo website](#). Moneys from the silent auction will go to the camp.

### **Updated: Welcome to new Affirming ministries!**

Pride Month is a busy season for welcoming new ministries to the family officially - in practice, these fine communities have been Affirming for a long time. Let's celebrate these ministries in our Prairie and North regions:

[Charleswood United Church](#) in Winnipeg celebrates **Sunday, June 14 at 10:00AM**, followed by a BBQ. Everyone is invited!

[St Paul's United Church](#) in **Oxbow**, will celebrate becoming an Affirming ministry **following their worship service on June 14th**. And, they will wrap with serving PIE!

### **Save the date!!**

'Tis the season to celebrate new beginnings! Please join the following covenanting service celebrations:

\***Lakeview United Church and Yellow Grass United Lutheran Partnership** (service in Regina), with **Wanda Walter – June 14, 1:30pm;**

\* **St. Andrew's United Church (Eston), with Ryan Sawchuk – June 28, 10:30am.**

### Praying for Community

As you begin your summer plans, hold space for **Strasbourg United Church** as they gather to worship together for the last time on **June 14 at 2pm** in the **Strasbourg Memorial Hall basement**. May many faith-filled memories fill the gathering. All are welcome as they bid farewell to their minister and their community of faith.

### Gather Round Curriculum for Day Camp or VBS

Our friends at First Third Ministry have created a gorgeous camping curriculum for 2026 and have generously offered it for free to any United Church ministries that can use it! It is designed for use in a variety of settings including summer camps, day camps, Vacation Bible School, or any event throughout the year that involves kids and faith formation. Check it out here <https://firstthirdcampingcurriculum.ca/> and let Lindsay know if you're going to use it (and if we can support in any way) at [livingskiesyaya@united-church.ca](mailto:livingskiesyaya@united-church.ca)

### Inventions of Summer – a summer worship gift from your Regional Council.

A simple, creative, theologically rich companion for a Summer Sabbath or Worship Series from **Prayer Bench**, the folks that shared Advent resources with us last fall. *Inventions of Summer* is a four-week, ready-to-use Summer Sabbath booklet and worship series inviting you to enrich your summer through simple reflections on sunflowers, string beans, mosquitoes, and fireflies. Designed for flexible use as a creative summer workshop series. This series is offered as a gift to leaders and communities of faith through a Regional License **purchased by Living Skies Regional Council**. Here is the [Access Link to access the materials](#). When you sign up, you will receive access to the booklet, the worship notes and additional resources.

## 2. Wider Church Information:

**NEW: This week's E-ssentials** – See [this week's national newsletter](#) this week's national newsletter, which offers 'essentials' from The United Church of Canada and highlights national work.

### **NEW: Do you like a deal? Do you like free? Last Chance TODAY!**

Check out [The Bequests and Estate Giving](#) course from our Stewardship department's course catalogue of *Called to be the Church: The Journey*. **Today its free** as part of the United Church Foundation's centennial program. You can download the self-directed course and use it as you're able – want to wait until the summer months? That's fine – just download it now! Contact Rev. Sarah Giles for more information, phone: 1-249-480-0393 or email: [sgiles@united-church.ca](mailto:sgiles@united-church.ca)

**Happy Pride: A Message of Apology, Healing & Radical Belonging video from the Moderator-early launch to help your worship planning** In 2025, The United Church of Canada offered an apology to 2S and LGBTQIA+ people and communities—naming the real harm caused through words, actions, silence, and systems that failed to protect and affirm God's beloved people. This message reflects on that apology—not as an ending, but as a beginning. A threshold into deeper healing, accountability, and transformation. [Please use this link to see how to use the video, and when.](#)

### **100 Tables Returns Nationwide**

As spring blooms and our centennial year draws to a close, we are excited to once again invite all United Church communities of faith to take part in 100 Tables!

New ideas for projects and favourites from last year are welcome, and we highly encourage both communities who participated in 2025 and those who couldn't make it to join in the fun. Communities who haven't yet received a \$225 RONA gift card to purchase their picnic table are still eligible to do so. Participants from last year will receive more information in the coming weeks. [Please read more here!](#)

### Take action for Guaranteed Livable Income

Everyone deserves to live with dignity. Across the country, people are struggling to afford basic necessities. That's why the United Church is calling on the federal government to create a Guaranteed Livable Income program. It's a practical, compassionate solution that would help ensure no one is left behind. By providing a consistent income floor, it can reduce poverty, improve health outcomes, and give people the stability they need to thrive.

You can help make this change happen. We've made it easy to contact the Senate Committee who is reviewing Bill S-206 for the creation of a Guaranteed Livable Income. Add your voice today with just a few clicks: <https://united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/create-guaranteed-livable-income-program>.

*Together, our voices can help build a more just and compassionate Canada.*

## 3. Upcoming Opportunities:

### Community of Faith Calendar

Please check out our CoF calendar for upcoming local events. 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!!**

**NEW:** As the church and the communities we serve prepare for **National Indigenous History Month and Pride Month in June**, here are some events to help us think through how we can connect with these communities:

### Living into Radical Welcome: Rainbow Refugee Sponsorship

**June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 1:00 – 2:30 pm CDT, 12:00-1:30 pm MDT/ CST.**

In recognition of the annual World Refugee Day, this interactive webinar invites communities of faith, refugee sponsorship groups, and justice-seeking individuals to explore how sponsorship can become a meaningful expression of radical welcome, solidarity, and faithful discipleship.

Around the world, many LGBTQIA+ individuals continue to face persecution, criminalization, displacement, and violence because of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. Faith communities across Canada have a unique opportunity to respond with compassion, accompaniment, and concrete action through **rainbow refugee sponsorship**.

Whether your congregation is already sponsoring refugees, offering support programs, or just exploring how to get started, this webinar will provide practical guidance, real-life insights, and opportunities to connect. [Please see all details here](#).

### **NEW: Indigenous Day of Prayer, Sunday June 21: resources available**

This year, Indigenous Peoples' Day and the [Indigenous Day of Prayer](#) coincide. This is an important opportunity to dedicate your Sunday worship to honouring the past, present and future of Indigenous Nations in your area, and in our church. We offer gratitude to the elders' council and Indigenous Ministries and Justice for giving us all words to share in worship. [All resources are posted here](#). Our Anglican kin have also [shared multilingual resources](#).

As always for this day, and this entire month and indeed year-round, please support all local invitations and spaces generously shared by local Nations. Show up! Express support online and through your church signage for the relationships that we are blessed with, and stand up publicly to any expressions of racism and stereotyping. May the Apology, our TRC commitments, and above all, our Creator, be our guide towards truth and reconcili-action.

### **Advance notice: 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of Treaty Six, 20 - 23 August, Fort Carlton**

This August, we begin a series of commemorations marking 150 years of Treaty Six, which covers a significant part of our Regional Council, and like all treaties, holds all of us in relationship to this

day. When plans are ready, they will be posted to the [Treaty Six 150 site](#), and in the meantime, you can RSVP and have a look at your schedule. Here's some [more background](#).

### **Running out of time** - "Seeking the Extra in Ordinary July 27 – 31

Join pilgrimage guides Carolyn & Blaine Woodall and GreenSpirit Chaplain Shawn Sanford Beck, in partnership with the Oliver & Gruchy Learning Centre at St. Andrew's College, for a five-day spiritual exploration of Saskatoon, its beautiful river, and its surrounding lands.

Space is limited to nine pilgrims, who are also eligible to earn a Certificate in Spiritual Exploration through St. Andrew's College if so desired. **Registration deadline is June 19**, so sign up soon!

[See here for more information](#), or to register, please contact Rev. Carolyn Woodall at [carolynsparingwoodall@gmail.com](mailto:carolynsparingwoodall@gmail.com) or 780-385-5124 (text is a great way to connect).

### **Collective 2026 – a national youth event – August 12 – 15, 2026**

[Collective 2026 registration is now open!!](#) The Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC) and The United Church of Canada (UCCan) are coming together once again to offer inspiring workshops, meaningful worship, and plenty of recreation for Christian youth across Canada. Whether you're a youth participant, young adult, or youth leader, we can't wait to share what's in store for Collective 2026. **Learn more and get ready at [Collective-Gathering.ca](#).**

### **SAVE THE DATE: UCC Office Admin Conference! October 5 - 9, 2026**

The next Office Administrators Conference, open to all United Church of Canada Office Administrators, will take place at St. Martin's United Church in Saskatoon from **Monday, October 5 to Friday, October 9, 2026**. Thanks to the generous support of several Regional Councils, the cost of attending has been partially subsidized. **Costs** (per person) are: \$325 (no accommodation); \$525 (shared accommodation) and \$750 (private accommodation). **Registration deadline is August 1, 2026**. A [basic agenda](#) and [a letter of invitation](#) contain more details.

For further information, contact Chantal Winslow at [cwinslow@united-church.ca](mailto:cwinslow@united-church.ca) or Brandy Emmerich at [office@stmartinsuc.com](mailto:office@stmartinsuc.com)

### ***Joyful Resistance: Intercultural Worship Arts for Bold Discipleship, November 19-21 2026 at the Providence Renewal Centre, Edmonton AB***

Join the Western Intercultural Ministries Network in an immersive, intercultural worship-arts conference. This will be hosted by the five Western Regional Councils, and is open to everyone anywhere in the country. We'll explore **joy as a form of resistance** that sustains bold discipleship and justice-oriented ministry. Join in plenary, rotating stations, theological reflection with hands-on musical and arts. We'll combine theological reflection with hands-on musical and artistic practice. **HOLD THE DATE** - more details to come, including cost and full program. [All details will be posted here](#).

## **4. Reminders:**

### **Weekly events:**

\***Online Bible study - Wednesdays at 1 pm (SK time)** Contact [jcantwell@united-church.ca](mailto: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](mailto:growth@united-church.ca) (you can send a request even if you're not attending)