



COVID-19 RESOURCES

MOTION FROM REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

The following motion was passed at the June 18, 2020 meeting of the Regional Council Executive:

2020-06-18_099 MOTION (P. Bisset/R. Sheffer) that based on the announcement by the Government of Quebec to authorize reopening of Places of Worship to a capacity of 50% of the building (up to a maximum of 50 people) starting June 22, 2020;

- based on our ongoing concern for spread of the COVID virus, we must provide a safe reopening of our church buildings so that the physical, psychological and spiritual health of all individuals, church members and those from our communities using our buildings, is sustained;
- based on the release of Guidelines for reopening of Places of Worship prepared by the Quebec Government from which our Guidelines and Protocols have been updated to mirror image these guidelines;
- based on discussions held with an ad hoc task group comprised of the Executive Minister and Staff, President of the Regional Council and technical volunteers:

the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive recommends the following:

- a. Communities of Faith are expected to post and circulate the information and resources pertaining to safely reopening Communities of Faith during the COVID-19 pandemic crisis and continue to provide information as developments require;
- b. Strongly recommend that Communities of Faith gradually reopen their buildings for Phase 1 activity for a period of time in order to familiarize the community with the processes of reopening prior to moving to Phase 2 and the reopening of the building for public worship **no earlier than Labour Day Weekend**;
- c. Expects that every Community of Faith prepare a Phase 1 plan for reopening their buildings and a Phase 2 plan for reopening their buildings for worship based on the document Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council- Reopening Protocols and Guidelines for Communities of Faith dated June 12, 2020 and submit their plan to the Task Group (bruse@united-church.ca) two weeks prior to their proposed opening date;
- d. Expects that every Community of Faith ensure that tenants have prepared an occupancy plan based on government guidelines specific to their sector of activity. If tenants use common space within the building they must follow the rules established by your Community of Faith. It is also expected that tenant agreements will be updated to reflect these changes. Other community groups using the facilities without rental agreements must be made familiar with your local rules;
- e. Expects that Communities of Faith who have already authorized daycares, essential services, food banks and summer camps to use space in the buildings, that they advise the Task Group and prepare and submit a Phase 1&2 plan as soon as possible;

- f. Requests that Communities of Faith provide a budget estimate for the additional monthly costs that will be incurred for protective equipment and cleaning services during this period. **Carried**

RESOURCES FOR RE-OPENING OF CHURCH BUILDINGS

Communities of faith are requested to submit their re-opening plans for **Phase 1** (small groups) to the COVID-19 Response Task Group **two weeks before re-opening** using the checklist/protocols provided on the web site. A list of frequently asked questions will be added to the website by next week.

Review the presentation, checklist and discussion group notes: <https://nakhakaucc.ca/blog/2020/05/30/process-for-gradual-re-opening-of-church-buildings-peter-bisset/>

Contact the Task Group via Brian Ruse: BRuse@united-church.ca

NEW WEBINAR FOR CHURCH TREASURERS

In this recording of a recent webinar on June 24, 2020, Erik and Clyde provide an update on financial tools and government assistance information that will be useful to church treasurers; the main update being that churches can now apply for the federal government's \$40K small business loan program. Initially excluded in April, the Canadian Emergency Business Account (CEBA) is available now to churches that meet the other eligibility criteria, notably generating revenue from rentals or the sale of goods and services as reported on their annual charitable return.

View video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CWPmhjRl_w4&feature=youtu.be

COMMUNITY AND JUSTICE LEADERSHIP

INDIVIDUALS AND CONGREGATIONS URGED TO PROTEST PHILIPPINES GOVERNMENT'S ATTACK ON FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

The Beaconsfield Initiative urges you and your congregation to join a campaign condemning the Philippines government's recent shutdown of the nation's largest broadcaster. This attack on the freedom of the press contributes an overt human rights violation, particularly dangerous during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Beaconsfield Initiative, through the newly formed Canadian section of the International Coalition for Human Rights in the Philippines (ICHRP-Canada), is meeting with Canadian members of Parliament, arguing that it is Canada's duty to openly condemn the rulers of the Philippines for arbitrarily shutting down ABS-CBN, its largest broadcaster, on May 5.

Unbiased news, not government propaganda, is essential to prevent more Filipino deaths and serious illness, say protesters in the Philippines, Canada, and other countries.

If you would like to know more about how you can help this effort on behalf of this Southeast Asian nation and its 107 million Filipino citizens, contact the Beaconsfield Initiative at beaconsfieldphilippines@gmail.com or call Rev. Patricia Lisson at 514-241-9036.

RACIAL JUSTICE TRAINING

A story about racial justice training you may want to share in your networks:

<https://www.united-church.ca/stories/mission-service-gifts-support-racial-justice-training>

INTERCULTURAL MINISTRIES

Read the latest news from intercultural ministries:

<https://mailchi.mp/united-church/intercultural-ministries-news-june-19?e=73fe01bb9e>

NOMINATIONS

ELECTION OF GC44 COMMISSIONERS DELAYED

Due to the expected postponement of GC44 until 2022, the members of Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council voted on May 30, 2020 to delay the election of GC44 Commissioners until a future

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regional council gathering. To learn more about the opportunities and responsibilities of GC Commissioners and the application process, please contact Rev. Tami Spires.

Learn more: <https://www.united-church.ca/news/general-council-44-has-been-postponed>
Complete a nominations form: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/nominations/>
Contact Rev. Tami Spires: spiresta@hotmail.com

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

UPDATE FROM UNITED SPIRIT CAMP

Your United Spirit Camp Esprit Uni is still having camp this summer... and it's free!

We are offering an engaging and fun-filled online camp with live and pre-recorded activities from June 29th to July 3rd! Visit our camp website to register for our online camp this summer, and subscribe to our email list to receive updates: <https://sites.google.com/view/campunitedspirit/camp-on-line-registration?authuser=0>

If you have any questions, please email campunitedspirit@gmail.com

REGIONAL COUNCIL NETWORKS

ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK

The introductory meeting on June 15 was a rich discussion of environmental theology, practice and shared objectives. We hope that others will join us at our next meeting in mid-July to start gathering some tangible resources that can be shared with individuals and communities of faith, and to begin building partnerships in the wider community.

If you would like to be part of this network, please contact David-Roger Gagnon: DRGagnon@united-church.ca

PRIDE AND FRIENDS NETWORK

For our first meeting of (as yet unnamed) pride & friends Network, we gathered our baskets with a few loaves and fishes. When we passed it around we saw that there was an abundance, more than we could ever have imagined... of ideas, inspirations and nourishment... for this new network that we share.

Learn more: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/fiertemontrealprideunitedchurch/>

United Church of Canada news re Pride: <https://www.united-church.ca/news/celebrating-pride-united-church>

Contact: faithfiftytwo@gmail.com

MINISTRY SUPPORT ONLINE NETWORK

July 7 at 1:30 pm

Contact David-Roger Gagnon: DRGagnon@united-church.ca

GRANTS

REGIONAL COUNCIL GRANTS

Next deadline: **September 15, 2020**

<https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/granting-and-enabling/>

HEALING FUND (for Indigenous Ministries)

Next deadline: **September 15, 2020**

<https://www.united-church.ca/community-faith/being-community/indigenous-communities-and-leadership>

For more information about funding available for Indigenous Ministries:

https://www.united-church.ca/sites/default/files/resources/indigenous_program_funding_2020.pdf

OPPORTUNITIES

SPIRITUAL CARE POSITION AT THE MONTREAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

We are currently looking to hire candidate(s) to our availability list, to fill some days in a replacement capacity, and to cover shifts in our evening, night and weekend on-call rotation. Please see the full details in the attached job posting; in brief, candidates should have a degree in religious studies, theology, spiritual care or an equivalent discipline, and experience in providing spiritual or pastoral care. They will work with a diverse clientele of pediatric patients and their families in English and in French, and join a service that is well-integrated into the hospital's multidisciplinary care teams.

Learn more: <https://bit.ly/SpiritualCare-MUHC-Jun2020>

Contact Jennifer Bourque: jennifer.bourque@muhc.mcgill.ca

APPEALS

This month, Saint Columba House is participating in the Great Canadian Giving Challenge. Throughout the month of June, every dollar donated online through CanadaHelps to our organization qualifies us to win \$20,000.

Learn more: www.givingchallenge.ca

GOOD NEWS STORIES



A WINDOW INTO HISTORY (Rev. Neil Whitehouse)

Westmount Park United Church was recently chosen to illustrate the importance of the McCord Museum archives, in the McCord Museum newsletter, as we visited months ago to chase information on the only window that had not been definitively proven to be by Charles Kelsey.

Our mission was accomplished, as you can see us looking at the sketch of the window in question (this Dr Hill window is rarely noticed as it is in the Webster Hall - stage area)

We hope to make an application for Religious Heritage funds in January 2021 if things go to plan, for funds to restore the windows.

The windows were also featured in the CTV television coverage of the church for Religious Heritage Weekend in September 2019, when Westmount Park United Church was the church chosen for their promotional news item.

Learn more: <https://www.musee-mccord.qc.ca/en/archives-documentation-centre/rarely-a-dull-day-in-the-archives>

STORIES TOLD LAST WEEK DURING ECO-COMMONS EVENT (Carla Leon, EDGE Network)

- **Online Community of Faith** (en francais) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b8-xn8d7FqA>
- **Ottawa Impact Hub** (Ottawa ON, en francais)- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FRmY8awzpmA>
- **Trinity-Plymouth United Church** (Sherbrooke QC, en francais) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UdJf76lXreo>
- **Carleton Memorial United Church** (Ottawa, ON)- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ktlp7HigoMk>
- **Pow Wow Pitch** (Nationally) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d22ubOAsAA4>

NOTE: There is one more being re-recorded for Saint Columba House that will be up shortly.

MISCELLANEOUS



SIGNS FOR SALE

Granby United Church has two signs for sale: \$100 each or \$150 for the pair (or best offer). If you are interested and would like to come and see them, please reply to the email below and we will arrange a viewing.

Contact Virginia: guc-eug@bellnet.ca

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

West Island Cluster Online Worship and Activities

Download list of events: <https://bit.ly/WestIslandChurches-June2020>

For more information, email community@beaconsfieldunitedchurch.com

Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am

Walking Through Grief – **ONLINE** (Hudson)

Kent Chown at minister@wyman-hudson.ca

Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm and Thursday afternoons at 1:30 pm

Loss & Living: Moving Forward with Hope with Dr. Vivianne LaRiviere – **ONLINE**

This weekly online conversation is about loss and grief associated with coronavirus/COVID-19.

Learn more: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/moving-forward-with-hope-registration-106569385902>

Fridays at 12:15 pm

La Parole sur la pouce – **ONLINE** - IN FRENCH

Darla Sloan: pasteur@stpierrepinquet.org ou par téléphone 418-692-3422

Pour vous joindre à la conversation: <https://zoom.us/j/199349355>

Ou pour vous joindre à nous par conférence téléphonique : +1 647 558 0588 Canada ID de réunion : 199 349 355



JULY 8 - AUGUST 19 (Wednesday afternoons) from 1:00 to 2:30 pm

Wisdom Wednesdays – **ONLINE**

Together we will have the opportunity to engage and connect with one another by sharing life experiences, stories and most of all our own wisdom. Participants will have the option to keep a journal of their wisdom stories throughout our sessions, which can later be passed on to their loved ones!

This is another great opportunity to socialize, connect with others and experience pure joy in the comfort of your own home! All are welcome to join us. Riverside United members and extended friends, why not take this time to re-connect and do something fun this summer!

Contact Jennifer Forest (438) 765 1584

AUGUST 11 to AUGUST 14, 2020

Rendez-vous 2020 - **ONLINE**

Learn more: <https://www.uccrendezvous.ca/>

SEPTEMBER 19 to OCTOBER 24 2020

Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre: "A Grand Murder" written and directed by Steve Gillam

For more information and to book tickets, call 514-793-9879 or 514-631-6171, email dsuc13churchevents@gmail.com;

website: www.dorvalstrathmoreunited.weebly.com/murder-mystery-dinner.html



RETIREMENT NOTICE

Please note that **Joe McGill**, staff member serving Conseil régional Nakonha :ka Regional Council, will be retiring **on July 30, 2020**. Please join us in wishing him all the best in his retirement and offering thanks for the work he has done as Community Capacity Development Coordinator with Indigenous communities of faith.

NOTE: Tim Hackborn will continue to serve our Regional Council as a Community Capacity Development Coordinator.

For more information about the roles and responsibilities of staff members, please visit the Regional Council website: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/about-us/staff/>

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Please note that Sabrina Di Stefano is currently on leave;
for all Pastoral Relations questions, please contact Rev. Rosemary Lambie.