



December 14, 2022



### HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Can you believe that this is our final newsletter for 2022? The next newsletter is scheduled for **Jan. 11, 2023** (submission deadline **Jan. 6**); in the meantime, have a very Merry Christmas!

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

General Council and Regional Council offices will be closed from **Dec. 23, 2022** to **Jan. 3, 2023**



### Christmas Message from Moderator Carmen Lansdowne

In her Christmas message, Moderator Carmen Lansdowne reminds us that when so much seems uncertain and the news amplifies all the hard stories, there is One who came to show us that all the ends of the earth should see the salvation of God—and that through that One, we are capable of coming together to achieve the impossible.

Please feel free to include the Moderator's video in your worship service. It can be downloaded from the United Church YouTube channel.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EJk922g8JPA>

## DEEP SPIRITUALITY - BOLD DISCIPLESHIP - DARING JUSTICE

### “Why Faith?” Event Resources (shared by Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly)



A recent event entitled “Why Faith?” showcased the latest research about Canadians’ approach to faith and included a robust conversation about the impacts this has on public life and faith institutions. The following resources may be of interest to communities of faith throughout our regional council as they explore how Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship and Daring Justice are being lived out.

Slides: <https://bit.ly/2022-12-WhyTheFaith-Slides>

Video: <https://bit.ly/2022-12-WhyTheFaith-Video>

Research: <https://bit.ly/2022-12-WhyTheFaith-Research>

Read more about this event in Canadian Centre for Ecumenism newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/oikoumene/infolettre-dcembre-2022-newsletter-decembre-2022>

Learn more about The United Church Of Canada Call and Vision: <https://united-church.ca/community-and-faith/welcome-united-church-canada/our-call-and-our-vision>

## REGIONAL COUNCIL NEWS

### STAFF UPDATES



### Welcoming Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly (by Marc Grenon)

It is with great pleasure that I welcome Éric Hébert-Daly among us as our new Executive Minister. I have had the privilege of getting to know Éric as he journeyed along his candidacy pathway and in his capacity as responsable des Ministères en français. As you will have seen from the notice of his appointment, he brings considerable experience in nature conservation and social justice, knowledge and experience that will serve us well as we sit down together to plan for the future. Éric is fluent in both English and French,

skills and gifts that will enable us to continue to reach out to immigrants and refugees from around the world who seek justice and a welcoming spiritual home.

To quote the notice of his appointment, Éric, “brings to the role a strong commitment to working collaboratively, creative and imaginative leadership, and a hope-filled passion for the church. We are grateful that Éric has responded to the call to serve the church in this new role at this particular time.”

**Note:** Éric will be beginning his new role as Regional Council Executive Minister on **January 9, 2023**.

## REGIONAL COUNCIL GATHERINGS

### FINAL FOLLOW UP – Fall 2022 Regional Council Meeting (ONLINE) November 18-19, 2022

Your feedback about the content and format of the meeting is important in shaping future gatherings, so please complete the evaluation survey (*link below*). A range of documents, videos and other resources are now available in the post-meeting resource section on the event page of the web site (*link below*).

Evaluation Survey: <https://mailchi.mp/f3142822fff2/sondage-rassemblement-2022-11-18-19-survey-gathering-n>

Post-meeting resources: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/november-2022-regional-council-gathering-online/>

### Tentative dates for upcoming Regional Council meetings

- **March 24-25** (online)
- **June 3** (in person)
- **November 17-18** (online)

## COVID RESPONSE

### Message from Quebec Public Health and la Table interreligieuse de concertation

A recent email from Public Health to la Table interreligieuse de concertation invites those responsible for places of worship to participate in awareness-raising efforts on the importance of wearing a mask in public places. This is not obligatory, but participation on our part can help to ensure that the number of people requiring hospital care remains reasonable, thus removing any possibility of restrictive health measures, as we have already experienced.

The email (*link below*) contains a link to a poster that we can print and display in our places of worship.

Rev. Dan Hayward, our acting Executive Minister, also recently attended the Public Health Agency of Canada's session with faith leaders, which presented a similar message about vaccination.

Download email (in French): <https://bit.ly/2022-12-COVID-SantePublique>

## LLWL

### 2023 Pulpit Supply Rates

Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council has mandated that LLWLs receive compensation for pulpit supply at the same rate described by the General Council for visiting ministry personnel. The rates for 2023 are set at \$232 daily, with a mileage allowance of \$0.55 per kilometre.

Learn more: <https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/2022-09/salary-schedule-ministry-personnel-2023.pdf>

### REMINDER - Change to LLWL guidelines, as presented at Regional Council Meeting

A proposal was recently put forward by the LLWL Leadership Team and approved by the Executive further to a question being raised regarding the possibility of becoming an LLWL if one had a criminal record (for a crime that more than likely would not qualify for a pardon.)

If you are interested in further conversation about this proposal, please contact Rev. Dave Lambie, member of the Pastoral Relations team, who will also collect comments to share with the LLWL Leadership Team and the Executive.

Download PDF: <https://bit.ly/2022-10-20-LLWLRecommendation>

## GRANTING AND ENABLING LEADERSHIP TEAM (GELT)

### REMINDER - NEXT REGIONAL COUNCIL GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 15, 2023

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

## PASTORAL RELATIONS

### REMINDER - Online Ministry Support Group

Next meeting is **Tuesday, January 10 at 1:30 pm**. Other dates for 2023: February 7, March 7, April 11, May 2 and June 6.

Learn more: [dhayward@united-church.ca](mailto:dhayward@united-church.ca)

## MINISTRY PERSONNEL NEWS

### DEATH NOTICE: Rev. Hugh Rose

Rev. Hugh Rose died suddenly and peacefully in Ottawa on December 2, 2022 with his wife Sheila by his side, as they were throughout their 61 years of marriage. Hugh's calling and profession included a half-century as a United Church minister in pulpits in St Adele, Smiths Falls, Toronto, St Catharines, and Regina. The Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council sends sympathies to his family and friends.

Learn more: <https://ottawacitizen.remembering.ca/obituary/hugh-rose-1086775367>

## STEWARDSHIP

### Stewardship Update – December 2022

Roger Janes, the staff person supporting stewardship for our regional council, has sent an important update about the following topics (please download PDF for more details):

- **Complete Christmas Day Worship Service for Mission & Service**
- **Latest Stewardship Article for Broadview Online Magazine**
- **Gifts with Vision**
- **Deadline for Mission & Service Transfers Changed**  
As of 2023, the deadline for pastoral charges to make their final 2022 Mission & Service transfer is **January 15, 2023**.
- **Book a time to talk about stewardship**  
Don't know where to start? Book a phone or Zoom conversation with Roger today!

Download PDF: <https://bit.ly/2022-12-14-StewardshipUpdate>

## LIVING INTO RIGHT RELATIONS

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### REMINDER - Invitation to Leadership Teams

The Living into Right Relations Leadership Circle strongly encourages all members of leadership teams and the wider regional council to participate in upcoming learning sessions on right relations and reconciliation, including the blanket exercise and decolonizing settler mentality.

Learn more: [rightrelationsnakonhaka@gmail.com](mailto:rightrelationsnakonhaka@gmail.com)

Living into Right Relations news: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/living-into-right-relations-1050892>

## ENVIRONMENT NETWORK

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/516855109486568>

### GREENFAITH

#### UN Biodiversity Conference COP15 – GreenFaith Montréal

The UN biodiversity conference COP15 is taking place in Montreal from **December 7-17**. Mercy Awori, Rev. Neil Whitehouse and Rev. Wendy Evans from GreenFaith Montréal are participating in the conference and look forward to sharing highlights with you.



To mark the eve of Conference opening, GreenFaith Montréal organized a simple candlelight vigil in St James Square on Tuesday, Dec 6. The vigil was part of the conclusion of the Montreal City Mission interfaith/intercultural Good Neighbour dinner event, co-hosted by CBC Montreal.

Another initiative to highlight COP15 was The March for Biodiversity and Human Rights in Montreal on December 10, organized by the Quebec Civil Society Collective for COP15. Led by an Indigenous delegation, it brought together more than 80 organizations mobilizing for biodiversity protection in the context of COP15 along with local and international allies.

Learn more: <https://www.facebook.com/events/644721227238451>

Contact GreenFaith Montréal: [greenfaithmontreal@gmail.com](mailto:greenfaithmontreal@gmail.com)

### Daily Dose of Hope – GreenFaith International

If you would like to encourage others to be part of a powerful movement to move towards a just, renewable, clean energy future, please share an inspiring video from GreenFaith International on your social media feeds. Here's some sample language you can use in your Facebook or Twitter post, but feel free to make it your own:

**Facebook:** I'm celebrating people of faith rising together for bold climate action with @GreenFaith! We are calling for an immediate end to all new fossil fuel infrastructure, investments in renewable energy, and a just transition for those most affected by the crisis. #Faiths4Climate <https://youtu.be/L4aK4ldRB5U>

**Twitter:** I'm celebrating people of faith rising together for bold climate action with @greenfaithworld! Check out this video of #Faiths4Climate Justice: <https://youtu.be/L4aK4ldRB5U>

### NEWS FROM FAITHFUL FOOTPRINTS / FAITH & THE COMMON GOOD

#### A Green Audit: Money Well Spent

Curious to know how to make your faith-community building operations as energy and cost-efficient as possible? Consider doing a Green Audit, a comprehensive environmental and energy audit\*, with Faithful Footprints Delivery Partner Faith & the Common Good. Tour your property with a licensed professional and get a personalized road map for how your community can walk more gently on the planet.

*\*Includes assessment of energy, air quality, food, water, transport, waste, operations, maintenance, landscaping, etc.*

Learn more: <https://www.faithcommongood.org/audits>

#### Faithful Footprints and Climate Justice

*The Road past COP 27: Spirit and Change* webinar hosted by For the Love of Creation took place November 22. Angele Alook, a member of the Bigstone Cree Nation in Alberta and assistant professor at York University discussed her observations at COP 27 and issues related to Indigenous peoples and the power of the resource extraction industry. Michael Poland of the proposed Fossil Fuel Non-proliferation Treaty presented details.

Recording of webinar: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PpqrDOMSf38>

Video: Road to COP27: Spirit & Solidarity - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x\\_c1c2rkNtY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x_c1c2rkNtY)

Video: Road to COP27: Spirit & Justice video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e095qd9vipM>

### EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

#### Canadian Summer Jobs Application Deadline

Every year the Federal government supports job opportunities for young people. This granting program is designed to focus on local priorities while supporting youth in obtaining job experience. United Church congregations across Canada have hired youth for property maintenance, messy church, drop in centres, summer camps, social media and technical support, community gardens, farmers markets, archiving, day camps, sports music and theatre camps, vacation bible school and many community outreach activities.

The deadline to apply is **January 12, 2023**.

Learn more: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/canada-summer-jobs.html>

Additional employment and volunteer opportunities are available through United Church of Canada at <https://united-church.ca/opportunities/> or <https://egliseunie.ca/enqagement-et-formation/emplois-et-benevolat/>

## LEARNING NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

### REMINDER - OPEN ENROLMENT COURSES WITH UNITED CHURCH STUDIES AT MONTREAL DIO - WINTER 2023

These courses are aimed at anyone who is interested in deepening their Christian faith and knowledge, and cultivating leadership skills in the church. There is no homework or written assignments. All you need is a desire to learn and a willingness to participate.



#### Collaborative Ministry Leadership in a Constantly Changing World Thursdays, February 2, 9, and 16, 2023, 7:00pm to 9:00pm

This course will give church leaders (clergy and lay) the theoretical and practical knowledge to lead their congregations faithfully and well – now and into God’s unfolding future.

Learn more : <https://montrealdio.ca/courses/ministry-leadership/>



#### Paul the Apostle Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2023, 7:00pm to 8:30pm

This course addresses some key questions about Paul and his influence on the formation of early Christianity. Almost everything we thought we knew about Paul is wrong. Come discover what’s new.

Learn more: <https://montrealdio.ca/courses/paul-the-apostle/>

### UNITED IN LEARNING, now on ChurchX

See the entire line-up of learning opportunities at: <https://churchx.ca/login/index.php>

## LOCAL COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

<https://nakonhakaucc.ca/events/>

### SAINT FRANCIS CLUSTER

#### Advent and Christmas Activities

Download PDF: <https://bit.ly/2022-12-Advent-StFrancis>

### BEACONSFIELD UNITED CHURCH



#### Family Advent Wreath Making Activity (shared by David-Roger Gagnon)

Here are a few photos from the recent Advent wreath making activity at Beaconsfield United Church, after the celebration of the first Sunday of Advent.

### ST. LAMBERT UNITED CHURCH



#### REMINDER - Christmas Concert – Thursday, December 15 at 7:30 pm (85 Desaulniers, Saint-Lambert)

The Village Ringers of St Lambert United Church and the Montreal Welsh Male Choir will perform together in a Christmas concert of hymns and carols. The beautiful sound of the handbells ringing in harmony with the choir promises to be a wonderful musical evening.

Tickets available at the door \$20

Download poster: <https://bit.ly/2022-12-15-ChristmasConcert-StLambertUC>

## MONTREAL WEST UNITED CHURCH



### REMINDER - Christmas Concert – Saturday, December 17 at 7:30 pm (88 Ballantyne N. Montreal West)

The Montreal Welsh Male Choir presents a concert of Readings and Carols. The classic by Dylan Thomas' "A Child's Christmas in Wales" will be read and the choir will sing carols in English, French and Welsh. Come and enjoy this Christmas classic!

Tickets available at the door \$20

Download poster: <https://bit.ly/2022-12-17-ChristmasConcert-MontrealWestUC>

## TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

### REMINDER – Tables and Chairs

Our church is looking for tables and folding chairs as our tables are falling apart.

For more information, contact Diane Best: [diane\\_red-pink5@live.com](mailto:diane_red-pink5@live.com)

## BUC's Blessing Tree Sponsor a Gift

For the past several years at BUC, Black Santa has distributed gift packages to newcomer & refugee African families each December with presents for kids and a package of African foods. These familiar and comforting foods are often too expensive for newcomers to buy regularly in Canada, and so they are a much-appreciated Christmas gift.

This year, two partner congregations are providing Santa with lots of gifts to give to the children, but we are reaching out to our community in hopes of distributing more food packages than ever this year! You can help by adopting an ornament off of our Blessing Tree:

	\$15 towards a food package for a family		\$45 towards a food package for a family
	\$30 towards a food package for a family		\$60 towards a food package for a family
	\$70 - sponsors a complete food package for one family		

Sponsor an ornament by cheque mailed to Beaconsfield United Church (202 Woodside Road, Beaconsfield, QC H9W 2P1) or by e-transfer to [community@beaconsfieldunitedchurch.com](mailto:community@beaconsfieldunitedchurch.com) with a note mentioning the Blessing Tree. Gifts over \$20 are tax-receiptable.

*If you would like to sponsor an ornament as a gift for a loved one, let us know and we will provide you with a certificate to give to them!*

## BEACONSFIELD UNITED CHURCH INVITES YOU TO

# Visit with Black Santa!

DEC 18, 2022  
ALL ARE WELCOME!

10 AM: All-ages worship service telling the story of the nativity  
11 AM-12 PM: Visit with Santa  
\*Christmas cookies and hot chocolate will be provided\*  
You are invited to come for worship and to visit with Santa, or to come after 11 just for a visit with Santa.

Beaconsfield United Church  
202 Woodside Road, Beaconsfield, QC  
[www.beaconsfieldunitedchurch.com](http://www.beaconsfieldunitedchurch.com)

## Ionkwatwatonhatie

The Kanesatake United Church cordially invites you to a very important event!

### Dedication of the 1<sup>st</sup> Complete Mohawk Bible Dedication and Launch

Date: Saturday September 9, 2023  
Time: 11:00am  
Location: Kanesatake United Church  
209 Des Anges  
Kanesatake, Qc  
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Meal banquet to follow at  
Lalande Reception Hall  
Time: 12:30pm  
862 Montée Laurin,  
Saint-Eustache, Québec, J7R 0J2

RSVP by MAY 2023 FOR BANQUET TO: [satewas.karenhatasegabriel@gmail.com](mailto:satewas.karenhatasegabriel@gmail.com)

## ADD YOUR EVENT DIRECTLY TO WEBSITE!

<https://nakonhakaucc.ca/events/community/add>

# UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA NEWS AND EVENTS

## Pause to Embracing the Spirit Grants

As The United Church of Canada embraces the transition into the new strategic plan it will pause some current granting opportunities, including Embracing the Spirit (Innovation, Growth, and New Ministry Grants).

Learn more: <https://united-church.ca/news/pause-embracing-spirit-grants>

## General Secretary to Receive Honorary Doctorate from VST

General Secretary the Rev. Michael Blair has been selected by Vancouver School of Theology to receive a 2023 Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree.



### REMINDER - Advent Unwrapped: Get Ready for Advent!

Advent Unwrapped is back! This Advent, get ready to join us on a revolutionary journey as we prepare to welcome Jesus once more!

Subscribe to newsletter: [https://united-church.us3.list-](https://united-church.us3.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=ff2087d5fde243a770ed893a8&id=c0cc52ba0a)

[manage.com/subscribe?u=ff2087d5fde243a770ed893a8&id=c0cc52ba0a](https://united-church.us3.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=ff2087d5fde243a770ed893a8&id=c0cc52ba0a)

Follow on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AdventUnwrapped>

Watch video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6rbTXZakvsA>



### REMINDER - UCC new insurance plan

UCC Protect/United Assurance insurance offers coverage to address the unique needs of congregations and incorporated ministries such as camps, seniors' homes, and education centres. To learn more, watch the November 23 Webinar for Church Treasurers or consult the UCC Protect web page at the link below.

Watch video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=avgPLnKnu9E>

Learn more: <https://bit.ly/UCC-Protect>

## Recent newsletters from United Church of Canada:

- Broadview newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/ac02dea50400/christmas-movies>
- Embracing the Spirit: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/embracing-the-spirit-1050964>
- E-ssentials: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/es221206-1050968>
- Philanthropy News: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/gods-mission-our-gifts-1050828>
- UCC Foundation News: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/nov-22-foundation-newsletter>
- United Church Bookstore (UCRD): <https://mailchi.mp/ucrdstore.ca/221212-1050996>
- UC Rural Ministry Network: <https://mailchi.mp/f8e2b2471f26/summer-newsletter-from-ucrmn-12142280>
- United in Learning: <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/united-in-learning-1050864>



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## LA TABLE DES MINISTÈRES EN FRANÇAIS

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### RAPPEL - Ressources de l'Avent

Vous trouverez ci-dessous un lien vers une liturgie bilingue traduite par Jessica Gauthier dans le contexte de son ministère dans le Ministère régional des Laurentides (Sainte-Adèle). Il s'agit de la liturgie pour allumer les chandelles de la couronne de l'Avent. Vous trouverez aussi plusieurs ressources pour enfants sur la page « [Parler de la foi aux enfants](#) », ainsi que sur la page de [l'Avent déballé](#). Il y a aussi des [prières pour chaque dimanche de l'Avent](#) préparées en 2019 qui peuvent toujours être utiles. Et bien sûr, quelques cantiques en format vidéo sur ce thème :

[D'un arbre séculaire](#)

[Quand Dieu est l'enfant/Hope is a Star](#)

[Oh viens Seigneur, ne tarde pas / On Jordan's Bank](#)

Et pour Noël :

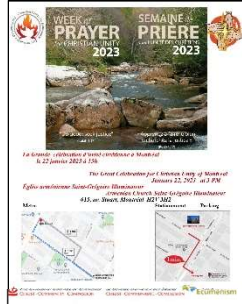
[Chante ta joie \(version française de Joy to the World\)](#)

[Nuit lumineuse](#)

[Minuit chrétien](#)

[Les anges dans nos campagnes/Angels We Have Heard on High](#)  
[Sainte nuit](#)

Infolettre : <https://mailchi.mp/egliseunie/infolettre-5-decembre-2022>



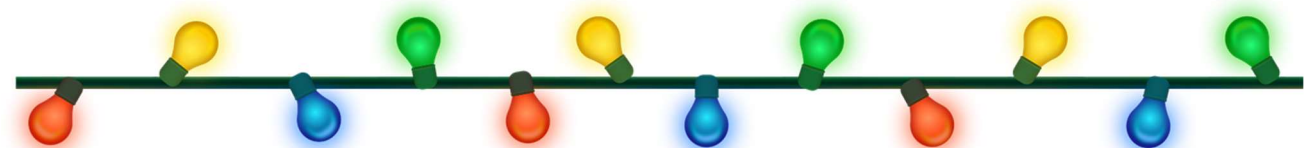
## OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

### REMINDER - Canadian Centre for Ecumenism

The Great Ecumenical Celebration of Montreal will take place on **January 22, 2023 at 3 pm** at St. Gregory the Illuminator Church, 615 Stuart Ave, Montréal, QC H2V 3H2. You and your choir are welcome to take part in the preparation of this event.

Learn more:

<https://mailchi.mp/oikoumene/infolettre-dcembre-2022-newsletter-decembre-2022>



### LOOKING AHEAD

Here is a sneak peek at a few communications initiatives and resources that will be coming your way as we start the New Year:

- Communications survey
- Self-assessment guide for communities of faith
- Regional Council directory
- And more!



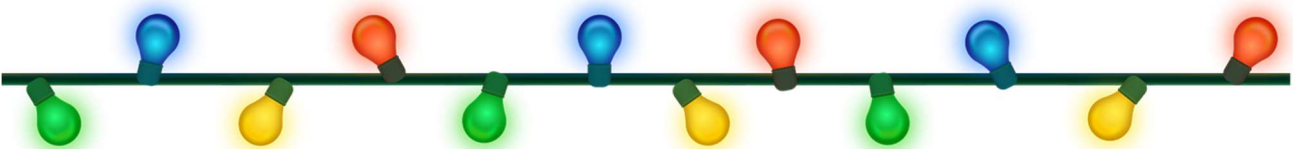
### What adventures do you have planned for 2023?

Send stories: [jcoffin@united-church.ca](mailto:jcoffin@united-church.ca)

Submit events: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/events/community/add>

**FIRST NEWSLETTER OF 2023: January 11, 2023**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: January 6, 2023**



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