

**The United-in-Worship Project** resources are available to all United Churches. Our aim is to provide ready-to-use materials for communities of faith currently worshipping without clergy and/or untrained lay-members.

**Order of Service • Digital Presentation • Sermon Text • Video Sermon**

Using your web browser, go to <https://www.united-in-worship.ca/> and select the registration button. We recommend that your community of faith set up the account and share their login and password with each person who regularly leads worship in your congregation. There is an annual subscription fee of \$216.00 for 2020. This reflects the cost of one pulpit supply for the year and provides a minimum of 52 weeks of worship services for the year plus all the archives.

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# LICENSED LAY WORSHIP LEADER ON-LINE TRAINING

REGISTRATIONS OPEN FOR UNIT 4:  
**All Ages and Special Events in Worship**  
**February 2020**

**Feeling called to Worship Leadership in your Faith Community?**

Consider trained Lay Leadership as an option; delivered in-home and on-line. The Course Outline is at United-in-Learning on-line. Click or copy this link to your Internet browser:

<https://united-in-learning.com/index.php/llwl-online-training-program>

to go directly to the information. This program is offered nationally.

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## How does the Program work?

This program is offered over two years entirely online through 4 modules.

- An Orientation webinar that introduces you to the tools you will be using (AdobeConnect or ZOOM, United In Learning Forums for posting assignments, ...)
- an introductory webinar that provides an overview of the topic for that module with assigned readings to prepare you for the module
- six online sessions with others and your mentor,
- assignments to be completed (most of the reading is online) and shared with the group during the duration of the module.

*"This program has opened my eyes to so many aspects of worship that I never thought of before." - S. Webb*

### A Licensed Lay Worship Leader is:

a lay member of The United Church of Canada, in good standing, recommended by the Community of Faith, educated then licensed by their region to offer occasional worship leadership and preaching within the bounds of their region.

For further reference see The Manual of The United Church of Canada 2016 (1.1.8.5), and the Licensed Lay Worship Leaders Handbook (2013).

A Licensed Lay Worship Leader is licensed by their own Region.

At the completion of each module, the learner will receive notification that they have completed the module. It is the responsibility of the Region to accredit Licensed Lay Worship Leaders.

*... is gentle but challenging, rigorous but accessible. It is education at its finest. It draws out all that is best in us while asking us to find something higher, finer and more spirit-filled than we thought we had access to." - A. Atkinson*

Membership in a local United

support of that congregation's Board or council agreement from the pastoral charge that the student will be

leadership during the course of the module a group of five lay people in the congregation who are willing to provide feedback on the worship leadership opportunity

## Tuition fee

The fee is \$254.99 for each Module. We offer a \$5 discount if you pay online with a credit card when you register for the Unit. Registration is done online through United In Learning.

<https://www.united-in-learning.com/>

## Refund Policy

If for any reason you find that you need to withdraw from the program, here's the policy about tuition refunds

1/2 refund after the Orientation and Introductory Webinars (there are costs of setting up the person in the mentored group, the webinars, the honorarium for the peaker)

1/2 refund after the Orientation, Introductory and 1 mentored session (the costs of the mentor is added to the above)

no refund after that as people have had a chance to experience the workload and make the decision to withdraw

*"I have grown in ways that I can only describe as truly incredible. I have gained enhanced spirituality, a deeper insight into leadership, a deeper relationship with my Saviour, and more respect and thankfulness for this course." - E. Freeman*

**Module 1**  
**Liturgy and the Seasons of**  
**Advent/Christmas/Epiphany**



Upon completion of this unit, the participant will have crafted a worship service that:

- emerges from their experience with the spiritual practices
- draws people into engaging and glorifying the Triune God and sends them out as participants in God's mission in the world
- engages stories from the lectionary for the Advent/Christmas seasons
- creatively stewards the gifts of all participants in the worship service
- reflects the United Church of Canada's Style Guide for Inclusive Language and for intercultural sensitivity
- shows an understanding (historical and theological) of the purpose and structure of worship
- works with theological themes related to the Advent/Christmas season
- shows a sensitivity to pastoral and cultural dimensions of worship
- develops a list of resources for crafting vital worship

**Module 2**  
**Sermon Writing and the Seasons**  
**of Lent/Easter**



Upon completion of this unit, the participant will have developed at least two sermons that:

- emerge from their experience with a spiritual practice
- are based on engagement with scripture readings from the lectionary for the seasons of Lent/Easter
- have been delivered as part of a worship service for which the participant has received feedback
- reflect the United Church's commitment to inclusive language and intercultural sensitivity
- show a familiarity with theological themes related to the Lent/Easter seasons
- gained an understanding of the historical development of the Bible
- have gained insights into delivery skills
- are developed with different styles of preaching and ways of organizing a sermon, with a particular emphasis on Paul Scott Wilson's "Four Pages of a Sermon".
- develops a list of resources for preaching

**Module 3**  
**Prayers and Music and the**  
**Season of Pentecost**



Upon completion of this unit, the participant will have crafted prayers and explored music for worship:

- that emerge from the participant's spiritual practice of listening to each other.
- are based on scripture readings from the lectionary for the season of Pentecost
- have been delivered as part of a worship service for which the participant has received feedback
- reflect the United Church's commitment to inclusive language and intercultural sensitivity
- that show an understanding (historical and theological) of the role of prayer and music in public worship and ways of engaging a congregation faithfully and creatively in their prayers and singing.
- That reflect familiarity with theological themes related to the season of Pentecost
- begun to develop a list of resources for public prayers and music.

**Module 4**  
**All Ages and Special Events and**  
**the Season of Creation**



Upon completion of this unit, the participant will have crafted elements of a worship service that:

- emerge from the participants own spiritual practices
- are based on scripture readings from the lectionary for the season of Creation and Ordinary Time
- engage the whole worshipping community through experiential, participatory, image-rich and connective elements
- have been used in worship services where the participant has received feedback
- reflect the United Church's commitment to inclusive language and intercultural sensitivity
- shows familiarity with theological themes related to the season
- develops an understanding of the role of sacraments in Christian worship
- show understanding of the role of sacraments in Christian worship
- helps collaborate with other ministries and faith communities
- can be found in a personal list of resources for special services