



First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council
Weekly Announcements
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Weekly Prayer – Rev. Kathy Brett, Topsail United Church

O God, we pray to you in love.

***We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:***

***And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.***

We are united by your Spirit, O God. In this journey of Lent, help us to reconnect with you. Guide us to the quiet centre to spend more intentional time with you in prayer and contemplation. Strengthen the connections we have with each other; and fill our hearts with love not just for a day or moment but to always hold each other in prayer and true friendship.

O God, we pray to you in love.

***We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:***

***And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.***

We are committed as your people to be a community; a fellowship of believers who work for your justice and your peace, who are concerned for the well-being of all. Today we pray especially for the people of the Ukraine, those who are suffering the horrors of war. We pray for all other places of the world where others are crying out for peace. We hold in our hearts and affection, your children who are suffering,

Those who are hungry,
Those who are cold,
Those who are homeless,
Those who are refugees,
Those who are grieving
Those who are ill in body, mind and/spirit
Those who are weary and tired for caring for others.

And we lift up for your healing grace which we name before you aloud or from our hearts...

O God, we pray to you in love.

*We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each child's dignity, and save each child's pride:*

*And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

As a church we strive to follow the way of Jesus; to track his footsteps through the desert and to overflowing streams of mercy. Lead us in his paths so that we may serve the world trusting in your goodness. Strengthen our United Church, our Region, our Communities of Faith, to do the work we are called to do. Speak to our hearts when we are discouraged and tired. Speak to us of our ministry and move us to use the talents and gifts that come from your love. Help us to discern what you are calling us to do and where you are calling us to go.
O God, we pray to you in love.

*All Praise to the Father from whom all things come,
And praise to Christ Jesus His only Son,
And all praise to the spirit who makes us all one:*

*And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

Annual Meeting 2022 Registration

Registration for the First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council 2021 Annual Meeting is now live on the First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council website: <https://ucceast.ca/first-dawn-eastern-edge-regional-council-16/first-dawn-eastern-edge-regional-council-annual-meeting-2022>

2022 Information Forms: Pastoral Charge and Congregation/Community of Faith

The 2022 Information Forms can be found on our Regional Council website! If you have had your annual congregational meeting and have elected your members for 2022, please click on the below link to complete each form. Once submitted, you will receive copies of the completed forms by email. If you have not had your annual meeting, and have the same people serving in the governing body, we kindly ask you to still fill out the information forms. **Click here for the [2022 FDEE Information Forms](#)**

As a reminder please also email your annual reports to the Regional Council Office: info4rc16@united-church.ca If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to be in contact with the Regional Council Office.

Gathering with Clergy

Mark your calendar. Conversation with clergy will take place on the third Tuesday of every month. The zoom information will be sent out a couple days prior to the gathering.

Holy Lands Visit – MacPherson Family Trust Fund

Please visit the Region's website for information for ministry personnel applying for the MacPherson Family Trust Fund Holy Lands Visit: <https://ucceast.ca/65973-2022-holy-lands-visit-macpherson-family-trust-fund>

Staffing Announcement – Minister for Justice, Mission & Outreach

Executive Minister Rev. Faith March-MacCuish is pleased to announce that effective today, March 1, 2022, Rev. Sherpherd Munikwa has joined the staff of the eastern regions of the United Church of Canada as Minister for Justice, Mission & Outreach.

Sherpherd will be working remotely until he makes a permanent move to the east coast later this month. We are currently awaiting the activation of his email address and extension number this week. In the meantime, please email Sherpherd using the Regional Council email addresses:

First Dawn Eastern Edge: fdee@united-church.ca

Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters: Info4RC14@united-church.ca

Regional Council 15: info4rc15@united-church.ca

Please join us in welcoming Rev. Sherpherd Munikwa to the regional staffing team.

St James United Church Affirming Celebration

On Sunday, March 13th 2022 at 3 pm, St. James United Church will have their Affirming celebration making them the third Affirming congregation in Newfoundland & Labrador. The guest preacher for the celebration will be Rev. Dr. Bob K. Fillier. You can watch the celebration live stream on the St. James Youtube channel.

Burry Heights Camp and Retreat Centre AGM

Burry Heights Camp and Retreat Centre Board of Directors invite you to attend the Annual General Meeting of Burry Heights Camp. For more information, please visit: <https://ucceast.ca/66268-burry-heights-camp-and-retreat-centre-agm>

Vacancy

Newtown Lumsden Pastoral Charge is currently looking for a half time minister (20 hours/week). Salary will be paid at the appropriate category (A-F) level at a rate of 50% of that rate as determined by General Council. Newtown Lumsden Pastoral Charge is located on a 246 km loop that runs from Gander to Gambo along the northeast coast of Newfoundland and Labrador. The boundaries of the Pastoral Charge extend from Deadman's Bay to Pound Cove and include also the communities of Lumsden, Cape Freels, Newtown and Templeman. Details can be found on United Church Hub.

La Scie Pastoral Charge (Zion United Church – La Scie & First United Church - Shoe Cove) is seeking a full-time, 40 hrs a week, Ordained, Diaconal or Recognized Designated Lay Minister. We are a two-point Community of Faith covering the two communities of La Scie and Shoe Cove with approximately 130 families under pastoral care. Duties to commence on June 01, 2022 or on a mutually agreed upon date. For further information or to apply, please go to Churchhub or contact Randy Critch at rtcritch@eastlink.ca.

Gambo Pastoral Charge is currently looking for a half time minister (20 hours/week). Salary will be paid at the appropriate category (A-F) level at a rate of 50% of that rate as determined by General Council. We are a two-church pastoral charge in Gambo and Hare Bay. Details can be found on United Church Hub.

Certificate of Ministry Supervision

Code: PT130

Dates: March 28, 2022 - April 1, 2022

Time: 9:00 am for 3 hours daily (via Zoom)

The Certificate in Ministry of Supervision provides participants with the information and skills to mentor individuals preparing for ministry by equipping them for supervision including pastoral practices, leadership, reflection, feedback and spiritual guidance. It is designed for clergy and lay individuals who are interested in supporting students and communities for supervised ministry education (SME), internships and field education. Attention will be given to those wanting to supervise in the United Church of Canada but the course will be adapted and include training for other denominations.

PREREQUISITES: A minimum of five years of post-ordination or commissioning experience in congregational ministry leadership OR equivalent lay leadership.

Tuition: \$280 CAD

Withdrawals: If notification of your withdrawal is received before Day 1 of the course, full tuition will be refunded minus a \$25 Admin fee. No refunds are given after the course begins. Email registrar@vst.edu with your withdrawal notification.

INSTRUCTORS: Rev. Brenda Fawkes and Rev. Dr. Andrew Richardson, Office of Vocation Ministers in Pacific and Atlantic Regions. This online course is available to participants from any region of Canada or beyond with an interest in credentialing for supervision.

Ministry of Supervision is offered in partnership with the Vancouver School of Theology and is an online (Zoom) format using Canvas for student and instructor interaction and resources.

Registration link: <https://vst.edu/courses/certificate-in-ministry-of-supervision/>

Tatamagouche Centre

Join us for three upcoming online gatherings to close the winter. March 9 & April 6, 2022 from 3pm to 4pm AST.

Weaving the Threads of Healing and Radical Hospitality with Ruth Harvey. For more information and to register please visit: <https://www.tatamagouchecentre.ca/events-all/weaving>

New Prayer Bench Small Group Study

This five-week Lent Small Group Study weaves the saga of Joseph with the journey of Jesus and invites us to think about hard things like violence, grief, values, temptation and forgiveness, and seek faithful ways to respond. You can review the complete first session to give you a good sense of this study. It includes the study paper written by the Rev. Dr. Hugh Farquhar and process by Janice MacLean. See <https://prayerbench.ca/product/its-our-saga-too-lent-small-group-study/> Written as a small group study, it is also useful as a personal study during Lent or for a worship series. Some liturgical resources for use in worship services will be available on the study webpage.

Lent 2022 Email Retreat and Holy Week Series

Lent offers a season of reflection. We make our journey applying our hearts to wisdom through [a Lent retreat delivered in two parts, plus daily Holy Week meditations](#). Learn more at the Prayer Bench: <https://prayerbench.ca/product/lent-retreats-holy-week-reflections/>

Free Lent Calendar

Come by the Prayer Bench to pick up a free Lent Calendar: *40 Gestures Supporting Mindfulness & Presence*. Get it here: <https://prayerbench.ca/lent-calendar-40-gestures/>

Nominations

The United Church has launched a [call for nominations](#) for the next Executive, the Board of Vocation and a wide range of committees. These groups will carry out the work of the General Council following the conclusion of the 44th General Council in August. Over 200 people are needed! Who is needed? Lay people and ministry personnel with a variety of skills, from across the geography and diversity of the church, who hold a commitment to supporting the work of the United Church. See details through the links below.

Serving on one of these committees is a great way to connect with other members from across the church, deepen your faith, and concretely support the call and vision of this United Church of ours.

Please share this call through your various networks, nominate someone you believe would be a great addition, or consider expressing interest yourself.

Office of Vocation

The #UCCan Office of Vocation has a new podcast called It's Your Call hosted by Andrew Richardson and Karen Medland. The podcast explores the stories of those who have answered the call to ministry in the United Church of Canada. The most recent episode, Rev. Dr. Jennifer Janzen-Ball shares how the Candidacy Pathway came into being through deep discernment. <http://ow.ly/XZ2B50HteAx> #UCCan #podcast #CalledtoServe #Vocation

Annual Declaration of Criminal Records

As ministry personnel (including candidates in Supervised Ministry Education appointments or other appointments) you need to submit your annual declaration on criminal charges form on ChurchHub. This can be done now, and the portal will remain open until May 15, 2022.

It is essential that you fill out this form in order that you may remain on the registry of accredited ministers, be eligible for calls or appointments and for licenses for sacraments and marriages.

There is no payment required, neither does it require a lot of time. To fill out the form:

1. Log in to churchhub.ca and click the "My Ministry Page" tile.
2. Look to the right for the "My Professional Requirements" box and then select the "View" link next to "Annual Declaration 2022".
3. Enter the date of your last police records check. (Contact your OV minister if you do not have the date of your last police records check).
4. Tick the appropriate box for your declarations and submit.

If you are having technical problems with ChurchHub, please contact ministry@united-church.ca

General Council 44

General Council 44 is starting this Sunday, February 13th! There are ways that you can get involved and stay connected.

1. From Facebook to YouTube, we have many ways for people to **participate** throughout these next several months of GC44! These options are outlined here:
<https://generalcouncil44.ca/about/connect-gc44>
2. If people want to **register to attend online as a visitor**, they can do so at
<https://pheedloop.com/register/UCGC44/attendee/?>
3. **Worship resources for congregations** can be found on the website at
<https://generalcouncil44.ca/community/worship-resources-congregations>

The latest **General Council news** will be on the home page of the website: <https://generalcouncil44.ca/>