

## Regionanl Council 15 Workshops

### Saturday, June 10,2023

Workshop Name	Name of Group/ Contact Name	Workshop Time	Type/Description of Workshop
What to do when you don't know what else to do	Regional Council 15 David Hewitt	1:00pm -2:00pm - Part 1 2:15pm - 3:30pm - Part 2	Consideration of actions and strategies for alternative models for ministry when it's clear that present approaches are no longer offering the desired results.
United Fresh Start	Regional Council 15 Carol Smith / Anne Cameron	1:00pm -2:00pm 2:15pm - 3:30pm	Introduction to the availability of United Fresh Start ( <a href="http://www.unitedfreshstart.ca">www.unitedfreshstart.ca</a> ) in Region 15. Come learn about the various modules that are available, and how to connect with a facilitator.
Understanding how proposed Small Modular Nuclear Reactors fail to meet our Climate Emergency	Eco Justice Working Group JMO Gail Wylie	1:00pm -2:00pm 2:15pm - 3:30pm	Raising concerns about New Brunswick's expansion of nuclear powered electricity through the development of experimental 'advanced' small modular technology. The workshop is now being developed in concept. It is envisioned as including a display of reference materials, a slide presentation and a question and answer session. At this point we are envisioning, but have not determined the possibility, of bringing in nuclear experts via Zoom, especially for the question and answer portion. We would have to rely on the AGM organizers to provide for the related technology infrastructure.
Policy, Process and the Property Handbook for Trustee's	Property Committee Wally Chivers	1:00pm -2:00pm 2:15pm - 3:30pm	Property polity, process with transactions and Handbook materials.
Just Peace in Palestine and Israel	Justice Mission and Outreach Linda Scherzinger	1:00pm -2:00pm 2:15pm - 3:30pm	<i>"Let no evil talk come out of your mouths but only what is good for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear." Ephesians 4:29</i> This workshop will focus on antisemitism; what it is and isn't and the effect on those who long to end prejudices and promote human rights for Jews, Israelis and Palestinians alike.

A talking circle sharing views and ideas about mental and brain health	Mental Health Working Group Norman Laverty	1:00pm -2:00pm 2:15pm - 3:30pm	<p><b><u>Focus:</u></b> After 3 years of pandemic (which may or may not be drawing to a close), what individual and societal problems have arisen or intensified? The church is neither a mental health clinic nor an NGO whose only focus is mental or brain health. Nevertheless, congregations are on the frontlines. What can volunteers and local churches contribute without duplicating other efforts to improve mental and brain health (eg. low stress handicraft groups, access to space for other community organizations, education, developing congregational hospitality, etc.)? Does Jesus have any relevance for the present day struggles for mental health? What is General Council doing? How can we make use of the examples of approaches south of the border developed by our partner, the United Church of Christ?</p> <p><b><u>Participation:</u></b> persons affected by challenges of mental or brain health, members of their families, church staff and volunteers (including church ushers), persons in professions which touch the problems: medical personnel, psychologists, social workers, nutritionists, anthropologists, community organizers, etc.; as well as persons who see a problem and sense a call to become involved.</p>
Churches Addressing the Climate Emergency	Ecological Justice Working Group of JMOC Sheila Van Schaick	1:00pm -2:00pm 2:15pm - 3:30pm	<p>Churches Addressing the Climate Emergency ... Examples, funding resources, and ideas of how your church can do more to lower your GHG emissions, advocate your government for climate action, and work with youth/other faith groups to reduce harm to our planet.</p>

The Meaning of Solidarity. The Breaking the Silence experience.	Breaking The Silence Kathryn Anderson	1:00pm -2:00pm 2:15pm - 3:30pm	Kathryn Anderson has just returned from an extended time in Guatemala. She will give an update of what our partners, Indigenous Maya peoples, have been experiencing as they have been protecting land, water and human rights. This is the context in which we, disciples of Christ, are called to be in costly solidarity. She will also share how United Church folk can be in solidarity through the purchase of the Just Us! Breaking the Silence label of Fair Trade coffee and by joining and supporting others to join the November 2023 Breaking the Silence delegation to Guatemala.
Then Let Us Sing	Kevin Parks	1:00pm -2:00pm	Let Us Sing! will release in summer 2024 just in time for the United Church's 100th anniversary celebrations. This presentation will offer an overview of resources for congregational singing that will be available on the online platform and feature a hymn sing previewing new material from the sampler due to be available later this summer. <a href="http://www.thenletussing.ca">www.thenletussing.ca</a>
My/Our Congregation Wants to Become An Affirming Ministry-Where Do We Start?	Affirming Ministries Task Group Mary Jo Harrison	1:00pm -2:00pm	If you have questions about Affirming Ministries and/ or the process that a community of faith must follow to become an Affirming Ministry within the United Church of Canada, please join us for this workshop.
How to grow involvement, leadership and generosity in today's church	Philanthropy Unit Roger Janes	1:00pm -2:00pm	Our communities and churches are in the midst of significant change, perhaps accelerated in recent years. How can we respond? How "will we sing God's Song in a new land." Roger will explore the current and future church possibilities through the lens of relationships.
Sunday School and Youth Group Resources	Regional Council 15 Catherine Stuart	1:00pm -2:00pm	This workshop will showcase a number of resources and ideas for Sunday school and Youth group that cover the church year.

Ukulele Church	Regional Council 15 Catherine Stuart	2:15pm - 3:30pm	This will be a taster of Ukulele Church, an online worshipping and learning community. There will be 10 ukuleles available for people to try but if you have one bring it with you. Music will be provided. If you have a ukulele and play it often, or you've never touched one in your life, this workshop is for you!
Hope, Love and Sacred Reciprocity	Tatamagouche Centre Nanci Lee	2:15pm - 3:30pm	Through the discovery of children's graves at residential schools, we all have been faced with a harsh reality. We understand more deeply the trauma experienced by Indigenous communities and the potential for intergenerational trauma. Knowing all this, many of us are asking, how do we move forward with good hearts towards true reconciliation? First we listen to our Indigenous neighbours. This presentation will focus on Indigenous voices that have been involved with the Tatamagouche Centre for over 20 years. They will speak on what the situation is in their communities today and what is needed for healing and strengthening Clan mother systems in Wabanaki homelands. Speakers are members of Women of First Light, a women led Indigenous Charity in Wabanaki homelands.