

Bermuda-Nova Scotia Regional Council Workshops

Saturday, May 11, 2024

Workshop Name	Name of Group/ Contact Name	Type/Description of Workshop	Workshop Location
1:30PM to 3:00PM			
An Educational presentation about AUSE and The Affirming Ministries Program	Affirm United/S' Affirmer Ensemble (AUSE) Kim Curlett	I am the Coordinator for AUSE for Quebec and Atlantic Canada (since 2022) and also serve on their Board of Directors (since 2023 and the only Director east of Montreal). I would like to offer an educational presentation about AUSE and The Affirming Ministries program followed by Q&A . This workshop would welcome anyone interested in learning about AUSE, why the work of becoming an Affirming Ministry matters, and how to become more involved in the affirming movement as part of The United Church of Canada's new purpose statement: Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship, Daring Justice.	Cox Institute Room 360
Ecumenical Shared Ministries	Office of Vocation Andrew Richardson	"...making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3). Shared ministry with another denomination (Ecumenical Shared Ministry) can be an opportunity for revitalization, renewal and growth. This workshop will explore the possibilities, challenges and rewards of ecumenical shared ministry.	Cox Institute Room 300
Future Directions	Future Directions Committee Catherine MacDonald	What the Future Directions Committee Can Do For You!	Cox Institute Room 153
Mental Health and Clusters	Mental Health Working Group Norman Lavery	Sharing information about recent events.	Cox Institute Room 179
Region Theme Presentation	Theme Presentor Ross Bartlett	This workshop offers participants the opportunity to explore more deeply some of the ideas and information touched on during the theme presentations at this year's annual meeting.	Cox Institute Room 358

The Indian Residential School Commemorative Project: A Call to United Churches	Justice, Mission and Outreach Committee Dorene Bernard	This workshop is a privileged opportunity to learn how Maritimes United Churches can live out UCC apologies to indigenous people and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission calls to churches. Learn about the Indian Residential School Commemoration Project, and how United Churches can be supportive. The IRS Commemorative Project will honour the lives of survivors of the Shubenacadie Indian Residential School and their families through the creation of a memorial. Come to learn and find out how you can follow up back home. Resource person, Dorene Bernard, is a highly respected Mi'kmaq grandmother of 10, mother of 4, and Mi'kmaki Grassroots Grandmother, water protector, land defender, water walker and cultural teacher. She works with Residential School Survivors, their families and communities to gather, document, protect, and preserve the history and their stories and the lives of the Shubenacadie Indian Residential School survivors and their families from the Atlantic region for future generations.	Cox Institute Room 184
The Palestine Land Exercise	Just Peace Working Group Linda Scherzinger	The Palestine Land Exercise is a participatory play in which the audience takes on the role of Palestinians and experiences some of what has happened since the 19th Century in Palestine/Israel. It is followed by an Indigenous style talking circle when participants respond to what they have learned. It concludes with discussing 'what we can do'. It is important to be aware of the history and context in which the events of October 7th happened and how we can be part of a growing movement for the human rights and well-being of all people in Palestine and Israel. <i>Note this workshop has a limit of 30 people.</i>	Cox Institute Room 157
Ukulele Church	Children, Youth and Young Adult Minister Catherine Stuart	In this workshop, you'll learn to play the ukulele in ways that can enhance any worship, small group gathering, nursing home worship, or your personal prayer practice. No prior experience necessary. Instrument and music will be provided.	Cox Institute Room 180
United Fresh Start Learning Modules	United Fresh Start Facilitator Emily Duggan	An introduction to the available content and style of United Fresh Start learning modules. For more information, please see https://united-church.ca/leadership/supporting-ministry/united-fresh-start .	Cox Institute Room 356
What to do when you don't know what else to do. Part 1	Regional Minister David Hewitt	Consideration of actions and strategies for alternative models for ministry when it's clear that present approaches are no longer offering the desired results.	Cox Institute Room 354

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3:30PM to 5:00PM

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<p>Canadian Responses to the Apocalypse in Gaza</p>	<p align="center">Just Peace Working Group Linda Scherzinger</p>	<p>Sharing stories of faithfulness, complicity and turning a blind eye.</p>	<p>Cox Institute Room 157</p>
<p>Keeping up to date on new (and old) discoveries in mental health</p>	<p align="center">Mental Health Working Group Norman Laverty</p>	<p>Sharing information about content and educational techniques.</p>	<p>Cox Institute Room 179</p>
<p>Resources for Ministry with Children, Youth and Young Adults</p>	<p align="center">Children, Youth and Young Adult Minister Catherine Stuart</p>	<p>In this workshop, we will share resources for Sunday School, Youth Group, Confirmation, and information about Rendez Vous!</p>	<p>Cox Institute Room 180</p>
<p>Righting Relations with the Land: Rematriation, the United Church and Tatamagouche Centre</p>	<p align="center">TBD</p>	<p>Tatamagouche Centre has been a spiritual home for many for decades. For the Mi'kmaq it has been for thousands of years. The Centre and the United Church have been asked to take the next step in their many reconciliation efforts and step into a process with Women of First Light (WoFL) to Rematriation of Tatamagouche Centre. This means the land would come under the stewardship of the Clan Mothers of WoFL.</p> <p>This workshop will cover the actions taken so far by the Tatamagouche Centre and WoFL. It will pose questions on how we make this a Spiritual and growing journey for all of us. What do we all need from this transition and when we move forward? What do we need to honour? And practical policy questions, such as the Canadian Gov't recognizes Churches as exempt from paying land taxes, but not Indigenous Spirituality centres.</p>	<p>Cox Institute Room 184</p>
<p>United Fresh Start Learning Modules</p>	<p align="center">United Fresh Start Facilitator Emily Duggan</p>	<p>An introduction to the available content and style of United Fresh Start learning modules. For more information, please see https://united-church.ca/leadership/supporting-ministry/united-fresh-start.</p>	<p>Cox Institute Room 356</p>

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