

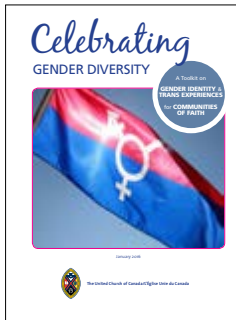


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Celebrating Gender Diversity

A Toolkit on Gender Identity and Trans Experiences for Communities of Faith
search www.united-church.ca

As The United Church of Canada seeks to fully celebrate God's diversity, understanding gender identity plays an integral role. *Celebrating Gender Diversity* will help communities of faith explore gender identity and deepen their understanding of trans experiences. This toolkit contains basic information about gender identity and faith, barriers experienced by trans people, step-by-step guides for creating trans-inclusive spaces, and recommended resources for further engagement and learning.



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Online Resources for Black History Month

search www.united-church.ca

February is Black History Month, or African Heritage Month, in Canada. The United Church continues to be intentional about honouring the month and the many contributions of African Canadians in church and society as part of its intercultural and anti-racist commitments. Your community of faith could mark Black History Month in many ways in worship—including the new worship resources available on the United Church website. This year's resources include a focus on the United Nation's International Decade for People of African Descent, which will run from 2015 to 2024.

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Vocation Sunday

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We are not alone, we live in God's world. And *God's world needs leaders*. As the people of God, we are each called to unique service. A Vocation Sunday service has been designed to invite the congregation to consider their gifts within their community, especially those who may have gifts for formal ministry. This fun, engaging service can be used in part or in full, and provides several options for different styles. Vocation Sunday is often celebrated at the end of April.

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- Redesigned church and minister locator
- Revamped worship material in an easy-to-find format
- Stories from the church and our partners
- Improved site search
- Works on any of your digital devices

As we make the transition, some of our webpage addresses will change, so please bear with us. If you can't find something, try searching!

We look forward to bringing you something fresh and new!



The United Church Is Social!

The church continues to look for new ways we can communicate and connect with one another. One way is through social media. You can now follow or "like" the United Church on various sites, including:

Facebook.com/UnitedChurchCda

Twitter.com/UnitedChurchCda

YouTube.com/UnitedChurchofCanada

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