



May 2016

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Run or Walk for Mission & Service

When: Various dates

Description: Are you a runner or power walker? Would you like to raise awareness and funds for Mission & Service? Why not sign up for one of the many Scotiabank Marathons across the country and declare that you are running/walking for Mission & Service? Join those across the country who are already making a difference! To organize your own run or walk, watch for a kit on www.stewardshiptoolkit.ca in early summer!



Moving to a Three-Council Model: A Discussion about Remit 1

When: May 16, 2016, 7:00–8:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)

Where: Online

Description: Since its founding in 1925, the United Church has had four governance levels. With membership and revenues dropping, is it time to slim down to a sleeker three-council model? Join the discussion by registering at www.united-in-learning.com. If you can't join us, visit www.GC42.ca/remits after the webinar to view a recording.

More info: www.united-in-learning.com



Funding a New Model of Church: A Discussion about Remit 4

When: May 25, 2016, 7:00–8:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)

Where: Online

Description: With our current church structure, pastoral charge assessments cover the cost of presbyteries and Conferences, with General Council Office costs covered by Mission & Service, donations, and investment revenues. This remit proposes that pastoral charge assessments pay for all governance costs, leaving Mission & Service funds solely for mission and ministry expenditures. How will this affect your pastoral charge? Join the discussion by registering at www.united-in-learning.com. If you can't join us, visit www.GC42.ca/remits after the webinar to view a recording.

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French for Ministry, Level 2

When: June 6–10, 2016

Where: Emmanuel College, Toronto, ON

Description: Developed as part of the Advancement of Bilingual Ministry program of United Theological College, the French for Ministry courses help participants improve French language skills while acquiring terminology for ministry in The United Church of Canada and other Protestant denominations. Participants learn church vocabulary for liturgy, administration, pastoral care, and Christian education. For intermediate French speakers, the level 2 course helps prepare students for the completion of UTC's Certificate in Bilingual Ministry.

More info: www.utc.ca/event/french-for-ministry-course-toronto



She Flies On

When: June 10–11, 2016

Where: St. Andrew's United Church, Toronto, ON

Description: To mark the 80th anniversary of the ordination of Lydia Gruchy, the first woman ordained in the United Church, celebrate the life and work of ordained women within the whole people of God. Over the last 80 years, many courageous and gracious women leaders, both ordained and lay, have created a new path. Many more paths must be trodden until the full participation of women is practised in church and society. This event makes it possible to create new paths, writing our new history as we remember our past, reflect on our present, and envision our future.

More info: <http://bit.ly/1n2ODr1> or [search eventbrite.ca](http://search.eventbrite.ca)



Annual Conference: Affirm United / S'Affirmer Ensemble

When: July 22–24, 2016

Where: Glebe-St. James United Church, Ottawa

Description: We're the sexual and gender minorities movement of the United Church. We believe God loves all; you are welcome to this event, whatever your identity. Come and receive an affirming word! Our theme is Words (trans)form...lives...worlds/ Les mots (trans)forment les vies et le monde. Friday, July 22: opening evening including The Right Rev. Jordan Cantwell and local LGBTQ choirs. Saturday: full day of plenary and workshop sessions, dinner, and a fun LGBTQ event. Sunday: morning worship, lunch, and AGM of Affirm United/S'Affirmer Ensemble.

More info: Contact Julie communications@ause.ca or check our website: www.ause.ca



Chasing the Spirit Launch & Skylight Festival

When: July 29–31, 2016

Where: Paris Fairgrounds, Paris, ON

Description: A three-day festival packed with headliners from different backgrounds and talents, Skylight Festival 2016 explores art, faith, peace, and justice. This year includes the official launch of the United Church's new national program, currently called Chasing the Spirit. This initiative includes a grant and micro credit program, a leadership and support network, and a robust research strategy.

More info: www.skylightfestival.ca
www.chasingthespirit.ca



From Apology towards Reconciliation

When: August 20, 2016

Where: Laurentian University, Sudbury, ON

Description: The United Church will recognize our Apology to First Nations Peoples at the site where it was given in Sudbury 30 years ago. All are welcome to join representatives from the Indigenous church and Moderator Jordan Cantwell in this important moment, as we continue our journey towards reconciliation.

More info: www.united-church.ca/events/apology-towards-reconciliation



Pre-retirement Seminar webinar

When: September 12, 2016

Where: online

Description: A free webinar designed for all members of the United Church's pension plan, but particularly for those over 40. Learn about the pension plan, the steps to follow when you decide to retire, and matters to consider as you approach retirement, including steps to take in advance and resources available as you near this important life event. Treasurers and M&P Committee members are also encouraged to attend, to learn about the benefits of the pension plan for eligible employees.

More info: www.united-in-learning.com

The Benefits Story webinar

When: September 27, 2016

Where: online

Description: Learn about the process of enrolment into the benefit plans, and how the service providers work together to share information securely. Designed for anyone working with or for the United Church: ministry or lay employees who are eligible for benefits (work 14 or more hours/week), treasurers, M&P Committee members. The format is interactive, online, and free.

More info: www.united-in-learning.com



Deepening Understanding for Intercultural Ministry: British Columbia

When: October 17–21, 2016

Where: Gilmore Park United Church, Richmond, BC

Description: Engage Difference! Deepening Understanding for Intercultural Ministry is a dynamic ecumenical program for church leaders. If you want practical ideas on nurturing faithful relationships across difference, cultural relevance, and deepening awareness in your faith community, this is the program for you. United Church bursaries are available to help offset the program's cost; e-mail cim@united-church.ca for details.

More info: www.ccforum.ca/programs



Global Pilgrimage

When: Early 2017

Description: Attention Mission & Service Enthusiasts, UCW members, and all who are passionate about Mission & Service! In early 2017 we are offering the first Global Pilgrimage. Twenty people from across the church will visit Kenya with our Mission & Service partner, the National Council of Churches in Kenya. See and hear the stories of how our gifts for Mission & Service have changed lives. Watch for the application form and more information on www.stewardshiptoolkit.ca!



Rendez-Vous 2017: Be the Church

When: August 16–19, 2017

Where: Concordia University, Montreal, QC

Description: Mark your calendars for Rendez-Vous 2017! Rendez-Vous is a gathering of United Church of Canada youth (going into grade 9), young adults (under 30), and their leaders from all across Canada.

More info: www.uccrendezvous.ca
www.facebook.com/groups/uccrendezvous

