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30th Anniversary of the Apology search "apologies" at united-church.ca

August 2016 marks the 30th anniversary of the United Church's Apology to First Nations Peoples. It's a time to remember and recommit to this important step, and to continue moving *from apology towards reconciliation*. Visit the Apologies page for materials to use in reflection this spring, an order of worship for suggested use on June 5 or 12, and a pastoral letter from Moderator Jordan Cantwell. There is also a related gathering in Sudbury this August at the site of the original Apology.



Artifacts Survey www.surveymonkey.com/r/F687J7C

The Archives and History Committee is developing a national strategy for the preservation of artifacts held by United Church congregations. For this project, artifacts are moveable heritage objects that are easily detachable and can be transported from place to place, for example, furnishings, liturgical art, utensils, adornments, and stained glass windows. We are asking one person (or committee) from each congregation to complete the online survey.



Buying United www.BuyingUnited.ca

With Buying United, we work to find ways to save congregations money, so you can focus on ministry and mission. Save on everything from phones and internet to keep you connected, to solar panels to save on energy costs. We can help you save money on printing and supplies to keep the office running smoothly, and on a gym membership to keep United Church employees fit and healthy.

To find out how you and your congregation could save visit the website.



Take Action: Call for Support for Small-Scale Farmers

www.united-church.ca/social-action/act-now

Small-scale farmers, especially in the developing world, feed 70 percent of the world's population. But they face increasingly degraded soils, an uncertain climate, and food insecurity. With increased support, these farmers could access training, finance, and infrastructure for an "agroecological" approach—working with nature to improve farm yields. But Canada's funding for international agricultural aid has been declining. Call for increased support for small-scale, agroecological farming.



Take Action: Regulate Products from Illegal Settlements in Palestine and Israel

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In a letter to Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion, Moderator Jordan Cantwell asked the government to live out its policy on Palestine and Israel. This includes excluding products made in illegal settlements from the Canada Israel Free Trade Agreement (CIFTA). The Moderator also called for regulations requiring retailers to label goods from illegal settlements differently from those made in Israel, enabling Canadians to choose ethically. Please join in urging the government to exclude settlement products from trade deals and require retailer labelling.



Your Chance to Change the Church

www.gc42.ca/remits

Eight proposals, or remits, that could dramatically change the size and operation of The United Church of Canada are now available at www.GC42.ca/remits. Visitors to the webpage will find introductory letters from our General Secretary, comprehensive study guides, and information about the voting process and timing. In the next few months, webinars and video presentations about the remits will also be available there—see information about two of them in What's Happening. These remits could reshape the church and the Basis of Union it is founded on.



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**
- Instagram.com/UnitedChurchCda**