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Advent Unwrapped

www.adventunwrapped.ca

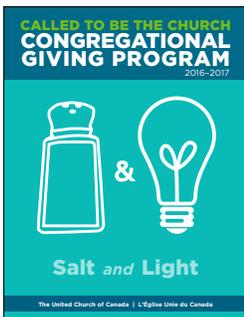
Advent Unwrapped is back for another season! This popular United Church website will help you unwrap the reason for the season through daily blog posts and prayers. Discover new perspectives through the eyes of characters in the Christmas story, and explore interactive program ideas for families and faith communities. Share worship and celebration ideas, and unwrap the themes of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.



Faith & Witness Podcast

<http://faithandwitness.libsyn.com>

What happens when Christian churches talk to one another? The Canadian Council of Churches (CCC) invites you to tune in to *Faith & Witness*, a new podcast exploring ecumenism in Canada. Brought to you by the CCC's Commission on Faith and Witness, the podcast features theological dialogue from members of different denominations, as well as special guest reflections on ecumenism in Canada today. Please listen, and submit your questions and comments to be answered in future podcasts.



Have You Seen *Salt and Light*? Let Us Know!

www.stewardshiptoolkit.ca/saltandlight2016

Register your copy of *Called to Be the Church: Salt and Light* today and receive 25 thank-you cards to use to recognize generosity in your community. Just go to www.stewardshiptoolkit.ca/saltandlight2016 and click on the big orange "Register Now!" button. Bookmark the site and come back often—we're adding new material (like videos, colouring pages, and learning programs) all the time.

If you need a copy of *Salt and Light*—or more than one!—we'll be happy to send you as many as you need. We're also here to answer questions and put you in contact with field staff who can help you implement the program: called@united-church.ca.

Jim Hodgson/The United Church of Canada



Hold Canadian Extractive Companies Accountable

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

The Canadian mining, oil, and gas sector is a huge player internationally, with over 8,000 projects in over 100 countries. Yet when people in other countries are harmed by Canadian corporate activity, they cannot seek justice in Canada. Call on the government to make Canada “Open for Justice.” Ask your elected officials for an extractive-sector ombudsperson and access to Canadian courts for those harmed by Canadian companies overseas.



Join Us “Round the Table”

www.united-church.ca/blogs/round-table

Round the Table is a new blog from The United Church of Canada offering stories from the life of faith communities across the country. This blog includes new ministry initiatives, messages from church leaders, stories from our partners around the world, exciting worship ideas, Bible studies, theological reflections, ministry best practices, and more. Join the circle of stories!

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Reformation Sunday: Countdown to 500th Anniversary

www.united-church.ca/worship-liturgical-season/reformation-sunday

A new prayer and bulletin insert are available for Reformation Sunday, October 30, 2016. Next year marks the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation’s beginnings. We are a reformed and reforming church—who we are and what we believe is rooted in the Reformation. Watch www.united-church.ca/worship for new resources in 2017 and join in the celebration.



Shoulder Tap Video

www.youtube.com/unitedchurchofcanada

search the channel for “shoulder tap” or find the Entering Ministry playlist

God’s world needs leaders. All of us are called to recognize the gifts of those around us. Some are called to unique service as ministry personnel, but no one enters ordered ministry without the encouragement and support of their faith community. Start a conversation with someone you think has gifts for ministry leadership, and keep the conversation going! You never know where it may lead.



The United Church of Canada Benefits Centre

www.uccan-benefitscentre.ca

Members of the United Church’s benefits plans—ministry personnel, staff, and retired members—are encouraged to check out the new online Benefits Centre, administered by McAteer Group. Comments or concerns about McAteer’s Benefits Centre operations are welcome at the Ministry and Employment Unit: 1-800-268-3781 ext. 3031.

