



January 2017

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Rendez-vous 2017: Be the Church

When: August 16–19, 2017

Where: Concordia University, Montreal

Description: Join the national gathering of United Church youth (going into grade 9), young adults (under 30), and their leaders. Come and be inspired by keynote speakers, workshop leaders, small groups, and one another to *Be the Church* in various ways. Engage with the bilingual culture of Montreal, one of Canada's most exciting cities, through exposure visits. **Registration March 1–June 30, 2017. Early bird registration pricing until May 30.**

More info: www.uccrendezvous.ca



Music Matters

When: May 5–7, 2017

Where: St. Andrew's College, Saskatoon, SK

Description: A fun weekend filled with music, workshops, and lively discussion that is open to worship leaders who are passionate about the ministry of music. Music ministers, choir members, and ministers are all welcome!

More info: www.musicunited.ca



Deepening Understanding for Intercultural Ministry: Manitoba

When: May 8–12, 2017

Where: Sandy-Salteaux Spiritual Centre, Beausejour, MB

Description: Engage difference in this dynamic ecumenical program for church leaders. Are you interested in discovering how to nurture faithful relationships across difference, gathering insights on cultural relevance, and deepening understanding and awareness in your faith community? Then this practical program is for you. United Church bursaries are available to help offset the program's cost. For details, e-mail cim@united-church.ca.

More info: www.united-church.ca/events



Transfer Your Congregation's Mission & Service Gifts Soon!

When: January 27, 2017

Description: Please ensure that all Mission & Service gifts for the year 2016 are transferred and received at the General Council Office by **January 27, 2017**. If you make transfers by cheque, you may want to consider using PAR or an online bank transfer to streamline the process.

More info: To make any changes to how you transfer gifts for Mission & Service from your pastoral charge, please contact Nicole Chicote at nchicote@united-church.ca or 1-800-268-3781, ext. 3072.

Congregational Goal-Setting

When: March 31, 2017

Description: As you fill out this year's congregational goal-setting form, we invite you to set a 2017 giving goal that is aspirational and achievable—and in particular, to invite new people to start making a meaningful annual gift for Mission & Service. As you finalize budget for Mission & Service giving and local church ministry for 2017, please share your giving goals with us.

More info: Contact Mission & Service at ms@united-church.ca or 1-800-268-3781, ext. 3050.



Pension and Benefits Webinars, 2017

Pension Information webinar

When: February 1, March 29, September 13, 2017

Where: online

Description: This free webinar, designed for all members of the United Church's pension plan, provides an outline of your retirement benefits. Learn about the structure of the plan, the steps to follow when you decide to retire, and matters to consider through your career with the church. 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: May 16, September 20, 2017

Where: online

Description: Learn about the process of enrolling in 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

