

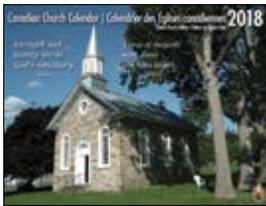


October 2017

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Recently Released Resources



2018 Canadian Church Calendar

"Strength and beauty are in God's sanctuary" (Psalm 96:6)

Our 2018 calendar features colourful photos of United Churches from across the country and notes special days and church seasons. Keep track of liturgical seasons and colours, significant United Church days, and lectionary dates.

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Gathering Advent/Christmas/Epiphany 2017-2018

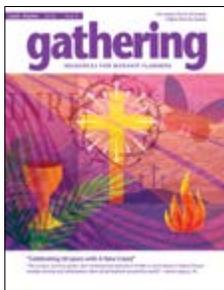
Issue Theme: The Whole Body of Christ

In this issue, *Gathering* looks at the ongoing journey from the momentous decision in 1988 to welcome all people, regardless of sexual orientation, into the church. Worship materials honour the diversity of sexual orientations, gender identities, expressions, and gender roles. Includes resources for speaking and acting inclusively in our congregations.

Print	CH11050	\$10.00 each
Prayer download	D11050	\$4.95

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Coming Soon



Gathering Lent/Easter 2018

Issue Theme: 50 Years with A New Creed

This issue looks at the creeds of the church, old and new; their history; and the journey of A New Creed. Using A New Creed as a focus for preaching draws us naturally into clarifying what it actually means to live the truth that "in life, in death, in life beyond death...we are not alone."

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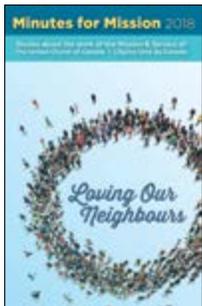
mandate **Mandate: November 2017** **Issue Theme: Reform**

On the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the church is on the cusp of another sea change. The cover story includes diverse voices answering the question, What reforms does the United Church need to embrace today? Other highlights include a celebration of the UCW at 55 and a program for youth to create a digital Bible collage.

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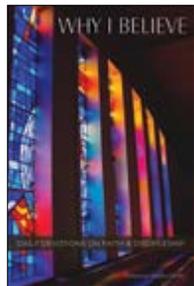
Minutes for Mission 2018 **Loving Our Neighbours (Mark 12:30-31)**

Share our church's Mission & Service stories through weekly readings! This year's theme comes from Mark 12: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Weekly readings describe how Mission & Service gifts enable ministries that truly fulfill the great commandment and focus on stories of loving our neighbour near and far. See ucrdstore.ca/m4m for downloadable files of the Minutes as well as links to videos and photos to use in your worship services.

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Why I Believe **Daily Devotions on Faith & Discipleship** **Edited by Alydia Smith**

For our 2018 Lenten devotional, a variety of United Church people told us about their personal faith journeys. We are excited to share their candid, thoughtful reflections. What does it mean to follow Jesus, remain faithful, and choose hope, especially during times of uncertainty and doubt? This engaging collection is suitable for daily reflection or group study. Lent starts early this year—get your order in by mid-January.

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Available to order December 2017.

Upcoming Events



Social Innovation Challenge, Windsor

When: November 30–December 1, 2017

Where: EPICentre, University of Windsor, 410 Sunset Ave., Windsor, ON

Description: Do you have an idea that would make your church, neighbourhood, or world a better place to be? This is a chance to pitch your social idea in 60 seconds. It awards proposals that are financially sustainable, environmentally friendly, have a positive social impact, and/or are spiritually grounded. Winning ideas will get mentorship, start-up funding, and ongoing support.

More info: www.socialinnovationchallenge.ca/windsor

Find Us Online

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Call on Government to Address Root Causes of Famine www.united-church.ca/social-action/act-now

Starvation and extreme hunger are rapidly reaching a scale the world has not seen before in Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan, and Yemen. There is also extreme hunger in Kenya. Have you made a donation to our ongoing appeal? There's more you can do: call on the federal government to address two causes of the crisis: the decades of conflicts that have displaced millions of people, and the intensity of climate change, which causes lengthening droughts.



Gifts with Vision 2017-2018 www.giftswithvision.ca

Give meaningfully all year round! Gifts with Vision aren't just for Christmas gift-giving. Any time of year is a perfect time to lovingly celebrate a special occasion and make a difference in the world! Online at www.giftswithvision.ca, through the catalogue, or by phone at 1-844-715-7969, we're ready to help you give a meaningful gift.



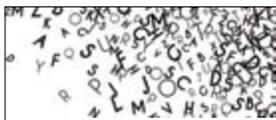
People in Partnership www.united-church.ca/community-faith/get-involved/

The People in Partnership program enables United Church people and global partners to encounter each other, accompany each other in God's mission, and learn more about each other's contexts. The program provides a framework for the exchange of people (from Canada to global partners, and from global partners to Canada). Join us in building connections around the world. Learn more on our website, and connect with People in Partnership (pip@united-church.ca).



Serve as an Ecumenical Accompanier in Israel-Palestine www.united-church.ca/opportunities

The Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI), an initiative of the World Council of Churches, creates an international presence to contribute toward the realization of a just peace in Palestine and Israel. Ecumenical Accompaniers embody the United Church's commitment to just peace, accompany Palestinians and Israelis working non-violently, and offer a protective presence to vulnerable communities. Read the full posting, and if you feel called, connect with People in Partnership (pip@united-church.ca).



Take Part in Online Conversations www.edge-ucc.ca/online-conversations

This fall EDGE, the United Church's network for ministry development, encourages you to join conversations on various themes, tell your own story, and learn about amazing work that is happening across the country. Each online conversation features panelists who will share their stories. Then participants are broken out into small groups to connect with each other. This is an interactive and fun way to learn and grow!

Find Us Online (cont.)

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Urge PayPal to Extend Its Services to Palestinians www.united-church.ca/social-action/act-now

As consumers buy more and more online, PayPal has seen a rise in its market share. But PayPal has refused to contract with Palestinian businesses and banks in the West Bank or Gaza. Settlers, banks, and merchants in the illegal settlements, however, can freely access PayPal individual and merchant services in the same territory, using Israeli bank accounts. Request PayPal to extend services to West Bank and Gaza Palestinians and cease extending services to the illegal settlements.



United in Learning www.united-in-learning.com

United in Learning offers a variety of distance education opportunities for church leaders. Whether you're clergy or lay, whether you have years of experience under your belt, or you've just joined your first committee, we have ways to connect you with like-minded people across the country to help make your church more vibrant, exciting, and alive. For most programs, all you'll need is a computer with Internet access, and a telephone.

Racial Justice Workshop

**October 31, 2017, 11 am-3:30 pm Eastern Time
or November 13 & 15, 11 am-1:00 pm Eastern Time**

Racial justice training for **all active ministry personnel** was mandated at the 39th General Council 2006. The proposal came out of a long history of the United Church's engagement with issues of social justice. Racial justice training is one effort to help the church continue to live out its principles.

Strengthening Youth Ministry Webinar Series

Six webinars, October 2017 - April 2018

Join experienced youth and young adult ministry leaders for a special series that will provide youth ministry leaders (volunteers and ministry personnel) with practical tips and tools to reach the young people in your midst. All of these leaders have also been trained as Youth and Young Adult Ministry Consultants and can provide local workshops. Register for each webinar or for the whole series.

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