



October 2018

# What's Happening?

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World Council of Churches



### Thursdays in Black

**When:** Every Thursday

**Where:** Worldwide

**Description:** Sex- and gender-based violence is deeply rooted in our cultures, institutions, and religions. The United Church is participating in the World Council of Churches' Thursdays in Black campaign. Every Thursday, wear black to show that you are part of the global movement resisting attitudes and practices that permit sex- and gender-based violence. Share your photos on social media using the hashtags #ThursdaysInBlack #jeudisennoir #UCCan #WCC.

**More info:** [www.united-church.ca/social-action/act-now](http://www.united-church.ca/social-action/act-now)



### Webinar: Writing for the Creative Soul

**When:** October–December 2018

**Description:** Presented by the Very Rev. David Giuliano, Writing for the Creative Soul is for those interested in exploring writing in a supportive online community. Whether for pleasure or for publication, you choose your form: liturgy, poetry, blogging, journal keeping, short story, prayer, preaching, essay, memoir, fiction, or non-fiction. A desire to explore creativity through writing is the only prerequisite. No previous experience necessary. Participants will play with writing exercises, take some creative risks, share their writing, and stand authentically at the crossroads of creative writing and spirituality.

**More info:** <https://united-in-learning.com>



### Webinar Series: Disabilities and the Church

**When:** October 2018 to March 2019

**Description:** This dynamic series of five webinars explores a variety of topics related to disabilities and the church, including disability and diversity, theologies of disabilities, supporting youth with disabilities, creating accessible congregations, and ableism. Register for one webinar or all five! Cost: \$9.99 for one webinar or \$39.99 for the whole series.

**More info:** <https://united-in-learning.com>



## 2018 Parliament of the World's Religions

**When:** November 1–7, 2018

**Where:** Toronto, ON

**Description:** This global interfaith event marks its 125th anniversary by bringing together leaders and followers of more than 200 spiritual and secular traditions to pursue global understanding, reconciliation, and change. Over 500 programs, workshops, and dialogues are accompanied by music, dance, art, and photography exhibitions, and related events.

**More info:** [www.united-church.ca/events](http://www.united-church.ca/events)



Emmanuel College

## Emmanuel Encounter

**When:** November 14, 2018

**Where:** Emmanuel College, Toronto

**Description:** Come and meet with our Admissions Counsellor, Andrew Aitchison, for an information session about our school and our programs. Connect with faculty and current students, join us for lunch, and stay for worship. This is an informal event and you are welcome to come and go as needed.

**More info:** <http://bit.ly/DWE2018ucc> or  
e-mail Andrew: [emmanuel.admissions@utoronto.ca](mailto:emmanuel.admissions@utoronto.ca)

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## Transgender Day of Remembrance

**When:** November 20, 2018

**Description:** The Transgender Day of Remembrance, November 20, was set aside to recognize those who have been killed due to ignorance and hatred, targeted because they were trans or gender non-conforming. Worship resources are available online.

**More info:** [www.united-church.ca/worship](http://www.united-church.ca/worship)

Credit: Forum for Intercultural Leadership and Learning



## Deepening Understanding for Intercultural Ministry, Barrie

**When:** November 26–30, 2018

**Where:** YMCA Cedar Glen, Barrie, ON

**Description:** Engage Difference! Deepening Understanding for Intercultural Ministry (DUIM) is an interactive and engaging ecumenical program for church leaders. DUIM Barrie will focus on intercultural ministry in the context of smaller urban and urbanizing communities. Participants will leave with practical ideas for implementation in their own context, and for ministry leadership. United Church bursaries are available.

**More info:** [www.united-church.ca/events](http://www.united-church.ca/events)

