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Office of /Bureau de la
vocation

Candidacy Pathway and Office of Vocation www.united-church.ca/leadership

Candidacy Pathway: The process for becoming a minister with The United Church of Canada has changed! Learn more about the new process, Candidacy Pathway, on our website: www.united-church.ca/leadership/entering-ministry/candidacy-pathway.

Office of Vocation: This webpage introduces the new Office of Vocation, which officially began its work on January 1, 2019. Find out what the Office does and how it relates to the work of ministry personnel and ministry candidates: www.united-church.ca/leadership/supporting-ministry/office-vocation.

ChurchHub

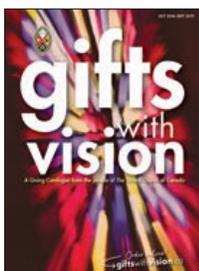
ChurchHub www.ChurchHub.ca

ChurchHub.ca is a new online space for communities of faith and ministry personnel of the United Church. Beginning in January, all pastoral relations information, forms, and positions will be available through ChurchHub. Watch the "Intro to ChurchHub.ca" webinar now to learn how to connect with one another, post profiles for changes in pastoral relations, and connect with regional councils and the General Council. You can find the recording, a copy of the presentation slides, and an FAQ document on United-in-Learning.com.



Findings of the Flourishing in Ministry Study www.united-church.ca/leadership/supporting-ministry/ministry-vitality

United Church ministry personnel were invited to participate in the Flourishing in Ministry survey in February 2018. It examined everyday happiness, resilience, self-integrity, and thriving. For a summary of positive insights, concerns, and major themes, and some questions for reflection on the findings, visit the Ministry Vitality page.



Gifts with Vision: Give Meaningfully All Year Round! www.giftswithvision.ca

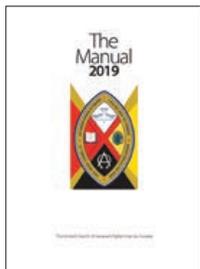
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May Is Asian Heritage Month

www.united-church.ca/worship

How do you and your community of faith plan to mark Asian Heritage Month? There are many ways to honour the contributions of Asian Canadians to church and society. Visit the worship page for worship resources, Bible study, and links to videos.



The Manual, 2019

www.united-church.ca/handbooks

The Manual, 2019, is in effect as of **January 1, 2019**. Find it online, and navigate it in Adobe Acrobat using the bookmarks, linked table of contents, and search. Related resources that expand on the policy found in *The Manual* are also being posted as they are available. There is currently no plan to make print copies of *The Manual* available for sale.



Online Statistical Information (Blue) Forms

<https://webapps.united-church.ca>

The statistical cycle to collect 2018 data has now started. If you have not yet received your forms and instructions, please contact the Year Book office at 1-800-268-3781 ext. 2031 or statistics@united-church.ca to request an electronic package. Pastoral charges are actively encouraged to submit their information online. Please visit the url above and follow the directions for a simple, smooth process. The Year Book office looks forward to receiving your information.



People in Partnership

www.united-church.ca/community-faith/get-involved/people-partnership

People in Partnership (PiP) helps United Church people build global connections and relationships. PiP offers communities of faith opportunities to host global partners and learn more about mission and ministry in each other's local contexts. Global opportunities for people to encounter United Church partners are also available. For more information, e-mail pip@united-church.ca



Sponsor an LGBTQ2+ Refugee

www.united-church.ca/social-action/justice-initiatives

LGBTQ2+ refugees are some of the most vulnerable refugees in the world. They suffer physical, sexual, and verbal abuse and discrimination, and many face imprisonment and death. These refugees urgently need church sponsors that can support their journey to a new and safe life. Canada is one of only a few countries in the world with an LGBTQ2+ Refugee program—please prayerfully consider sponsoring an LGBTQ2+ refugee.



Summer Student Grants 2019

www.united-church.ca search “summer student grant”

This is a great opportunity: over \$15,000 was given away in grant money last year to support congregations who hired students over the summer. “Working in the church has inspired me to find work that promotes community, diversity, and justice,” says Sarah Elliot of Hillhurst United Church, a 2017 Summer Student Grant participant. Apply online by **March 31, 2019**.



Emmanuel College

Tuition Support at Emmanuel College

We are pleased to offer 100 percent tuition support for full-time studies in our MDiv program to United Church of Canada members who are on the pathway to ordination. Details are on our website at <http://bit.ly/JWBUCC18>.

All full-time, domestic students are eligible for our Entering Theological Education grant, which provides 50 percent tuition support for our basic degree programs for up to 10 courses taken within the first 12 months. Details are on our website at <http://bit.ly/ETEUC18>.



Vocation Sunday Resources

www.united-church.ca/worship

Vocation Sunday, or a vocation themed service, can be celebrated at any time in the year. But this year, we’re suggesting **May 30, 2019**. In our worship section, scroll to Featured Themes and choose Vocations for resources to engage the theme of call or vocation.



Worship Resources for Black History Month

www.united-church.ca/worship

Black History Month has been recognized in Canada since 1996. It is a time to learn more about the long and diverse history of Black peoples in Canada, to honour their contributions to church and society, and to acknowledge the struggles that Black Canadians endure because of Anti-Black racism and systemic oppression. Visit the worship page for ideas for celebrating Black History Month in your community of faith.



Worship Resources for Times of Change

www.united-church.ca/worship-theme/milestones-and-transitions

Several worship resources will help communities of faith through the remit-related transitions and changes in governance structure:

- **Prayer for Times of Change: At This Threshold** for celebrating the start of new relationships in regional councils
- **Prayer for Times of Change: A New Way of Being Church** for times of being a church with new relationships or for Pentecost or Union Sunday

The Milestones and Transitions webpage also offers Prayer for Times of Change: We Are at a Doorway and two worship services: Simple Service of Goodbye and Sankofa: Looking Back, Moving Forward.

E-ssentials

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