



## First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Weekly Announcements June 23, 2021

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### **Weekly Prayer – Rev. Stephanie McClellan, Lewisporte Pastoral Charge**

Loving God, creative one, looking at the bountiful beauty of summer, we see your beauty reflected within creation. The flowers, the streams, the living world that you have given us to care for and to inspire us.

Wouldn't it be lovely if our thoughts and actions could always be so stunning as the horizons full of sunset colours and newness each day? Though we catch glimpses of your glory in the world and the people around us, we also recognize some of the ways that we mar and blur that perfection. Some of these ways, we are not even aware of as we benefit from our place and privilege in the world. Through racism and lack of respect for people and land; for criticism meant to wound; for missed opportunities to care for your people.

Help us, creator, to create justice that shines in the darkest corners of our lives and our churches. Help us, beautiful one, to spend moments in awe of your beauty in each other. Help Us, faithful one, to send roots deep into the soil that plant us in our faith while our branches stretch up to touch the sky where our dreams and visions for the future are free to bend in the Holy Spirit's wind.

Ever-Living God, may your beauty break into our busyness and create refreshing moments of inspire and peacefulness. We need rain to give living water to our streams and oceans and we need living water to refresh our souls!

In gratitude and praise, through Christ,  
Amen

### **Annual Meeting Evaluation**

Please see below a link to the **Evaluation Form of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council**. We would appreciate receiving your feedback.

<https://ucceast.ca/61776-2021-first-dawn-eastern-edge-regional-council-annual-meeting-evaluation/>

If you have any questions, please be in contact with Alison Piercey [apiercey@united-church.ca](mailto:apiercey@united-church.ca)

## **World Day of Prayer**

World Day of Prayer went virtual this year! You can still view and share the service written by the women of Vanuatu and donate to the grant program by checking out [www.wicc.org](http://www.wicc.org).

For the first time ever, with leadership from Rev. Steph McClellan, Rev. Catherine Stuart and others from across Canada, we also have a "Kids Pray Too!" World Day of Prayer Service that you can access with this YouTube link!

[https://youtu.be/ivw\\_SoFav3U](https://youtu.be/ivw_SoFav3U)

Feel free to ask questions or make comments - Women's Inter-Church Council President, Rev. Steph [revstephmc@gmail.com](mailto:revstephmc@gmail.com)

## **Ukulele Church Camp**

Calling All Ukulele Enthusiasts! If you're not one yet, you just don't know it! From July 19-23, join Linnea Good and Catherine Stuart for a week of Ukulele Church: Camp! Each day from 1pm-2:15pm Atlantic. Follow the link to the website for more information! <https://ucceast.ca/62424-ukulele-church-camp/>

## **Summer Youth Positions – First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Office**

We are pleased at the First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Office in St. John's to be hiring 2 youth this summer to work in our Office, Bookstore and Archives. We were successful in receiving 2 Canada Summer Jobs grants from Service Canada both for 8-week duration. For more information please visit: <https://ucceast.ca/62382-summer-youth-positions-first-dawn-eastern-edge-regional-council-office/>

## **Nominations Report**

The updated Nominations Report has been uploaded to our Regional Council website: <https://ucceast.ca/62342-nominations-report-as-of-may-26-2021/>. For any questions or changes to the report, please be in contact with the convenor of the Nominations Team [bruce.rideout@ymail.com](mailto:bruce.rideout@ymail.com)

## **United Church Presence on NTV**

Cowan Heights United Church is proud to offer a worship service in the United Church of Canada tradition on NTV every fifth Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. This television ministry is especially important for those in our communities of faith that are unable to join in online services. Be sure to let your community of faith know and either set your PVR or tune in LIVE! You won't want to miss it. Be sure to tune in! Our next NTV service is **July 4, 2021**

## **We Mourn and Acknowledge....**

With aching hearts, we will continue to mourn and remember with our Indigenous friends, neighbours, and relatives touched by the 215 children's remains found, and those not yet found.

It is common to want to rush to "do something", to fix and make better. An Elder from the Indigenous Ministries and Justice in the United Church says, "*We understand the desire to do 'something' that will make this right. But we ask you, right now, to come together as people of the United Church and take the first step of mourning and remembering.*"

So for now, let's tie ribbons, light candles, sing and pray, make offerings...and keep our hearts open, be present to the pain, and let it change us. ([Reflection and prayers on UCC website](#))

And when the time is right, [check for actions](#) you can take to support Indigenous communities and continue working to dismantle our inherent racism in our Regions.

### **Beyond Words: Anti-racism Fil Series – June 20-August 1, 2021**

Join us for 6 weeks of great Canadian films and frank discussions about racism. We are offering multiple levels of engagement, covering a spectrum of learning needs and styles. Participants will receive a weekly email with the 2 suggested films for the week, questions for reflection, relevant links, and opportunities to join online discussions. All films can be found for free. (Organized by the Anti-Racism Network of the Eastern Regions of the United Church of Canada.) For more information visit:

<https://ucceast.ca/62210-beyond-words-anti-racism-summer-film-series/>

### **First Dawn Eastern Edge Region Council E-Connect**

We are excited to be preparing our 1st Issue of E-Connect - a renewed version of The Connector that was an insert in The Observer.

Here's a sneak preview of what it will look like. Sharing our publication is a great way to connect your congregation to our Region and share stories of our faith."



Volume No. 1

2021 Spring Issue

#### **COMING SOON 3<sup>rd</sup> WEEK OF JUNE –**

Our first issue of E-Connect, a quarterly electronic and printable publication where we may share stories of faith to connect us as a region. **This publication will highlight our 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional Spring meeting for our delegates to share with members of their congregation....plus other articles.**

### **Vacancy**

**The Springdale Pastoral Charge** is seeking a full-time, 40 hours a week, Ordained, Diaconal, or Recognized Designated Lay Minister. We are a one-point Community of Faith covering two communities of Springdale and Little Bay with approximately 150 families under pastoral care. Duties to commence on July 1, 2021, or on another mutually agreed upon date. For further information or to apply, please go to ChurchHub or contact Hardy Sparkes at [hardyesparkes@outlook.com](mailto:hardyesparkes@outlook.com) or Carolyn at [carolyn.robinson@hotmail.com](mailto:carolyn.robinson@hotmail.com).

### **Shopper's Run for Women in Support of STELLA's CIRCLE**

Don't let the word "run" stop you! Walking is an option. It is well known that fortified by a good cup of tea Stella Burry could accomplish just about anything! The legacy of her work continues in the work done by Stella's Circle. The funds raised by the Run for Women support mental programs for women at Stella's Circle. This year, the Run for Women will be virtual. You can choose your own route and your own time to do the walk or run, any time between Jul 4-11, 2021. \$35 of the registration fee goes directly to support the work of Stella's Circle with women's mental health. Each participant receives a \$100 swag bag, t-shirt and finisher's bracelet. Last year, Stella's Tea Cups raised \$1400. Let's see if we can do it again.

Please join our team called Stella's Tea Cups. If you want to join or have questions, email [revmiriam@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:revmiriam@cochranestreetuc.com) or go directly to <https://www.runforwomen.ca/Cities/StJohns.aspx>

## United Church Bookstore

The bookstore is taking orders for the following book. Deadline for orders is Monday June 21, 2021

his book, curated by acclaimed author Sarah Bessey, celebrates and honors that prayerful tradition in a literary form. A companion for all who feel the immense joys and challenges of the journey of faith, this collection of prayers says it all aloud, giving readers permission to recognize the weight of all they carry. These writings also offer a broadened imagination of hope—of what can be restored and made new. Each prayer is an original piece of writing, with new essays by Sarah Bessey throughout. **\$29.95 Tax Included**

