



First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council
Weekly Announcements
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Weekly Prayer – Rev. Ian March-MacCuish, First United Church Mount Pearl

Triune God, three in one, whose spirit came on the rush of a wind. Allow that same spirit that swept over the disciples to sweep over us. May your spirit wash over our souls making us more alive in our mission and ministry. Where worship has been deeply affected by COVID-19, our work and witness has never been so important. Guide us, O God, to continue to check on our neighbour to make sure medications are arranged and meals can be delivered. So those living by themselves realize they are not alone that someone cares. May we use social media to enhance our connectedness to be a listening ear or challenging voice. In the rush of the pandemic we pray that we not forget those dealing with other health issues. Those needing surgery, those with heart difficulties, those dealing with cancer cannot be forgotten but upheld in your compassion and love.

We pray for the recent terrorist attack in London, Ontario. Our thoughts are with the four persons killed. That such hatred for someone of a different religion come to an end. Our prayers are shared with the London community, particularly, the Muslim community. Give our leaders strength to show clearly that targeted and hateful acts have no place in our Country or any Country. May you the God of peace rain down over us filling our hearts with love.

We continue to pray for all those who are feeling grief over the 215 bodies discovered by a residential school in Kamloops, BC. Today we echo the 1986 apology made by our Moderator to First Nations Peoples for the times in which the church had linked acceptance of European culture and the corresponding suppression of First Nations cultures to the sharing of the gospel of Jesus Christ. May we continue to share our responsibilities for the residential school system that forced culture genocide directed to our indigenous brothers and sisters. Help us O God to live up to the apology and keep the work that needs to be done front and centre of our combined witness.

O God, father and mother of us all, help us to discern your will for our lives as individuals and by the collected community of faith. And empower us to go forth offering your peace. Amen.

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

Cochrane Street United Church

PLANT SALE: Plus stay for some BBQ – hotdog & drink for \$5! Cochrane Street United Church annual plant sale is June 12, 2021 from 11:00am–2:00pm, on the steps of 81 Cochrane Street. Please contact the church office with any queries at 722-3023 or info@cochranestreetuc.com

Go Project

Cowan Heights United Church, in collaboration with the GO Project is hiring three summer positions for eight (8) weeks at 35 hours/week for Summer 2021. We are looking for **one (1) site coordinator** and **two (2) site staff** to help with the coordination, planning, oversight, and implementation of our summer programming (August 9-20, 2021). Four weeks will be spent working on projects related to the ministries of Cowan Heights United Church, and the remaining four weeks working on the GO Project. For more information visit: <https://ucceast.ca/62166-go-project-is-hiring/>

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 3rd 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 3rd Regional Spring meeting for our delegates to share with members of their congregation....plus other articles.**

Vacancy

The Campbellton Pastoral Charge is seeking a full time, 40 hours per week, Ordained or Designated Lay Minister preferably in Category A, B, C or D but may consider others.

We are a one-point Community of Faith with approximately 80 families under pastoral care. Duties to start July 1, 2021 or on another mutually agreed upon date.

Further information or to apply please go ChurchHub.

Contact Glenn at ghooper@eastlink.ca or Kevin at k.head@persona.ca

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 hardyeparkes@outlook.com or Carolyn at carolyn.robinson@hotmail.com.

Calling All Youth

The Faith Formation, Christian Education and Leadership Development Team of First Dawn Eastern Edge is calling for youth between the ages of 15-19 (in 2022) to consider letting their names stand to be a member of General Council Youth Forum 2022. This person will be a Commissioner (voting member) of the General Council and will also attend Youth Forum. All General Council events will take place online via Zoom. There is a possibility of employment, as well as the opportunity to attend the GO Project as part of this experience. For more information and to state your interest, please email Catherine Stuart, Minister for Children, Youth and Young Adults at cstuart@united-church.ca Please express your interest by June 5, 2021.

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 or go directly to <https://www.runforwomen.ca/Cities/StJohns.aspx> to register.

United Church Bookstore

Taking orders for the following book. Deadline to order is Monday June 14, 2021. Contact Leona at [llaundry@united-church.ca](mailto:l laundry@united-church.ca) to order.

How can you still be a Christian? Freeing Jesus, this is the most common question Diana Butler Bass is asked today. It is a question that many believers ponder as they wrestle with disappointment and disillusionment in their church and its leadership. But while many Christians have left their churches, they cannot leave their faith behind.

In *Freeing Jesus*, Bass challenges the idea that Jesus can only be understood in static, one-dimensional ways and asks us to instead consider a life where Jesus grows with us and helps us through life's challenges in several capacities: as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence. *Freeing Jesus* is an invitation to leave the religious wars behind and rediscover Jesus in all his many manifestations, to experience Jesus beyond the narrow confines we have built around him. It renews our hope in faith and worship at a time when we need it most.

