

~ANNOUNCEMENTS & INVITATIONS as of August 24, 2018~

- **Welcome Sunday, September 09** ~ Enjoy worship at 10:30 am, and following the service come to the CE wing for a "progressive lunch". The small groups (and perhaps a few committees) will be here each offering a different "snack" for you to enjoy while visiting with leaders and/or members. Watch for more details closer to the date. **I have heard that there is a possibility of "drumsticks" & "Jelly Belly's" being served (hmmm I wonder which small groups those belong to)....I also heard that Scrapper's Unite have been having secret meetings to talk about what they will serve/do.... hmmmmmm

*****I need to know if you will be attending so I have numbers for the dust fairies to setup.*** Please let me know ASAP!**

- **Fall Newsletter** ~ I am working on the fall newsletter, if you are a small group leader please give me your fall start dates, or if anyone has any important dates, please let me know so I can add them to the September calendar, as well as the newsletter. Thank you
- **Shared Summer Worship Services** ~ The August 26th worship service will be held at St. George's Anglican starting at 10:00 a.m. The worship services will start again at Stettler United Church on September 02 at 10:30 am. (Please remember to identify your offerings by clearly marking the cheque or envelope which church you're supporting.)
- **Worship Services @ Lodge & Care Homes:**
 - Friday, August 24th @ Points West (3:30)
 - Sunday, August 12th @ Heart Haven (2:45) and Heritage House @ (3:30)
 - Tuesday, August 21st @ Willow Creek (2:00) and @ Paragon Place (3:30)
 - Friday, August 24th @ Points West (3:30)
- **Jan is away** on holidays from July 28th, returning August 29th. Please call the church office and/or Barbara Lieurance (minister serving with Erskine & Big Valley United Churches) if you have urgent pastoral needs during this time. Thank you to the Worship committee for looking the after the service on July 29th!

- **Imagine ...a Community Kitchen at Stettler United Church...**
partly in response to knowing that many people eat alone and experience isolation. There are also those who want to learn about cooking. Why not come together to prepare and eat a meal together, and take other meals home for the freezer?
Firstly there would need to be a coordinator! Is that someone you?
- **Website Updates:** <http://www.stettlerunitedchurch.org/news>
 - Announcements.

~ WIDER CHURCH ~

GC43 Clears the Way for Remit Implementation

On the final afternoon of the 43rd General Council (July 27), commissioners approved and made final amendments to proposals related to remit implementation. The remits themselves were enacted on [Sunday, July 22](#).

The proposals clarified or expanded on details and aspects of the upcoming structural changes. In summary:

- The term “General Council” will be maintained, although “denominational council” is the legal description of the decision-making body of the church.
- The proposal to make clusters and networks a priority was referred to the General Secretary.
- The work of the current task group on the Association of Ministers will be made a priority.
- The assessment rate for 2019–2021 is 4.5 percent of adjusted total revenues. Pastoral charges for whom this would result in an increase of more than 10 percent have the option to phase it in.
- Revisions to the Basis of Union have been referred to the Executive of the General Council to finalize.

Full details on the decisions can be found in the [GC43 Digital Workbook](#); select “02b Motions as Passed” and then “Remit Implementation as passed.” You can also watch a recording of the July 27 decision session for the above on [YouTube](#). The remit implementation proposals begin at 1:12:33.

The July 24 information session on remit-related proposals, where

commissioners could ask for and receive clarification on the proposals ahead of making their decisions, can also be viewed on [YouTube](#).

Upcoming Webinars

- Our New Pastoral Relations System: Making the Transition. This YouTube Live session in late September will be a followup to our [April session](#). Watch this newsletter or [United-in-Learning.com](#) for the final date and time.
- Archives and Artifacts: This session for presbyteries and Conferences will cover what to do with their records and artifacts in preparation for the move to regional councils. The tentative date and time: Oct. 2 at 1:00 p.m. ET. Watch this newsletter or [United-in-Learning.com](#) for the confirmed date and time.

Still have questions? Please contact remits@united-church.ca. Anyone can also sign up to receive the Remit Implementation newsletter [here](#).

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- **General Council 43** ~ Rev. Miriam Spies preached at the opening worship service of General Council 43. Drawing upon the story of the loaves and fishes, she reminded the church that we do not have the privilege of despair. We must live into a new time of hope. On Sunday afternoon, she spoke with Lauren Hodgson, reflecting upon the experience of preaching at General Council opening worship. <http://ow.ly/NahT30l4dKJ> #UCCan #GC43
 - **Check out the pictures** from General Council 43 at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/unitedchurchcda/sets/72157699302450095/>
 - Did you miss any news from the 43rd General Council? You can catch up on all the decisions and happenings at GC43 here: <https://generalcouncil43.ca/news> #UCCan#GC43
 - The United Church still hasn't confronted the racism within it. 'Let us ensure that the people who sit at the table are there not as guests but as valued members of the family.' By Paul Walfall https://ucobserver.org/columns/2018/07/paul_walfall_general_council/#6003/slide1
 - **During #GC43, there was an Embracing the Spirit Recognition** Dinner to highlight some of the amazing stories and hopeful things that are happening across the country. One of the most inspiring moments was when it transpired that a young

leader was called to ministry through this dinner! Watch the story here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N0gCU3NUdDk>

- **New Moderator Elect ~** Introducing the Moderator-Elect of The United Church of Canada, Rev. Dr. Richard Bott.

<https://generalcouncil43.ca/news/introducing-moderator-elect-united-church-canada-rev-dr-richard-bott>

- **Did you know** that you can read/watch the events from the general council 43?? Just follow this link and it will take you right to the page.

<https://generalcouncil43.ca/>

- **Canadian Foodgrains Bank**

World Humanitarian Day—a day to honour aid workers around the world who risk their lives everyday to make the world a better place. Our members work with many local partners who face conflict, natural disasters and other crises on a daily basis. These are partners like those of Mennonite Central Committee - MCC in Syria, who have been providing relief during seven years of war. "I've always been amazed by the courage of the local groups we partner with, providing relief to their communities while facing immense dangers themselves," writes an MCC staff member who recently visited the country. Please join us in praying for aid workers around the world, and read more about the efforts of those on the ground in Syria

here: <https://mcccanada.ca/stories/freedom-fear>

- **United Church ~** Susan Lukey: The United Church of Canada is a denomination that is not afraid of the questions, the difficult wrangling to make sense of faith. <http://ow.ly/4z5s30ljRrf> #UCCan

- Please pray for all those affected by the shooting in Fredericton this morning, including the victims, their families and communities, and the first responders.

<http://www.cbc.ca/.../brookside-drive-fredericton-police-1.47...>

- **Alberta & Northwest Conference UCC ~ BOOST FOR THE JOURNEY II: MOVING FORWARD IN TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION** is going to be held at Kamp Kiwanis near Calgary, from October 26-28, 2018. We hope you can save this date and come in October. There promises to be networking with other witnesses, Indigenous teachings, a KAIROS blanket exercise, and more as we continue to live into good relationships with one another.

<https://albertanorthwestconference.ca/15836-boost-for-the-journey-ii-scheduled-for-october-26-28/>