



## Service to Honour Black History Month

WELCOME/BIENVENUE

People of all ages, identities, and walks of life are welcome. Wherever you are, whoever you are, we welcome you in love and community to worship. Wherever we are, we're close in one another's hearts/  
*Toutes et tous sont bienvenus, peu importe l'âge, l'identité ou les conditions de vie. Peu importe où que vous soyez, qui que vous soyez, nous vous accueillons dans l'amour et la communauté pour louer Dieu ensemble.  
Notre amour n'est jamais limité par la distance.*

LIFE AND WORK OF THE PEOPLE

**Bold print** indicates text to read/sing/pray in unison

### ACKNOWLEDGING TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

**Merging Waters Pastoral Charge is located on land which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst Indigenous peoples and nations. Merging Waters honours, recognizes and respects these nations as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we meet and live today.**

### MUSICAL CENTERING

### Backlash Blues

Words: Nina Simone, Lance Jones; Music: Nina Simone  
Vocals: Patti Murphy  
Piano: Pierre Gallant

### WALKING IN THE LIGHT

*Lighting the Christ Candle and Rainbow Candle*

### HISTORY IN SONG

#### THE 1600s

Slavery existed in Canada, as it existed in colonies throughout the world. The first documented slave in Canada was named by their master Olivier Le Jeune in 1628. (However, there are reports of slave ships arriving in the early 1600s.)<sup>1</sup> Many of the documented slaves in Canada were "owned" by clergy. It was not until the late 1700s that talks of abolishing slavery started in Upper Canada. While auction blocks were being built to sell people, the church sang...

### HYMN VOCIES UNITED 262

### A Mighty Fortress Is Our God vv. 1&4

**A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing;  
our helper sure amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing:  
for still our ancient foe  
doth seek to work us woe;  
power and malice great,  
and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth he has no equal.**

**That word above all earthly powers,  
no thanks to them, abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours  
through Christ, who with us sideth:  
let goods and kindred go,  
this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still,  
God's kingdom is forever.**

<sup>1</sup> See <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month.html> for more information on Black History in Canada



## **SPIRITUAL FOCUS**

(Psalm 150:6)

God, you taught our ancestors to sing with their souls while in a foreign land.

**Through music, you taught Black peoples to persevere and trust in you,  
even as their hearts and bodies were broken.**

Your power God, moved through our ancestors, as the rhythm and cadence of music moves through our bodies.

**There would be no Underground Railroad or Civil Rights Movement without  
a song, and there would be no song without you.**

**Let everything that has breath, praise you!**

## **THE 1700s**

During the late 1700s promises of freedom and land in exchange for British loyalty brought many freed Blacks to Nova Scotia. Although no longer slaves, the Black community was oppressed and denied basic civil and human rights. As a result, there was a mini exodus in the late 1700s when Black Loyalist and Black Refugees (the Maroons) took the offer to resettle in Sierra Leone. Although the church often attempted to preach a “thin” Bible to Black peoples, focusing on servitude and honouring your master, the power of the gospel shined through the hymns of Isaac Watts and the Wesleys, offering hope and empowerment to an enslaved people.

## **HYMN VOICES UNTIED 333**

## **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

**Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee,  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**



My dear friends, don't let public opinion influence how you live out our glorious, Christ-originated faith. If a one enters your church wearing an expensive suit, and a street person wearing rags comes in right after him, and you say to the one in the suit, "Sit here, sir; this is the best seat in the house!" and either ignore the street person or say, "Better sit here in the back row," haven't you segregated God's children and proved that you are judges who can't be trusted?

Listen, dear friends.

**Isn't it clear by now that The Holy One operates quite differently? He chose the world's down-and-out as the kingdom's first citizens, with full rights and privileges.**

This kingdom is promised to anyone who loves God. And here you are abusing these same citizens! Isn't it the high and mighty who exploit you, who use the courts to rob you blind? Aren't they the ones who scorn the new name—"Christian"—used in your baptisms?

**You do well when you complete the Royal Rule of the Scriptures:  
"Love others as you love yourself."**

But if you play up to these so-called important people, you go against the Rule and stand convicted by it. You can't pick and choose in these things, specializing in keeping one or two things in God's law and ignoring others.

Dear friends, do you think you'll get anywhere in this if you learn all the right words but never do anything? Does merely talking about faith indicate that a person really has it? For instance, you come upon an old friend dressed in rags and half-starved and say, "Good morning, friend! Be clothed in Christ! Be filled with the Holy Spirit!" and walk off without providing so much as a coat or a cup of soup—where does that get you?

**Isn't it obvious that God-talk without God-acts is outrageous nonsense?**

### MUSICAL REFLECTION AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE HYMNAL 463

#### Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Lord, I want to be a Christian  
In my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be a Christian In my heart,  
In my heart, (In my heart,) In my heart (In my heart,)  
Lord, I want to be a Christian In my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving  
In my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be more loving In my heart.  
In my heart, (In my heart,) In my heart (In my heart,)  
Lord, I want to be more loving In my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy  
In my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be more holy In my heart.  
In my heart, (In my heart,) In my heart (In my heart,)  
Lord, I want to be more holy In my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus  
In my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.  
In my heart, (In my heart,) In my heart (In my heart,)  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus In my heart.



## **THE 1800s**

In the early 1800s, Canada and the northern part of the United States gained a reputation for being a safe haven for the enslaved. Seeking freedom, many enslaved peoples travelled secretly to Canada through a concealed network known as the Underground Railroad. Many churches and Quaker meeting houses became “stations” on the route to freedom. There is much mythology on how people communicated with each other between these “stations.” Since music and spirituals were often used in Black communities to counter the theologies being preached, music seemed like the perfect way to convey messages of freedom, as music was (and remains) a primary form of communication.

### **HYMN AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE HYMNAL 543**

### **Go Down, Moses**

**When Israel was in Egypt's land;  
Let my people go,  
Oppressed so hard they could not stand,  
Let my people go!**

**Refrain:  
Go down, Moses,  
'Way down in Egypt's land.  
Tell old Pharaoh,  
let my people go!** (this line 3x in final refrain)

**Thus saith the Lord, bold Moses said;  
Let my people go,  
If not, I'll smite your firstborn dead.  
Let my people go. [Refrain]**

**No more shall they in bondage toil;  
Let my people go,  
Let them come out with Egypt's spoil,  
Let my people go. [Refrain]**

*(silent reflection)*

## **THE 1900s**

Long after slavery was abolished (in 1833 in the British Empire and in 1865 in the United States), life remained difficult for Black people across North America. In the 1950s and 1960s, the fight for civil rights intensified. Several iconic moments included: Viola Desmond refusing to sit in the Black only section of the movie theatre in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia; Rosa Parks refusing to sit at the back of the bus in Montgomery, Alabama; the three civil rights marches from Selma to Montgomery; and the demolition of Africville in Halifax, Nova Scotia, that resulted in the forced relocation of the historic Black community. Many churches joined in the movement, while many others went about their daily business warning activists to slow down and to temper their voices. When society actively put restriction on the rights of Black peoples, “You cannot sit here” and “You cannot march there,” the church sang:



## HYMN VOICES UNITED 575

## I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

## OFFERING

*We offer our prayer, time, talent, reflections, and resources*

*If you are not on [pre-authorized remittance \(PAR\)](#) and want to continue to support Merging Waters please click these links, or those provided on the site to give to:*

*[Union Church](#) or [Beaurepaire United](#) through [CanadaHelps.org](#)*

## MUSICAL OFFERING

Everytime I Feel the Spirit

African American Spiritual

Arranged by Michael Woytiuk

Pianos: Michael Woytiuk, Pierre Gallant

## CHORAL DEDICATION MORE VOICES 115 Behold, Behold I Make All Things New v. 1

Behold, behold,  
I make all things new,  
beginning with you and starting from today.  
Behold, behold,  
I make all things new,  
My promise is true, for I am Christ the way.

## THE 2000s

Over 50 years later, the recent deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Michael Brown, Eric Garner, Trayvon Martin, and many others have tragically reminded us that the fight for equal rights is far from over. Racial profiling continues to affect every aspect of society. From child care to educational and employment opportunities, it is clear that the fight for racial equality continues. What will our church's response be to the current reality of Black and other marginalized peoples in our society?



## PRAYERS OF CONCERN AND JOY

Let us praise God together in prayer.

**Oh God, what shall I do?**

How good it is to sing praises of your goodness, God;  
for you have called us each here, and have marked us with a desire to learn about the  
gospel. We come with many names: terms of endearment that we cherish and labels  
that we seek to one day destroy.

**Oh God, what shall I do?**

But you call us by one name, beloved.

We remember your healing acts of salvation.

We remember how you gathered the dislocated  
and dispersed Black peoples in Nova Scotia

to build communities and relearn cultures that were torn away.

We remember the Maroons, who with their hands built a mighty fortress on a hill.

**Oh God, what shall I do?**

We remember Mamadi Camara, Viola Desmond, Harriet Tubman, Frederick  
Douglass, Lincoln Alexander, Michaëlle Jean, Wilbert Howard, and other heroes and  
she-roes of the faith that we name to you now...

*(please share in the chat)*

**Oh God, what shall I do?**

We remember how your everlasting love  
healed the self-esteem and rebuilt the self-worth of Black peoples  
who were stripped of their human rights and dignity.

We remember that you continue to heal  
the brokenhearted, and bind up their wounds.

In the silence of our hearts  
we bring to you those in need of your healing...

*(silent reflection)*

How good it is, O God, to remember your steadfast presence.

With hands in the air we offer you all of the things  
that we can no longer carry on our own:

our burdens, our worries, and our concerns...

We offer to you all of the situations  
that we feel ill-equipped for...

*(please share in the chat prayers for the world and local community)*

*(silent reflection)*

When we feel downtrodden by our burdens and weary to the point of collapse,  
when we find ourselves in exile, help us to hear the words of the prophet:

“Those who wait for the Lord shall...mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run  
and not be weary, they shall walk and not be faint.” (Isaiah 40:31)

Comfort, our weary souls, God, and remind us once more of your everlasting love.

**Oh God, what shall I do?**



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our..., in heaven.  
Holy is your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
On Earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
Forever and ever,  
Amen.

## HYMN AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE HYMNAL 540 Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift ev'ry voice and sing,  
Till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise  
High as the list'ning skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun  
Of our new day begun,  
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,  
Bitter the chast'ning rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat,  
Have not our weary feet  
Come to the place for which our people sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;  
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered;  
Out from the gloomy past,  
Till now we stand at last  
Where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou who hast by Thy might,  
Led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we meet Thee,  
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,  
May we forever stand,  
True to our God, true to our native land.



## COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

### MUSICAL SENDING

I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel To Be Free

Words and Music by Nina Simone  
Sung by Denise Pelley  
with 'Road to Hope' band

Thank you to for joining us today

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### Merging Waters Pastoral Charge



Welcome Grace Service Love  
Community

#### UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

<b>Feb 28<sup>th</sup>.</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent – Black History Month Service: A History In Song
<b>Mar 7<sup>th</sup>.</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent – Wisdom of Love: International Women's Day
<b>Mar 14<sup>th</sup>.</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Week of Lent – God's Healing Love
<b>Mar 21<sup>st</sup>.</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Week of Lent – Write Your Love Upon Our Hearts
<b>Mar 28<sup>th</sup>.</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Week of Lent – Palm Sunday

**Worship at Merging Waters: Sunday [www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online](http://www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online)**  
**Links for the Zoom Service will be available at on that page**  
**Download the Zoom App at [zoom.us/download](https://zoom.us/download)**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our support and love to Susan and Lyle Cruickshank during his illness.

### Update On Union's Frozen Foodie Sale

What a great response to the Soup Sale? A total \$557.00 was sold over last week-end. Some even came back for seconds. I want to send a special THANK YOU to all 12 of the wonderful cooks who donated their time and soups to the cause. THANK YOU also to all those who ordered and picked up soups from Chez Norris. It was a busy but wonderful Sale. Bonnie & Eric Norris



Lynn Thompson is once again selling handmade cards featuring origami decorations using assorted papers. The cards are \$2.00 each and all proceeds go to Union Church. Anyone interested in ordering cards can reach Lynn by phone (450-218-6131) or email ([lynnathompson3@icloud.com](mailto:lynnathompson3@icloud.com)) and arrangements can be made for pickup or delivery.



**Shrove Tuesday – Trivia champions: the Bryce/Weber family, seen here with their trophy.**

Here is a lovely video and song from Victoria Moulton and Keith Whittall

<https://vimeo.com/516752107>

### **ECOfast - Give it up for the environment!!**

Through engagement of the Environmental fast proposed by our siblings in Christ from the Anglican Diocese of Toronto we will explore ways we can impact the environment and humanity in positive ways by giving attention to excesses in our society and engaging in seeking justice.

**Find the link to the ECOfast [HERE](#)**

### **Weekly ECOfast check-in - 2pm Fridays Feb 19th – April 2nd, 2021**

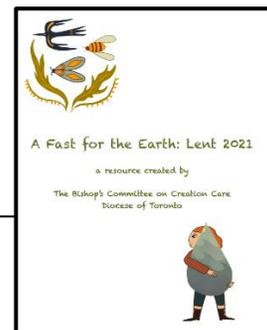
We will explore the experience of the past week's ECOfast for Lent 2021 and how we will engage in the coming week's fast.

Online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84749881746>

or by phone: +1 438 809 7799 Meeting ID: 847 4988 1746

**Find the link to the ECOfast [HERE](#)**

**Church Café** – Fridays 2-3pm. Will be the ECOfast check-in see links above.



**Lenten Imaginings** – This program will be discontinued and re-envisioned for a later time

# FIVE LOAVES TWO FISH TWELVE VOLUNTEERS

Share Food. Share Stories. Work Together. Church

Église St. George's Church, Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue invites you to a book

discussion

Thursday March 11–1:00 pm on Zoom

Please register by March 10 with Rev. Steven Maki to receive the Zoom link:

[rector@stg.church](mailto:rector@stg.church)



Pastor, author, workshop leader, Liz Magill, shares ideas from her book *Five Loaves, Two Fish, Twelve Volunteers: Growing A Relational Food Ministry*.

Relationships are built, communities are changed, we all begin to see each other through Jesus's eyes. Using stories from numerous congregations, she'll share advice on how to change your food pantry or meal to be ministry "with" instead of ministry "to" others.

Ask questions about the people she has met, share what is happening at your meal or pantry, and get advice on next steps for creating a more relational ministry.

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Join us as pastor, author, workshop leader, Liz Magill, shares ideas from her book *Five Loaves, Two Fish, Twelve Volunteers: Growing A Relational Food Ministry*. She'll share advice on how to change your food pantry or meal to be ministry "with" instead of ministry "to" others. Ask questions about the people she has met, share what is happening at your meal or pantry, and get advice on next steps for creating a more relational ministry. The **Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Mae Magill** (Liz) is a writer, pastor, and workshop leader living in Berlin, Massachusetts. She is the author of *Five Loaves, Two Fish, Twelve Volunteers: Growing Relational Food Ministries* and the founder of Worcester Fellowship, an outdoor church reaching adults without homes. She earned her MDiv in 2002 from Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, MA and her DMin in 2017 from Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth, TX. Ordained with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) she works as an Interim Pastor for the United Church of Christ in Massachusetts. Liz loves crafts, music, skiing, travel, and her husband Ken.



**Affirm United** invites you to Adding Sparkle to Your Rainbow! Refreshing Your Affirming Culture & Commitment, **Thursday February 25th, 2021, 7pm EST** <https://affirmunited.ause.ca/whats-new/>

As part of our **Public, Intentional and Explicit** commitment, Affirm United / S'affirmer Ensemble along with Affirming Connections are pleased to announce this special P.I.E. gathering ... an **Affirming Refresher presented by Affirming Coordinator Linda Hutchinson!**

**Affirm United/S'affirmer Ensemble** – comes to us bi-monthly. This month there are a variety of articles including a heads up for National Affirming Day or P.I.E. Day (Public-Intentional-Explicit) for Sunday March 14<sup>th</sup> <https://us9.campaign-archive.com/?u=cc608c73f94333ec58cfbdf2&id=d8cfa149a6>

**Broadview Magazine** - of the United Church of Canada containing very thoughtful and moving articles and worth having come into your life. The annual group subscription rate is \$25/year for 8 issues. Expect to hear from us about the annual group subscription in May. Ivy Lewis (Union), Susan Smith (BeaurepaireUC)

**Kairos Webinar** – Supporting Migrant Workers and the Community During COVID-19, **Friday, February 26 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm** <https://www.kairoscanada.org/event/supporting-migrant->

[workers-and-the-community-during-covid-19](#) This is the first in a series of Information and Resource Sharing Webinars to Strengthen Capacity and Build Solidarity During Difficult Times. This project is funded by the Government of Canada's Temporary Foreign Worker Program.

We invite you to sign two online petitions to preserve two local forests:

Save Fairview Forest campaign: Facebook page: **Sauvons la Forêt Fairview / Save Fairview Forest**

Petition: <https://www.change.org/p/mayor-and-council-of-pointe-claire-save-fairview-forest-sauvons-la-forêt-fairview-de918a4d-d44e-4021-9c62-b5defdce81fb>

As well, there is a group in Ile Perrot attempting to protect the Boisé des Chênes blancs (White Oak Woods):

Petition: <https://www.change.org/p/notre-dame-de-l-ile-perrot-sauvons-le-boisé-des-chênes-blancs-à-l-île-perrot> . Susan Hawker

**KAIROS** – KBE-Teaching & Sharing Circles are workshops to build on Kairos Blanket Exercise learnings. Each 2-hour event costs \$25 <https://www.kairosblanketexercise.org/event/>

**Feb 27<sup>th</sup>** – The Doctrine of Discovery

**Feb 27<sup>th</sup>** – The Importance of Indigenous Land-based Healing

**Mar 9<sup>th</sup>** – The 60's Scoop

**Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Child Welfare & Practice Standards

The series continues: March 27<sup>th</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>

**ORA Loss & Living Program** – has an upcoming series of workshops

Feb 25<sup>th</sup> – Loss & Living: Beginning Meditation for Seniors 1-2:30pm (4 sessions)

Please go to their Facebook page for more details: <https://www.facebook.com/oralossandliving/>  
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/ora-loss-amp-living-program-17666753622> Donations are welcome.

### Resources online

**Groove with the Guitar** – KanataUC left us a voice mail to tell us about their two music videos they thought we could share. They are called: Groove with the Guitar – [Christmas Cheer](#) and – ['Twas the Night Before Christmas](#) Each video is about 30 minutes long.

**YAYA** – Youth and Young Adult with Shanna Bernier - Youth group is 6:30 on Thursdays.

Contact [Shanna Bernier](#) for details about how to connect.

**Children's Church at Home** – will now be at 9:30 am on Sundays. Check Facebook there is [a new page for it!](#) Please go, like, follow, and share!

**ONLINE-Yoga** – With trained instructor Bryson Davis, available at

<http://mergingwaters.ca/yoga-at-home/>

**ONLINE-Chair Yoga** – For deep relaxation, try Chair Yoga <http://mergingwaters.ca/yoga-at-home/>

### Support available

**Merging Waters Pastoral Charge in a community that cares** – Our Pastoral Care team is there to help you with your concerns. **Ivy Lewis** Union Pastoral Care Chair:

[lewisir@hotmail.com](mailto:lewisir@hotmail.com) &

**Diane Nener** Beaurepaire Pastoral Care Coordinator: [dianenener@icloud.com](mailto:dianenener@icloud.com)

We do have the prayer circle made up of members from both Union and Beaurepaire and that if they do have any **prayer requests** to let me know [lewisir@hotmail.com](mailto:lewisir@hotmail.com)

**BEAUConnexion** – is an initiative by Les Amis du Village Beaurepaire for people in the area to connect households in the Village to help each other.

<https://www.facebook.com/LesAmisduVillageBeaurepaire/>

**Food Banks** – On Rock in Pierrefonds east: <http://onrock.org/donate.html>  
Fonds d'aide in Roxboro: (through Canada Helps) <https://www.canadahelps.org/fr/dn/15557>  
West Island Mission: (also through Canada Helps)  
<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/m/42261/donation>

### **Online reading**

**Broadview Reading Club** – On Monday March 1<sup>st</sup>, 7pm, live interviews with three of the authors in the March issue: *Zoom link will be sent via email on the morning of the event to subscribers.*

**Lorraine Johnston** - Her book "[The Gardener's Manifesto](#)" is a call to action that has inspired a generation of gardeners to embrace their work with an ecological and social purpose.

**Barry Morris**, a UCC minister featured in the article "[Fentanyl Funerals.](#)", has presided over many funerals for drug users including his son's. Is seeking policy changes.

**Jael Richardson**, a Canadian Writer/Broadcaster and the cofounder & artistic director of: [Festival of Literary Diversity](#), which promotes literature by writers from underrepresented groups.

**Mission & Service** – God's Mission Our Gifts, a new issue telling us about the good work our M&S donations support. <https://us3.campaign-archive.com/?u=ff2087d5fde243a770ed893a8&id=3c8d77a1b4>

Faith on the move, "We Will Not Give Up On Them", Rural and Homeless – Gary's Story, New Hope & New Life – Jesse's Story

**E-ssentials e-newsletter** – from The United Church of Canada arrives weekly, open link and click on the Past Issues tab at the top left. New Video for Black History Month, Have a Heart Day, Online Lenten Book Study, and more:

<https://us3.campaign-archive.com/?u=ff2087d5fde243a770ed893a8&id=429c0b5abe>

**Nakonha:ka News** – from the Regional Council, arrives monthly

<https://nakhonhakaucc.ca/newsletter/>

[You really owe it to yourself to see what is going on at the Regional, National and Local Community level.](#)

[Click on Archives, then click on past issues, Feb 10<sup>th</sup> is the most recent version.](#)