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## Important Information from The Covenant Commission

The Covenant Commission meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Documentation from your Community of Faith needing approval or review by the commission should be submitted no later than that 1st day of each month.

For example: If you have a community of faith profile that needs approval in order to enter the Search process, those documents need to be submitted no later than October 1st in order for the commission to place them on their October Agenda. Email all documentation to:

Acting Minister of Congregational Support and Mission,  
Fred Monteith: [Fmonteith@united-church.ca](mailto:Fmonteith@united-church.ca)

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If you are filling out and submitting the Financial Viability Worksheet, we ask that communities of faith provide up-to-date information (within the last three months, preferably up to the last fiscal month). If you will be entering the search process, please pay close attention to the red box on page 6 of the Financial Viability worksheet. In order to make an informed decision and to assess viability for ministry, the Commission needs to know the recommendation you are making for the call/appointment, including the name of the Community of Faith, the Category (A-F) and the number of hours per week filled out.

If you are working through the community of faith profile and need assistance or if you have any other questions with regard to property matters, amalgamation, ministry sharing etc. we are here to help! Contact us at the email addresses above.

Access to all of the toolkits/documentation and policies which help to support your Mission and Ministry, including the Community of Faith profile, property matters, shared ministry agreements, amalgamations, annual meetings, and so much more are available online.

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## Licensed Lay Worship Leader Resource Team

The Licensed Lay Worship Leader Resource Team of Horseshoe Falls is looking to fill two more positions on their team. The Resource Team provides support and oversight to Licenced Lay Worship Leaders within the Regional Council and is a recommending and reporting body to the Human Resources Commission. The Resource Team is looking for

- One Licensed Lay Worship Leader
- One ministry personnel (DM, OM, DLM)

If you are interested please submit your expression of interest online:

### Expression of Interest

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September 30th has been designated as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. To honour this day, Glen Abbey United Church is hosting a virtual event on September 28th from 7:30-8:30pm. We'll hear from two people from Grandmother's Voice regarding the Halton Indigenous People's History as well as suggested ways to respond to the Truth and Reconciliation Report. There will be a presentation followed by a question-and-answer time.

**After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.**

**Register**

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## Racial Justice Training

In keeping with the regions' commitments to racial justice, all who are involved in leadership in their congregations or the region are encouraged to participate in the racial justice workshops offered by the United Church of Canada. For information or to register for upcoming courses go to:

[RJ Workshop \(united-in-learning.com\)](https://www.united-in-learning.com)

If you have taken the United Church's racial justice training program and are looking for a more in-depth antiracism course, Selam Debs offers an online Antiracism Course from a Canadian perspective, Go to [www.selamdebs.com](https://www.selamdebs.com) for information about The Antiracism Course.

This fall, Thérèse Samuel, Minister for Right Relations and Social Justice, will be offering a discussion series for United Church leaders who participate in the course through Selam.. Express your interest by sending an email to [tsamuel@united-church.ca](mailto:tsamuel@united-church.ca) with Antiracism Course in the subject line, and you will be informed when the discussion session is starting.

Grants are available through the regions to help with the costs of these programs.

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## M&P Committee Webinar: Managing Lay Employees

In this webinar, M&P committees will be provided with concepts, knowledge, tools and resources for managing lay employees (i.e, all your employees, except for ministry personnel). We will cover topics such as hiring and termination, written contracts and job descriptions, performance management, complying with the Employment Standards Act – Ontario, and vacation, sick and other leaves. We will also take some time to cover issues related to COVID-19.

Any or all of your M&P committee members are invited to join this webinar. For the purposes of follow-up and evaluation, we do ask that you pre-register below. You will then be sent the Zoom link and details for joining the webinar.

Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021.

Time: 7:00 p.m.. to 9:00 pm

Cost: Free

Who is this for? All M&P Committee members only, both new and experienced.

**VIEW ONLINE**

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## Godly Play Core Training

Discover Godly Play from the inside out. Become an accredited Godly Play Storyteller and Doorkeeper at Islington United Church. Prior experience with Godly Play is helpful but not absolutely necessary for this training.





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learned from the inside out. This training will enable that to happen. You will experience and tell Godly Play stories, and learn how to set up and manage a Godly Play space and session. You will deepen your understanding of the spirituality of children. You will achieve greater clarity about the foundations of Godly Play, and leave spiritually refreshed. All learning will take place in a prayerful atmosphere of give and take with accredited and experienced Godly Play trainers. To get the most out of your experience, we ask that you read *Teaching Godly Play: How to Mentor the Spiritual Development of Children* by Jerome W. Berryman before attending the training.

**Date: October 23, November 6 and 20, 2021**

**Time: 8:30am**

The registration fee is \$350, including lunch, snacks, and training binder.

**Please register online through [Eventbee](#).**

For more information about this event, please contact **Cynthia Smithers:**

[cynthia@islingtonunited.org](mailto:cynthia@islingtonunited.org) or 416-606-1910

**Register Online**

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October 18  
2021  
7-8:15 pm

TORONTO UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL'S  
13TH ANNUAL

# Heart & Vision

An online event honouring  
**EKUA ASABEA BLAIR** and  
**LAWRENCE HILL**

Please register online at <https://heartandvision2021.eventbrite.ca> in order to receive the streaming link or contact Ali Hayes at 905-771-5124 ex. 31 or [ali@tucc.ca](mailto:ali@tucc.ca) for more information.

This is a free event but donations to the Winston and Merle Roach Camp Leadership Fund and Nancy Peters Massey Centre Fund are greatly appreciated.



*We read, we write, we dream...*

**MORE DETAILS & RESERVE YOUR TICKET!**

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## Our Long and Winding Road: Seeking our Path in the Longevity Revolution

RICHARD F. ADDRESS, RABBI, D.MIN

**Saturday, November 13, 2021**

**9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

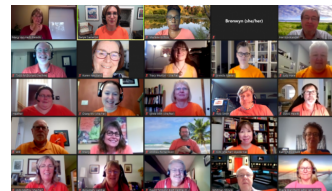
(Registration 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.)

*\$50.00 per person | Snacks and Lunch included*

Richard F. Address, D.Min. is a leading authority on Boomer and Older Adult Ministry. He serves as Founder and Director of [www.jewishsacredaging.com](http://www.jewishsacredaging.com). He served for 33 years on staff of Union for Reform Judaism as Regional Director and then as Founding Director of Department of Jewish Family Concerns. He has also served congregations in California and, for the last several years, was senior rabbi at a congregation in southern New Jersey. He hosts the weekly radio show “Boomer Generation Radio” in Philadelphia and serves as co-chair of the Committee of Spirituality and Diversity for C-TAC: the Coalition to Transform Advanced Care. Rabbi Address is active with the World Union for Progressive Judaism and writes and speaks regularly on issues related to baby boomers, aging and how Judaism can impact our lives as we age. An incredibly engaging and thoughtful speaker, we are delighted to be able to welcome Rabbi Address back to London this November.

Please be assured that we will be doing everything we can to keep you safe and comfortable during your visit to Siloam on November 13<sup>th</sup>. We trust that everyone will have received their second

## RECENT NEWS



## Orange Shirt Day - THURSDAY Sept. 30th

**Wear an orange shirt** to remember and honour Indigenous children who were taken from their communities and families to residential schools.

**Take a picture to share** on Facebook and Twitter (include the hashtags #OrangeShirtDay, #EveryChildMatters, and #UCCan),

**Challenge your friends and family** to do the same.

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we also ask you to bring your own water bottle or coffee thermos, if you have one, as well as some note paper and a pen, should you wish to take notes.

Please be sure and share this information with your friends and family, as well your faith community and colleagues. This promises to be an immensely interesting day filled with new spiritual learning and opportunities to explore the questions close to your heart.

In the meanwhile, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Our contact information is listed below. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> as we continue our journey down the long and winding road and as we seek our path in the longevity revolution with Rabbi Address.

Dr. Heather Vosper, Registrar -  
[vospers3@rogers.com](mailto:vospers3@rogers.com)

Rev. Dr. Sheila Macgregor -  
[smacgregor@siloamunitedchurch.org](mailto:smacgregor@siloamunitedchurch.org)

### More Details & Registration

## CCS Friday – Indigenous Autonomy & Theological Education

Join the Centre for Christian Studies for an online discussion of Indigenous testamur and a vision of decolonized theological training for the Indigenous



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 Martha Pedoniquotte.

## TOGETHER IN SONG

**All Saint's Day -  
 Monday, November  
 1st at 7:00pm**

*Light a candle and  
 remember all those who  
 never got to go home.*  
 Indigenous and non-  
 Indigenous, we join  
 together with songs of  
 hope and healing.

Please register in advance for this series. *After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. If you do not have video, you can still join the Zoom meeting with a regular phone call.*

**REGISTER  
HERE**

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the Circle at the Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre. CCS Fridays are online conversations to help us all to respond faithfully to emerging issues in local contexts. These workshops are open to anyone who might be interested. Each session will be on a Friday from 12:00 to 1:00 CT and in the form of a Zoom workshop. There will be a presentation that will be recorded for future viewing, plus opportunities to engage with the ideas in small groups. **Sessions are free but you must [register](#).**

[More Details & Registration](#)

## One Month Left to Apply for Seeds of Hope

The Foundation's *Seeds of Hope* Fall 2021 granting round is still open and awaiting your applications. Interested parties are invited to fill out the paper-free application before **October 15, 2021**.

[More Details](#)



# UNJPPI

United Network for Justice and Peace  
in Palestine and Israel



### **Arrest, detention and interrogation of Palestinian teenagers living in the West Bank.**

A special webinar organized by [Stand Up for Palestinian Children's Rights](#), a broad based cross-Canada planning committee, in collaboration with the [Ottawa Forum on Israel/Palestine](#) (OFIP).

**Oct 13, 2021 12:00 PM (noon) Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

Imagine heavily armed soldiers breaking into your home at 2 am, dragging your teenager out of bed and taking him off to be interrogated!

Hundreds of Palestinian children are arrested in this way every year by the Israeli military. Many on "suspicion" of stone throwing which can bring a sentence of up to 10 years in jail. Their parents can also be arrested. In custody the children may be subjected to physical and/or psychological torture to reveal the names of their friends. The conviction rate of the children is 99%.

Canadians Kathy Bergen and Dorcas Gordon will interview two on the spot observers - one Palestinian and one Israeli - from Jerusalem about this horrifying situation.

- Salwa Dubais from [Military Court Watch](#) will tell us about the impact on Palestinian families and the difficulties teens face after their imprisonment.
- Dani Shenhar from [HaMoked: Center for the Defence of the Individual](#) (an Israeli human rights organization assisting Palestinians of



## What Can Canadians Do?

In 2020 the Canadian government admitted it is aware of what is happening. Yet no obvious action has been taken. Might the appointment of a Canadian special envoy help to change this?

To learn more and join the conversation, you are invited to a [Zoom webinar](#).

**When: Oct 13, 2021 12:00 PM**

**(noon) Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

**Topic: Arrest and detention of Palestinian children**

### Ottawa Forum on Israel/Palestine



Invitation to another interesting/informative webinar featuring experts from around the world to help you better understand the Israel/Palestine conflict

By registration only. Please register in advance for this webinar [here](#). After registering you will receive a confirmation email with instructions for joining the webinar. People who register will be sent a link to the recording of the event afterwards (if you are unable to attend the live event).

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THE SPIRITUAL GROWTH MINISTRY OF PORT NELSON UNITED CHURCH PRESENTS

# YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH



**A FREE INFORMATION SESSION  
FOR YOUTH AGE 12 AND UP AND  
INTERESTED ADULTS**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19  
7 P.M.**

**PORT NELSON UNITED CHURCH  
ROSELAND ROOM AND LIVESTREAMED  
3132 SOUTH DRIVE, BURLINGTON**

**SEE PORTNELSON.CA FOR  
LIVESTREAM LINK**

**REGISTRATION:  
PORTNELSON.CA/YOUTHMENTALHEALTH  
905-637-5631**



**Nelson Youth Centres**  
Changing Young Lives



**PORT NELSON**  
United Church

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**"IT IS OK TO NOT BE OK BUT IT ISN'T OK TO STAY THAT WAY."**





***The Rev. Krista Hilton is the newly appointed ecumenical chaplain at Brock University.***

Chaplaincy at university provides spiritual and pastoral care to students and staff via a ministry of presence, outreach, and faith exploration. I am happy to introduce myself as the new ecumenical chaplain at Brock University in St. Catharines, and I'm looking forward to welcoming the students to campus this fall.

I came to campus ministry via a circuitous route... I first experienced a call to chaplaincy when I did my undergraduate degree at the University of Guelph in 1995. However, once I began my Master of Divinity degree at the Atlantic School of Theology in Halifax, my focus shifted to parish ministry. I served in Anglican parishes in Nova Scotia for ten years, after which I resigned from parish ministry and focussed instead on training in spiritual direction, vocational discernment, and pastoral counselling.

My husband and I subsequently moved to Ontario, and we began our family; looking after our two girls occupied my time in the following years. After three years of living in St. Catharines, I saw a job advertisement for a part time ecumenical chaplain (sponsored by the Anglican, Presbyterian, and United Churches) at Brock University. Suddenly, the vocation from all those years ago

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I now have the privilege of walking with university students as they discern the pathways for their future and learn to listen to how God is guiding them. Entering university is both an exciting and scary time for many of them. It is often a time of budding independence, exploring new ideas and ways of being in the world. This can be challenging, confusing, and mind-broadening all at the same time. A university chaplain provides a ministry of presence: a person who will walk alongside and provide a safe space for wrestling with new concepts, light bulb moments, and even discovering new identities.

I welcome the support of local churches in a variety of ways: if you know of students at Brock University, I would be happy to make a connection (please feel free to share my email!); I'm also glad to facilitate shared ministries between local congregations and Brock students, who are often looking for volunteer opportunities. As students attend a campus for the first time, or return to campus, I encourage students to reach out to the campus chaplain as a resource for support, encouragement, and spiritual guidance. And I welcome prayers for all campus ministries, that they may be a place of welcome and acceptance for everyone.

*"We have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God." Colossians 1: 9b-10*

Rev. Krista Hilton can be reached at [nb\\_khilton@brocku.ca](mailto:nb_khilton@brocku.ca)

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