



January 2012

# What's Happening? Events

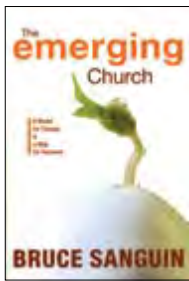
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## A Call for Sites

**When:** 2012

**Details:** The Worship Matters Committee is looking for four sites in Canada to host regional Worship Matters events in 2012. \$2,500 seed money is awarded to each chosen site. Contact the Worship Desk at [blschwab@united-church.ca](mailto:blschwab@united-church.ca).



## Emerging Church: Four Evenings with Bruce Sanguin

**When:** Tuesdays, 8:00–9:30 p.m. Eastern Time; January 31, February 7, 14, 21

**Where:** Webinar (by Internet and toll-free conference call)

**Cost:** \$80 per person; \$200 for group of three or more from the same congregation. Includes copy of *The Emerging Church* and PDFs of *Living Your Spiritual Gifts* and *Connection Circles Manual*.

**Details:** Presented by Bruce Sanguin, a much-sought-after speaker and author of *The Emerging Church: A Model for Change and a Map for Renewal*. Four sessions will cover the meaning of hope in evolutionary spirituality, harnessing creativity in your congregation, the engaged church, and igniting the inner fire of leadership. For more information, visit [www.united-in-learning.com](http://www.united-in-learning.com).

**Registration:** [www.united-in-learning.com/sanguin](http://www.united-in-learning.com/sanguin)



## Earth Day 2012: Moderator's Invitation

**When:** January through Earth Day Sunday, April 22

**Where:** Online at [www.united-church.ca/earthday](http://www.united-church.ca/earthday)

**Details:** Monthly challenges and Earth Day worship webcast and worship resources  
Moderator Mardi Tindal invites all United Church congregations to join in her Earth Day challenges. Each month from January through April 22, watch for games, activities, and Bible study for fun and faith, to reduce your congregation's environmental footprint, and to bring your congregation and community together. Watch for Earth Day worship resources and a gift from the Moderator. The celebration culminates in a worship service webcast on Sunday, April 22, at 3:00 p.m. ET.



## Sankofa: The Histories and Heritages of Black Peoples in the United Church

**When:** Mondays, 8:00–9:30 p.m. Eastern Time, February 6, 13, 20, 27

**Where:** Webinar (by Internet and toll-free conference call)

**Cost:** Free

**Details:** Take some time during Black History Month to deepen your understanding of the histories and heritages of Black peoples in the church. This online study group will engage in conversation and respond to segments of a recent video—*Sankofa*. Presented by Adele Halliday, program coordinator for Intercultural Engagement and Education. Sign up as an individual or group. For more information, visit [www.united-in-learning.com](http://www.united-in-learning.com).

**Registration:** [www.united-in-learning.com/blackhistory](http://www.united-in-learning.com/blackhistory)



International  
Women's Day

## International Women's Day

**When:** March 8

**Details:** Each year around the world, International Women's Day is celebrated on March 8. The 2012 theme is "Connecting Girls, Inspiring Futures." If every United Church congregation held a special event on this date and included girls in some way, then thousands of lives would be inspired across the country. Be sure to mark your church calendar and check the worship resources at [www.united-church.ca/planning/seasons](http://www.united-church.ca/planning/seasons).



## International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

**When:** March 21

**Details:** The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is observed annually on March 21. Worship resources to help you mark this day, or the Sunday closes to it, will be posted at [www.united-church.ca/planning/seasons/racial](http://www.united-church.ca/planning/seasons/racial).



## Global & Social Justice in Youth Ministry (Neos)

**When:** Friday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. to Sunday, April 29, at 12:30 p.m.

**Where:** Five Oaks Education Centre, Paris, Ontario

**Cost:** \$250

**Details:** Youth making a difference—really! Youth often want to make a difference in the world around them. Learn active ways to involve youth in global and local social justice concerns with tools and tips that engage, deepen, and support their leadership. Join Rusa Jeremic, General Council Education for Justice Animator, and others for a dynamic weekend. Rusa combines extensive experience using social media, theatre, and popular education techniques with a funky, long-term commitment to changing the world.

**Registration:** [www.fiveoaks.on.ca](http://www.fiveoaks.on.ca)



## Racial Justice Workshops

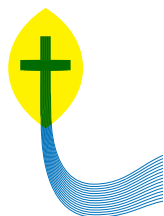
**When:** Saturdays, noon–2:00 p.m. Eastern Time, May 5 & 12

**Where:** Webinar (by Internet and toll-free conference call)

**Cost:** \$40

**Details:** This workshop is offered for ministry personnel who have not yet completed their mandatory racial justice training. It's an opportunity to reflect together on resources available to address racial justice in our various ministry contexts, and to share some best practices about what's already working well. For more information, visit [www.united-in-learning.com](http://www.united-in-learning.com).

**Registration:** [www.united-in-learning.com/racialjustice](http://www.united-in-learning.com/racialjustice)



## Prairie Mosaic: An Intercultural Ministry Event in Saskatchewan

**When:** June 6–7

**Where:** Grosvenor Park United Church; Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

**Keynote:** Michael Blair

**Details:** Recognizing that “intercultural” means much more than ethnicity, Prairie Mosaic will explore many degrees of difference. This two-day regional event takes place just before the Saskatchewan Conference AGM, in Saskatoon. Workshop themes will include affirming ministry, truth and reconciliation, intercultural church experiences, and racial justice. Joseph Naytowhow is guest artist, and course credit is available through St. Andrew's College. Visit [www.united-church.ca/getinvolved/events/ behold](http://www.united-church.ca/getinvolved/events/ behold).



## Parlons français par cœur

**When:** End of June

**Where:** Quebec City, Quebec

**Cost:** \$875

**Details:** This program of conversation classes in French is open to clergy and lay people. The focus will be on ministry and church life within francophone contexts. This year due to popular demand we're pleased to welcome participants back to Quebec City.

**Contact:** [umif@egliseunie.org](mailto:umif@egliseunie.org) or visit [www.united-church.ca/getinvolved/events](http://www.united-church.ca/getinvolved/events)



## 50th Anniversary of United Church Women (UCW)

**When:** July 23–27 (register by February 2)

**Where:** Redeemer University College, Ancaster, Ontario

**Details:** The UCW is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2012. The theme for the celebration is “Our Tapestry of Love.” All United Church women are invited to participate. For information check the Hamilton Conference website.

**Registration:** [www.hamconf.org/UCW.html](http://www.hamconf.org/UCW.html) or e-mail [ucw50anniv@gmail.com](mailto:ucw50anniv@gmail.com).

# Events at a Glance

SUNDAY / DIMANCHE	MONDAY / LUNDI	TUESDAY / MARDI	WEDNESDAY / MERCREDI	THURSDAY / JEUDI	FRIDAY / VENDREDI	SAURDAY / SAMEDI
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 New Year Day / Jour de l'An 1 <sup>er</sup> dimanche après l'épiphanie / 1 <sup>er</sup> dimanche après l'épiphanie	9	10	11	12	13 Épiphanie / Épiphanie	14
15 2 <sup>nd</sup> dimanche après l'épiphanie / 2 <sup>nd</sup> dimanche après l'épiphanie 1 <sup>st</sup> dimanche de l'Avent / 1 <sup>er</sup> dimanche de l'Avent	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 3 <sup>rd</sup> dimanche après l'épiphanie / 3 <sup>rd</sup> dimanche après l'épiphanie Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins / Semaine de prière pour l'unité des chrétiens débute	23	24	25	26	27	28
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