Seizing the Moment for a Guaranteed Livable Income Program

Let's light the flame to ensure financial security for all Canadians

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People across the country are asked to light a candle **on September 22 at 12:30 p.m.** in their time zone to express their support for a guaranteed livable income program to help address the persistent financial vulnerabilities within our country. Light a candle, take a picture, and post it to social media (#guaranteedlivableincome) or your local news outlets.

At the same time, all who are able are invited to join in a **Vigil at the Centennial Flame at Parliament Hill in Ottawa and the Minister of Finance's office** (344 Bloor St. West) **in Toronto** to shine a collective light on this important action, to symbolize the unity of all our candles across the country. Please wear masks and follow social distancing protocols.

In his letter to government leaders on May 22, 2020, Moderator Richard Bott wrote on behalf of the United Church that it is *a Kairos* time to "seize the moment" to roll out a universal basic income program in collaboration with the provinces, territories, and indigenous leadership. Our collective experience as Canadians during COVID-19 presents a vital opportunity to take the next step. Building on the positive experience of CERB, we encourage the government to create a guaranteed livable income program to ensure economic security for all persons in Canada that is more equitable and less cumbersome than existing support programs. Use the e-mail template to send your own, and invite 10 friends to do the same.

A growing movement of senators, non-partisan political leaders, Anglican and Evangelical Lutheran bishops, and many more across Canada witness that it is time.

Adding your light at 12:30 p.m. on September 22—wherever you are or in one of the two vigils—you light the flame of support for this movement for a guaranteed livable income for all.

See the Act Now page for further actions you can take.