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Here's the latest news from Affirm United / S'affirmer Ensemble.

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Affirm United / S'affirmer Ensemble works for the full inclusion of people of all gender identities and sexual orientations in the United Church of Canada and in society.

Nous puisons force et espoir dans les histoires bibliques de libération; de l'appel prophétique à vivre justement, à aimer tendrement et à marcher humblement avec Dieu; et du témoignage de Jésus à l'amour inclusif de Dieu.

Save the Date!

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)A banner for the Affirm United / S'affirmer Ensemble Virtual Summer Conference. The banner features a pink background with a white border. On the left is a logo with a stylized cross and rainbow stripes, with the text "Affirm UNITED | S'affirmer ENSEMBLE" below it. To the right of the logo, the text "SAVE THE DATE" is at the top, followed by "JULY 24TH - 25TH". Below this, the main title "AFFIRM UNITED / S'AFFIRMER ENSEMBLE" is written in large, bold, white letters. Underneath the title, it says "Virtual Summer Conference with Gathering time, Annual General Meeting, special Worship Service and more!". At the bottom right, the website "ause.ca" is displayed in white. The banner is set against a background of pink and yellow flowers.

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Duncan United Celebrates!



On Sunday, May 16, 2021 Duncan United Church officially became an Affirming

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people attending via Vimeo and Zoom.

We chose May 16th to celebrate to connect with the May 17th International day against homophobia, transphobia, and biphobia. Our celebration preparations began with the rainbow banner, created by Amy Hamilton a member of Duncan United, being brought up from the children's space and a few hours later our Minister, Keith Simmonds had the banner hanging from the rafters! Then the Affirm United Banner arrived from Hinton Alberta where it had been part of their recent celebration. The youth painted welcoming rainbow art carefully placed by our child and youth coordinator, Sarah Prestwich. Rocks that had been painted in a variety of pride colors that were part of our Community Pride event that took place October 20, 2019 were also added to the table. The rainbow candles were added to the table from our Lenten series in 2019.

[READ MORE HERE](#)

Submitted by, with many thanks to Brenda Walker

See more pictures from the celebration [HERE](#)

An Affirming Celebration for Prairie to Pine Regional Council



Affirming celebration for Prairie to Pine Regional Council

1622-B St. Mary's Rd., Winnipeg, Manitoba R2M 3W7

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... are welcome to a celebration of becoming an affirming ministry for Prairie to Pine Regional Council on May 30, 2021. The theme is ***Our Place in the Rainbow*** and everyone is welcome.

Time: 10:00 am-11:30 am CDT

Location: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC79A2-hDDSmRsurCvDu-ePw>

Website: <https://prairietopinerc.ca/>

Phone: 1-866-860-9662

Please send a note of congratulations to Prairie to Pine Regional Council!

Email for sending congratulations to: prairietopine@united-church.ca

Affirming Celebrations for Three Regional Councils ... Antler River Watershed, Horseshoe Falls and Western Ontario Waterways!

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WOWRC
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HORSESHOE FALLS
REGIONAL COUNCIL



ARWRC
ANTLER RIVER WATERSHED
REGIONAL COUNCIL

We are One, We are Many: A Celebration of the Affirming Designations of Antler River Watershed, Horseshoe Falls, and Western Ontario Waterways Regional Councils

Save the Date!

All are welcome to join virtually via Zoom.
Sunday June 6th, 2-3 pm (EDT) to celebrate!

Guest Preacher: Rev. Michiko Bown-Kai
Featuring the music of David Kai, and the Rainbow Chorus

Bring a candle (real...or not!) to help light the Christ Candle together!

For more information, please contact:
dmatheson@united-church.ca or tsamuel@united-church.ca

Send congratulations to:

An Affirming Celebration for Little Britain United!



It's an Affirming celebration for Little Britain United Church!

5879 Provincial Trunk Hwy 9, Lockport MB R1A 2P7

**All are welcome to a celebration of becoming an Affirming Ministry for
Little Britain United Church!**

Date: June 6, 2021

Time: 10:00 am CDT

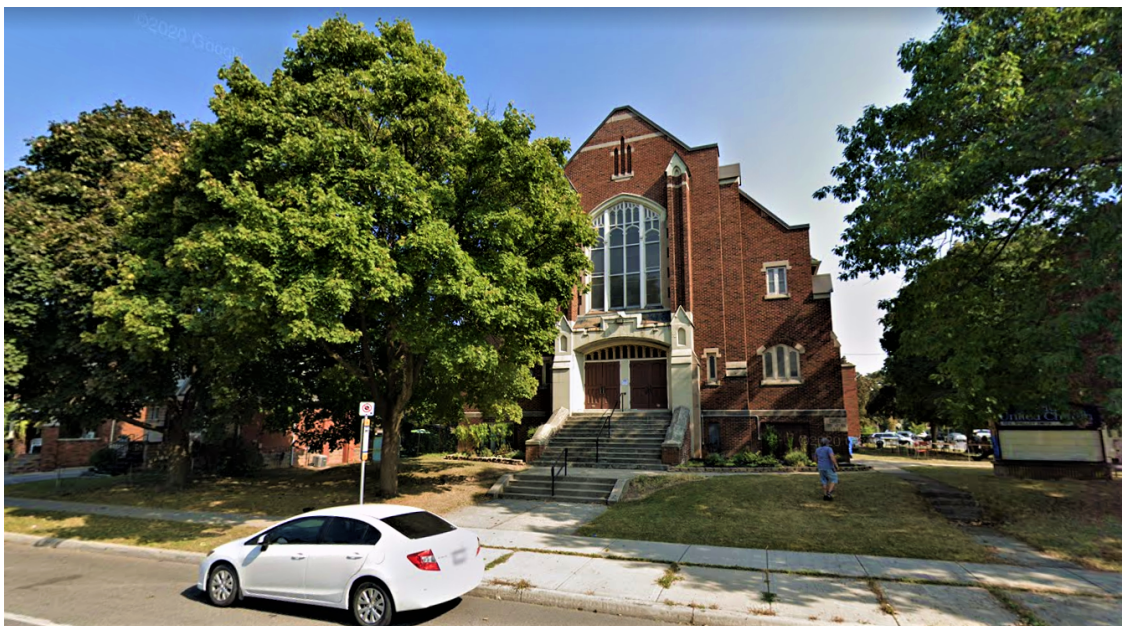
Location: Service and Celebration will be held over Zoom. Please let Little Britain know if you would like to attend and you will be forwarded a Zoom link a few days before the service.

Website: <https://littlebritainunitedchurch.ca/>

Phone: (204) 757-2489

Email for sending congratulations church email: lbuc@mymts.net

An Affirming Celebration for Delta United!



An Affirming celebration for Delta United Church!

47 Ottawa Street South, Hamilton ON L8K 2C9

DATE: Sunday, June 6, 2021

All are welcome to a celebration of becoming an Affirming Ministry for Delta United Church on Sunday June 6th 2021 !

Time: 10:30am EDT

Location: Zoom worship service

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2052575548>

Phone: (905) 545-9520

Email for sending congratulations office@deltaunitedchurch.ca

An Affirming Celebration for Crestview United!

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Affirming celebration for Crestview United Church!

Address: **316 Hamilton Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R2Y 2H5**

All are welcome to a celebration of becoming an Affirming Ministry for Crestview United Church on **Sunday June 6 at 10:30 a.m. CDT**

Location: via YouTube

Information link for celebration can be found on our Facebook page or by calling the church at (204) 832-0475 or emailing the church at cuc123@mymts.net

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Crestview-United-Church-105589044414639/>

Phone: (204) 832-0475

Email for sending congratulations cuc123@mymts.net

Call for AU/SE Treasurer

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CALL FOR: TREASURER



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Treasurer: 1 position available 3 year term. The Treasurer is responsible for the finances of the organization, oversee the bookkeeper, prepare a budget for the annual meeting
(no bookkeeping involved)

communications@ause.ca

Is God calling you to share your gifts by serving Affirm United/S'Affirmer Ensemble? From time to time, AUSE seeks volunteers and paid staff to assist the organization in its work. If you are interested in working with the Council, we would appreciate you completing this form outlining your experience and the reason(s) you are interested in this opportunity.

The council, through a process of discernment, will select the person who is best suited to fill the position. We will prioritize those who are marginalized within the LGBTQ+ community, Indigenous folks, Black folks, and other folks of colour and disability. Every applicant will receive a response. Fill out the form HERE and return to communications@ause.ca

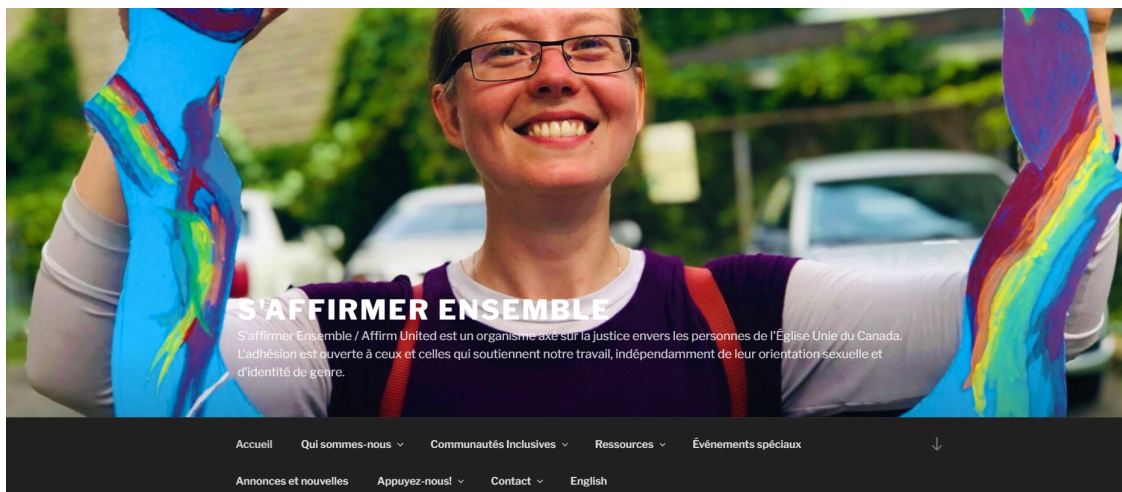
Or fill out your online Expression of Interest NOW here:

<https://forms.gle/mWBSac1o3UVL3pVf9>

Time commitment is approximately 5-10 hours per month for council activities and projects, which includes: 5 to 6 Council meetings per year either virtually via Zoom, or post-Covid in-person i.e. AU/SE Annual General Meeting will be hosted nationally in the month of July (travel is paid) this summer's conference will be held virtually via Zoom as it was last summer.

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Notre site en français a été mis à jour ... vous souhaitez contribuer? Courriel communications@ause.ca

[Visitez le site ici ...](#)

A Note from the Treasurer:

Reminder from the Treasurer of AU/SE: When paying by e-Transfer payable to Affirm United / S'affirmer Ensemble, be sure to include your faith community or invoice number in the memo, contact email is:

ausestreasurer@gmail.com

REMINDER: Affirming Ministries submit your 2020 Annual Reports to Michele AU/SE's Communications Coordinator at communications@ause.ca before May 31, 2021

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Kamloops United Church celebrates 25 Years of Affirming Ministry - May 16, 2021

NOTE: Membership Fees to Affirm United / S'affirmer Ensemble will remain the same for 2021. Thanks so much for your continued support!

In an effort to embrace the full diversity of our nation, you will see Affirm United / S'affirmer Ensemble use new ways of sharing messages with each other. This is part of the commitment we make to take turns in listening to different voices and our Affirming commitment to each other.

This might be a helpful link for your congregation members, it is a [free translation program offered by Google](#). It is available for anyone on line to use and the program can translate in to many languages.

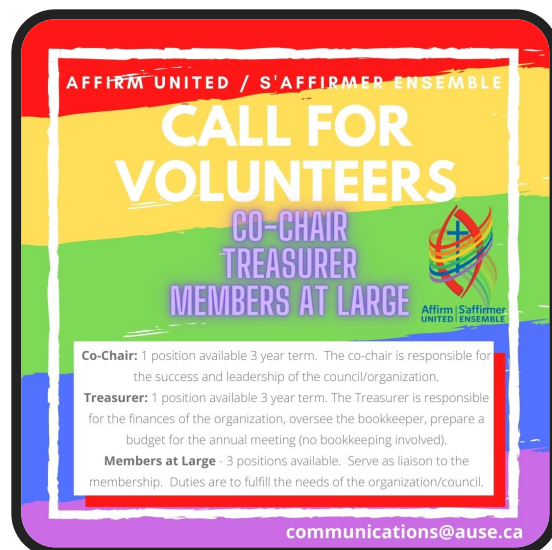
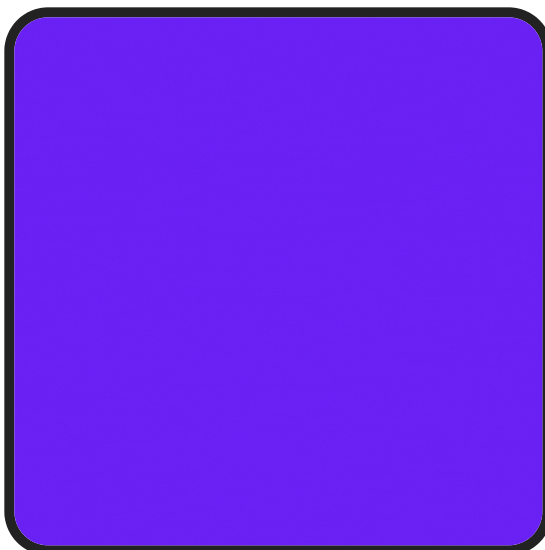
This eNewsletter is prepared with thankfulness on the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit by Michele K. Petick the Communications & Marketing

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national partners and [The United Church of Canada](#). Have an important story, resource or event to tell or share? Let us know [HERE](#).



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