

Workshops and great workshop leaders! Saturday June 17, 2017: SK Conference Education Day at McClure United Church. ([Map.](#))

Scroll down for bios of our amazing facilitators. Please indicate your workshops preferences at www.sk.united-church.ca/register/ or call the Conference office at 306-721-3311. Workshops are free and open to the community. Lunch is \$12 and you must register for it in advance.) Registration and coffee at 8:30; worship is at 9:15 and workshops will begin by 10:15AM. Lunch: 12:30- 1:30, then afternoon workshops at 2:00PM- 4:15PM.

Morning workshops:

Resiliency in Ministry: For ministry personnel. This will be an interactive workshop providing time for reflection, conversation, connection, and even some fun. We'll look at research, tools, and practices for healthy and effective ministry.

Reconciliation in Action: Reserve 107: Screening of the half hour movie *Reserve 107* followed by an intro to Reconciliation Saskatoon and conversation about the joys and struggles of reconciliation work in your context.

Medical Assistance in Dying: Gifts and dilemmas for our faith communities. For almost a year, medical assistance in dying has been legal throughout Canada. Come reflect together on the spiritual impact of this policy on our communities, families, and faith. Bring an open heart and mind.

Out of Many, One: our partners in Korea, Kenya, Cuba, and Palestine: Join us for a conversation and updates on recent SK visits/ work with United Church global partners. From Korea to Kenya, Palestine to Cuba, our partners are doing exciting work. Join us in a sneak preview of the stories our congregations will be able to hear in the fall.

Afternoon workshops:

I was in prison in SK and you visited me: Almost exactly five years ago, Saskatoon hosted a national hearing of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Today, SK has the highest rate of Indigenous incarceration in the country. What's the link between residential schools and prison? What is, and could be, a church response and church responsibility? What work is already happening, and where do we find hope? (Hosted at McClure United).

That We May Know Each Other: visit to the Saskatoon Islamic Centre and mosque. Bring your questions and an open heart as we visit with our Muslim neighbours and their sacred space. We thank the Islamic Centre of Saskatoon for generously hosting us during the holy month of Ramadan. (Location: 222 Copland Crescent, Saskatoon, SK S7H 2Z5. [Map.](#))

Why become Affirming when we're already welcoming? Join us at OUTSaskatoon for a tour and an open discussion about welcoming LGBTQ+ and Two-Spirit people, and the difference this makes to our faith and our communities. Hear from St Andrew's Moose Jaw, the province's newest Affirming ministry, and from other ministries present-- and be inspired. (Location: 320 21 St W, Saskatoon, SK S7M 4E6. [Map.](#))

Let's go to the dump! (and visit a Solar Co-op installation): Recently SK Conference voted to buy five shares in the Solar Co-op. What is the Co-op? How can your ministry get involved? Join us for a [tour of the installation](#) that drives the city's methane-capture machinery.

THANK YOU to our facilitators and hosts. Our workshops would be impossible without knowledgeable, generous, and passionate leadership. Deep thanks to all the facilitators and leaders who helped us stretch and learn.

Resiliency in Ministry: Liz Mackenzie is SK Conference's Personnel Minister and was previously in pastoral ministry in Bay of Quinte, Toronto, and Hamilton Conferences.

Reconciliation in Action: Dave Moors is in ministry at Mayfair United Church and is a United Church representative to Reconciliation Saskatoon. Other resource people TBC.

Gifts and Dilemmas: Medical Assistance in Dying: Lynn Caldwell is the professor of Church and Society at St Andrew's College. Kathleen James-Cavan is in ministry at Knox in Langham and has helped shape United Church understandings of "dis"abilities and theology. Jennifer Janzen-Ball is the director of the Designated Lay Ministry Program at St Andrew's College and a member of the General Council's Theology Interchurch/Interfaith Committee. Heather Koots is the chaplain at Oliver Lodge. Deborah Walker is in ministry at Mayfair United Church.

Out of Many, One: our partners in Korea, Kenya, Cuba, and Palestine: Cindy Bourgeois serves Wesley United Church in Regina. On behalf of the church and Affirm United, she recently attended an historic church gathering in Cuba for the transgender community. Catherine Christie is returning to SK from 7 years as United Church overseas personnel with the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea, one of the United Church's longest partner relationships. Brenda Curtis is in ministry in Humboldt. She recently participated in a clergy "Come and See" visit to the Occupied Palestinian Territories and Israel. Pat Elson is the General Council's team lead for People in Partnership; Sandra Fowler is a licensed lay worship leader at Spirit Hills pastoral charge. She represented SK Conference this March on the Mission and Service Pilgrimage to Kenya.

I was in prison in SK and you visited me: Dave Whalley serves Big River pastoral charge and has been involved in restorative justice for over 15 years. He is currently on the Board of Parkland Restorative Justice in Prince Albert. Henry Cyr is on parole after a lengthy sentence and is involved in many aspects of restorative justice. Leslee Whalley has been a monthly visitor in the Person to Person program at the Saskatchewan Penitentiary for over 5 years. Heather Peters is the Restorative Justice Coordinator for Mennonite Central Committee Saskatchewan.

Visit to the Saskatoon Islamic Centre: Imam Ilyas Sidot is the spiritual leader of the Saskatoon Islamic Centre and the generous host of our visit with his community. Hanan Elbardouh is the Women's Vice-President of the Islamic Association of Saskatoon.

Visit to OUTSaskatoon/ Why Become Affirming? Amanda Guthrie is OUTSaskatoon's Education & Operations Manager. She has United Church roots and is an awesome educator and activist. Jim Tenford is the minister at SK's newest Affirming ministry, St Andrew's Moose Jaw, and an ally to LGBTQ+ communities. Thank you to OUTSaskatoon for inviting us to their space!

Solar Co-op installation: Dennis Johnson is a retired engineer, a member of the Saskatchewan Environmental Society (SES) Solar Co-op Advisory Committee, and a member of McClure United Church. Peter Prebble is President of SES Solar Co-operative. He is also on the board of the Saskatchewan Environmental Society, and prior to his retirement served as the Society's Director of Environmental Policy. He also served in Premier Lorne Calvert's government and was his Legislative Secretary for Renewable Energy. **(Remember to indicate your workshop preferences, please!)**