

## Life and Work – March 21, 2021

**We would like to extend our condolences** to Shane and Melanie Seal, along with friends and family, on the passing of Shane's mother Frieda Seal. She passed away on March 13, 2021 in Oliver, British Columbia.

**We would also like to extend our condolences** to Ruby Hill (sister) and Nina Abbott (aunt) and their families and friends on the passing of Clayton Humphries. He passed away on March 13, 2021.

### **We would like to acknowledge the following donation to the General Fund:**

\* in loving memory of parents, Reverend Gordon & Phyllis Decker; Carl & Dot Schofield; and friend Cory Browne from Gladys and Larry Schofield.

### **We would like to acknowledge the following donation to the Cemetery Fund:**

\* in loving memory of Fred Higdon (March 23, 1935 - March 16, 2001) from Claire and family.

### **Holy Week Services**

The United Communities of Faith Holy Week services will take place online and can all be viewed on the First Dawn Eastern Edge Region YouTube channel and your church's social media. The services on Monday and Tuesday will go live at 7:30 pm and the Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services are taped and will be available to you starting at 8 am each day. The Maundy Thursday service will have communion and foot washing so make sure to have supplies on hand.

Your Hosts:

Monday: First United Church

Tuesday: Wesley United Church

Wednesday: Bell Island - Portugal Cove/ St. James

Thursday: Cowan Heights United Church (Communion & Foot Washing)

Friday: Cochrane Street United Church

### **International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**

March 21 is the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. This day provides another excellent opportunity to further focus and continue to commit to dismantling racism in worship and community life.

Here are some resources available to mark the day:

- Blogs on anti-racism themes from people in the United Church
- Revised United Church anti-racism website pages for education and learning
- Ideas from the Canadian Ecumenical Anti-Racism Network for undoing racism
- Two upcoming webinars from the Canadian Race Relations Foundation, on March 19 and 25, focused on anti-Black racism and anti-Indigenous racism.

Even though this International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is just one calendar day, the work towards racial justice is a continuous effort and a lifelong journey. This day, therefore, could be one to share more about the United Church's commitment to becoming an anti-racist denomination, and then to consider making a similar commitment in your community of faith. The United Church worship resources focused on anti-racism and the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination can also be used throughout the year.

## Upcoming Webinar Exploring Preaching on Racism

On March 21, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Eastern Time, the United Church is hosting a webinar called “A Biblical and Theological Exploration on Preaching Race and Racism.” This will be a rich conversation about anti-racist preaching, biblical interpretation, and realities of racism in The United Church of Canada.

The event will feature a keynote presentation by HyeRan Kim-Cragg of Emmanuel College, followed by discussion afterwards. This webinar is also a preview of some of the content in an upcoming United Church study guide on anti-racism, also written by HyeRan Kim-Cragg. There is no cost to attend, and up to 300 people can register in advance to join us on Zoom. The event will also be livestreamed to Facebook. Please share news about this event with interested others!

### Feedback and communication

Your feedback is always welcome. Please email [anti-racism@united-church.ca](mailto:anti-racism@united-church.ca) and/or join the new Anti-Racism Facebook group to share what you are doing in your community of faith for the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, or around anti-racism in general.

In faith,  
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