

Life and Work – August 3, 2025

We accept the following donation to the Cemetery Fund:

* In memory of Father, Art Downey, from Donna and Perry

2S and LGBTQIA+ Apology Watch Party: On Friday, August 8 at 12:30 PM NDT, the United Church will apologize to 2S and LGBTQIA+ communities in a special livestreamed worship service. Rev. James has registered to view the service and invites others to join him in the church office for this historic moment. If you would rather view the service on your own, go to the link in the congregational email. The United Church welcomes people of all sexual orientations and gender identities as full members of the denomination but this has not always been the case. By formally apologizing, the United Church reaffirms its commitment to radical hospitality and full inclusion of 2S and LGBTQIA+ people in all aspects of church life and strengthens our witness to justice and love in action.

Away on Holiday: Stephanie is away on holidays until August 26th, 2025. Our new summer student Emma Rossiter is covering the office in her absence. The office hours are 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Tuesday to Friday.

Silent Vigil for Peace and Justice: 5:30 PM on August 13. Come for quiet reflection as the humanitarian crisis in Gaza continues and wars continue.

General Council 45 (August 7-11): Please pray for our commissioners as they come together to reflect and make decisions that shape not only our denomination, but how we will respond to issues in our nation and world. Pray especially as the commissioners vote on our new moderator.

This Fall the Quintessential Vocal Ensemble is launching Solara Youth Voices: a QVE Choral Outreach Program. Solara will provide youth ages

9-15 at any experience level with an environment to make music across a variety of genres as a collective, with a focus on expression, education, and accessibility. It will rehearse weekly on Mondays from 4:30 to 6 PM in the Lakecrest Independent School drama room starting September 15, with a participation fee of \$150 per semester. Please fill out the registration form in our congregational email by August 31st or contact keira.davis@qve.ca for more information.