



Kitchissippi UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, June 21th, 2020
Indigenous Day of Prayer

Good Afternoon!

I hope this finds you well and staying cool.

Today, the United Church General Council Executive clearly and unequivocally said that Black Lives Matter. This is an important and life giving statement. Please see below.

<https://www.united-church.ca/news/black-lives-matter-united-church?fbclid=IwAR1AT-76ZS2F7oYbP9Fgx1trmkx12NSl1CaGMptblfiUWxbs5ev-zcW6ZS8>

In case you missed it, there was a church service, led by The Black Clergy Network on Sunday evening. It has been made available on YouTube and you can find it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kHJYOdEPK2w> It is beautiful and powerful.

Personally, I am heeding the call of my black colleagues who are asking us (white colleagues) to amplify black, indigenous and people of colour's voices. I am pointing to BIPOC's voices, I am reposting messages and encourage you to do the same. Those of us who are white need to continue to listen, continue to hear voices that have been silenced and by society, given a lower value. So instead of any reflection I might offer today, I will continue to point to my black colleagues. The Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III is one of the brilliant preachers in the United Church of Christ (USA) today. I heard him preach last year at the Festival of Homiletics in St. Paul's, MN and this year, virtually at the same festival. His sermon below gave me chills. "When is someday?" is so powerful. How will you amplify black, indigenous and people of colour's voices?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J_dNzYifsow&fbclid=IwAR1CNtSE4HZ4YooSH7By6Sz7j4xFaqUOIfpWCFQ_6_mfLsVp6GHDnUgWAZw

For Indigenous Day of Prayer on Sunday, I'm thrilled to let you know that we will be amplifying Indigenous voices at Rideau Park, as Alice Kakekapetem will be with us, preaching. Alice is a friend of Sylvia Smith and Kitchissippi, and is the sister of Helen (who died this winter, pre covid).

Finally, I want to leave you with this hopeful version of We Shall Overcome by the People's Gospel Choir of Montreal. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QZCdm6hk8KY> Nous vivons en paix, un jour. May we live in peace one day. May we overcome the ravages of injustice, white supremacy and hate. May we co create with God and with one another a world of fairness, loving kindness, equity for all people. May it be so.

The current state of things:

Pastors: I'm going to 26 meetings a week to figure out how to have in-person church.

People: We're watching church on the couch, wearing pajamas and drinking coffee, and we can mute you. We're good.



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If you are struggling, please reach out to me, to a loved one or to any of the services that are offered in our city?

Blessings on your weekend,
Jenni

Hi KUC friends.

Ivan Kabonge, one of our young Ugandans, has been offered a double bed mattress and box spring for the room he rents on David Drive. The bed set is available this Saturday, and we're looking for someone with a van or a truck who might be able to help move the mattress and box spring.

If you have a vehicle that can handle this (van or truck), could you please contact Norah at 613-601-4456 or on our home phone at 613-721-1642.
Many thanks if you can help!

We are here for you! Please reach out!

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