



## Exciting Things are Afoot

From Rev David

Greetings members and adherents of Trinity United Church in PoCo,

**Exciting things are afoot.** Along with exciting things there have been trials and errors, but we are getting there.

We are letting go of "hybrid" worship model for a more simplified "live stream."

With the hybrid model, I could see folks in the zoom room and have some minimal interaction with them. I could say their names and acknowledge their presence. That will not be possible with direct live streaming.

**For the foreseeable future, there will be no Zoom access to worship. We have started live streaming directly to YouTube. This link will take you directly to our YouTube Channel. Once there at**

**the time of worship, click on the video that says "live now" and you will start watching the service.**

We are still working out the bugs. Our valiant volunteers are bravely moving forward in their learning and adapting to the new system. Eventually, once we learn the new process, it will be much easier to operate with fewer hands. In the meantime, there will be mistakes. Please bear with us.

Once we have figured out the new live streaming system and have a roster of folks operating it with confidence and flare, the intention is to set up a new zoom room where folks can once again phone and zoom in to have a sense of sharing the service together. From the zoom room, you will be watching a slightly delayed recording of the service on YouTube. You won't notice the difference.

We are able to do this thanks to a grant from the Federal **Community Services Recovery Fund.**

Looking forward to continuing to enhance our worship life together,  
Rev David



## The week of Jan 28, 2024

### Announcements

**HYBRID Worship on Sunday, Jan 28, 2024 at 10:30 am:** This Sunday we are led in worship by Rev David. **We will be using our new system installed by ProMAX, we appreciate your patience as we navigate new skill sets.** To read the order of service for this Sunday, **[CLICK HERE](#)**. We will have our YouTube livestream available. **[CLICK HERE](#)** to access it.

**Trinity + Worship:** For a video of the most recent Sunday service which we were able to record, **[CLICK HERE](#)**. Streamed on our YouTube Channel on **Jan 7**.

**Choral Connections CONCERT:** Choir is pleased to present our **United in Song – 2024** concert at the Trinity United Church, 2211 Prairie Ave., Port Coquitlam, BC on **Sunday, January 28, 2024 @ 2:00 pm**. This is a fundraiser for Trinity United Church **and** the

choir. Join us as we celebrate 2024 with a great selection of songs and some very entertaining special guest performers.

**SHARE Food Bank News:** Folks, the unthinkable happened this week. Our Food Bank on Wednesday ran out of food, and they had to turn people away. Please donate what you can and spread the word in our community. Food and cash donations should be directed to 2615 Clarke St in Port Moody, and you can also give money online: [\*\*CLICK HERE\*\*](#).

**Affordable Rental Needed:** Trinity is helping a family, new to Canada, find affordable rental (less than \$2000 a month). They are a family of four. If you know or hear of someone with an apartment, or suite available please contact the office.

**Housekeeping Reminder:** Please be thorough when leaving the building and setting the alarm. Check doors are closed and everyone is out. Thank you.

**Trinity Times New Edition:** Trinity Times is starting to work on the next edition which we hope to send out by the beginning of March. All submissions need to be in by Feb 11th. These can be forwarded to Pat Bradley or Jo-Ann Dahms through the office email ([office@ucpoco.ca](mailto:office@ucpoco.ca)) or contact Pat or Jo-Ann.

**Thrift News:** A great week again! \$1158.65 is just really the best.

**Warning:** Another phishing scam is purporting to be from Rev

David, trying to share photos through a link in the email. Do not click on the link. Delete the email and block the sender. They may also be using text to contact on the phone. Be wary and check the number is Rev David's before responding to any texts.

**Inlet United:** Is presenting a World Day of Prayer on Sunday, Feb 11, 1:00 pm at The Springs. There will also be a WDP closer to home at Our Lady of Assumption in March, so mark your calendars!

**Attention Broadview subscribers:** It's time to renew your subscription! For just \$30 (including tax), you'll receive 8 more issues of *Broadview* delivered straight to your mailbox. You won't want to miss out on a single issue of the magazine's award-winning coverage of spirituality, social justice and ethical living, as well as United Church news and perspectives. **Syd Sawyer** will be collecting subscription monies now till the end of February. **Not a subscriber?** It's never too late to join our *Broadview* subscription group! Syd Sawyer can help you get signed up **today**. And remember – the discounted \$30 rate is **ONLY** for group members.

**Our Sister Church:** Check out their January newsletter, **[CLICK HERE](#)**.

**Healing Pathways:** The Tri-Cities Healing Pathway ministry has begun again to offer in-person healing sessions at Inlet United on Monday afternoons. Sessions can be booked for **1:15 or 2:00**. That time on the 4th Monday of each month, however, is set aside

for a gathering of practitioners. To book a session contact 604-939-5513 or email [healingpathway@inletunited.ca](mailto:healingpathway@inletunited.ca).

**An Evening of Interest:** We would like to invite you to a Flourishing keynote presentation with [Afdhel Aziz](#) and Moderator [Carmen Lansdowne](#):

**"Unleashing the Moral Imagination to Create a Flourishing World: Recalibrate our Compass to Imagine the World as it Should Be",** 6:00 - 8:30 pm, February 8, 2024, in-person at St. Andrew's-Wesley United Church, 1022 Nelson St., Vancouver, BC. [CLICK HERE](#) for tickets.

**UCC for Lent:** Moderator Carmen Lansdowne recommends the new Lenten devotional this year [Act/Fast: Spiritual Practices for a Climate in Crisis](#). Lent begins in less than a month on February 14! Consider reading this thoughtful devotional with contributions from climate advocates around the world.

**UCC News:** "Canada should support South Africa's application to the ICJ regarding Israel's breach of its obligations under the 1948 Genocide Convention, and ban arms sales to Israel." [CLICK HERE](#) to read the latest letter from the UCC's General Secretary Michael Blair regarding the war in Palestine.

**PMRC Prayers:** In our own Pacific Mountain Region of the United Church of Canada, we pray for Revelstoke UC, Richmond Chinese UC, Richmond UC, Robertson Memorial PC (Nakusp), Robson Valley, and SM (McBride and Valemount).

**Coldest Night 2024:** Mark your calendars! This year's Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) is happening on **Saturday, February 24** and we'd love for you to **join us!** It'll be our eighth year hosting CNOY in the Downtown Eastside. **[CLICK HERE](#)** to find out how to participate.

**Broadview Article:** **Joy Kogawa** calls her new poetry book her 'last hurrah' at 88. The Japanese Canadian poet and novelist discusses her literary career, her father's abuse and her spiritual journey. **[CLICK HERE](#)** to read.

**Trinity Prayer Circle:** We have two prayer circles set up to receive and act on your prayer requests. Please refer prayer requests to Linda Lund (778-883-3064/[linda.lund60@gmail.com](mailto:linda.lund60@gmail.com)).

**Prayers of the People: Jan 28 - Feb 3, 2024**

In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle of the World Council of Churches this week, we pray for Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Western Sahara, and Tunisia. **[CLICK HERE](#)** to find out more about this part of the world and the ecumenical prayer cycle.

Website



# Pacific Mountain Region Council News

## Notes from Town Hall Meeting

**Pacific Mountain Regional Council, January 10, 2024**

Townhall Meeting – Zoom

**Welcome:** Treena Duncan, Executive Minister, Pacific Mountain Region and Chinook Winds.

**Reflection: President PMRC: Deborah,** Rev Deborah Richards

Genesis 12

Time for forgiveness and respect for those people around us.  
Make time for a discernment for the building of better pathways.

What are some of the journeys?

Who are able help us?

What resources do we have at our disposal?

**Guests:**



## **Kendra Mitchell-Foster**, PMRC Justice Minister

Comes from a background of epidemiology, tropical disease. Long time advocate of social programs and social justice. Reconciliation, and eco-justice. Working from Prince George and the University of Northern BC, Kendra is currently finishing for her commissioning as a minister in the Unity Church, with a specialty in Affirming Ministry.

**Rev. Scott Reynolds**, national staff Growth Animator, who is now serving Pacific Mountain and Chinook Winds regional councils.

Role is to help communities to develop new ministry's and support existing Communities of Faith in developing new directions in their faith community.

## **Affirming Ministries: Kendra Mitchell-Foster.**

### Affirming Action Plan

1. Establishing an Affirming Action Group serving 2 year term, to oversee how the region is living out its commitment to being an Affirming Regional Council (established at annual meeting in 2022).
2. Develop a Regional Affirming Network that provides education and support for those seeking to become affirming Communities of Faith - encouraging / accessible
3. Provide mechanisms of support for the 2SLGBTQSIAP+ (Two Spirit, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Asexual, Intersex, Pansexual) communities.
4. Provide worship resources and continuing training for ministry personnel and lay leaders. Currently 41 Communities of Faith in the PMRC are in the Affirm United network.

5. Commit to ensuring an Affirming Ministry professional development event at every annual meeting of the Regional Council.
6. Empower and resource PMRC Pastoral Relations Ministers to create a mentorship system where 2SLGBTQSIAP+ ministry personnel receive one-on-one support.
7. Ensure that all staff job descriptions are Affirming, require a commitment to be Affirming.
8. Facilitate further PMRC website development to ensure promotion of annual events, ie- P.I.E Day, local Pride events, Affirm United Resources, and Affirm United Annual meeting.
9. Work with the regional Council Executive in establishing an “Equity Monitor”

Kendra Mitchell-Foster: Further information -  
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**Pam Roker:**

**National Affirming / PIE Day** (Public, Intentional ,Explicit), March 14, 2024 – [www.pieday.ca](http://www.pieday.ca).

Current surge of misinformation / disinformation and violence against “drag” performers and trans people.

Further information - [affirmingconnections.com/what-were-up-to](http://affirmingconnections.com/what-were-up-to)

**Closing:** Rev Deborah Richards

Respectfully Submitted,

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