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Anti-Racism in the United Church of Canada



Our church, the United Church of Canada, has made a commitment to becoming an anti-racist denomination. This commitment is part of the church's ongoing work toward racial justice, and will require a continuous struggle against racism.

We **ARE** the church.

Our commitment and action are needed to ensure Melville, and the UCC, become an anti-racist denomination.

This is not a simple commitment. Great hurt has occurred. At times, what we learn will be difficult to accept. It is a journey for discovery and healing, made lighter by doing it together.

The UCC website provides a variety of information to help us:

- find out more about this commitment, including how our community of faith can get involved in worship, study, and reflection, and
- learn what the United Church and our ecumenical partners are doing around anti-racism work, and how we might be engaged.

<https://united-church.ca/social-action/justice-initiatives/anti-racism>

<https://united-church.ca/social-action/justice-initiatives/anti-racism/40-days-engagement-anti-racism>

Please take some time to learn more about this commitment. Watch for more information from the Social Justice & Outreach team on actions and opportunities for our congregation. If you have thoughts and ideas about how we can learn and take action, please share them with the team.

On the journey to seek and serve,

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