



An Invitation from the Moderator

During my time as Moderator I am inviting special attention to the healing of the planet and an eco-sustainable future. While this work will obviously extend beyond my three years as Moderator, the time for action is now.

I want to join my efforts to the multitude of ways already pursued by United Church people. I will be paying attention and listening for these stories of hope, wholeness, and healing as I serve in my Moderator role. My initiatives include:



Soul, Community, Creation

I believe God invites us into wholeness of soul, community, and creation. Jesus said: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.... You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Loving God, neighbour, and self are possible only when we also love God’s good creation. The work of soul, community, and creation converge. I will give special emphasis to these themes in speaking and listening.

Spirit Express

The duties of a Moderator take her to each Conference in the church and to special speaking engagements around the country. A centrepiece of my travel will be via train, buses, and other energy-conserving vehicles when possible. VIA Rail has generously offered us passes for this travel and the possibility to have discounted rates for those joining the Moderator on a stretch of travel.



Greening Sacred Spaces

To build a network of support, share stories, and access educational, liturgical, and other resources, the United Church is partnering with and highlighting the work of a variety of faith-based initiatives ready to assist our faith communities, including KAIROS, Greening Sacred Spaces, Be The Change Earth Alliance, and more.

Crucial to becoming a network and finding out what is happening across the church is forming a Green Team in your faith community. This can begin with a team of one. The point is to register and create a profile for your faith community so we can begin to track where we are now, where we will be when I report to the 41st General Council, and what we will accomplish in the longer term.

Please register at www.greeningsacredspaces.net/join.



Blog, Twitter, E-mail, Mail

I regularly blog, tweet, write, and do YouTube videos about what I’m learning and can share with you. You can access all of this and join in at www.united-church/moderator.

Please join with me in this time of extraordinary change and opportunity. God’s goodness abounds as we live into this emerging ecological age.