

Denominational News
Reported to the Trinity Shared Ministry Board Meeting on October 24, 2023

All Three Denominations

- All three denominations have given statements, written letters, and shared prayers regarding the war between Israel and Hamas. Some of these were done jointly with other faith organizations. They have also provided ways to donate to their partners providing humanitarian relief in the region.
- Responding to the call of the World Council of Churches, our three denominations encouraged everyone to join in a Day of Prayer and Fasting on October 17 that was hosted by the Jerusalem Heads of Churches. Prayers were sought for all who have suffered, for grieving families, and for a de-escalation of the war to save innocent lives.
- Information and resources were provided for National Truth and Reconciliation Day on September 30th.

Anglican

- The Territory of the People held its Clergy Conference from October 16th to 19th.
- The Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue in Canada met in Halifax from October 2nd to 5th.
- The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund's World of Gifts has been updated and is now available.
- Archbishop and Primate Linda Nicholls issued a call to join Armenian Christians in prayer, on October 1 or otherwise, after the latest attack in Artsakh (Nagorno-Karabakh), which resulted in many deaths and thousands of Armenians in the region fleeing their homes.
- Bishop-elect Clara Plamondon of the Territory of the People will arrive in Kamloops around December 7th. The Consecration Service is set for Thursday, January 25, 2024.

Evangelical Lutheran

- BC Synod continues to have monthly online meetings for lay leaders. In October, they watched and discussed a recap video of the National Convention held this summer. The video will be found here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O_aQser6OCs
- BC Synod held a prayer vigil for Israel and Palestine and peace in the world via zoom on October 19th.

- The ELCIC made announcements for the International Day of Prayer for Peace on September 21st, World Food Day on October 16th, and the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on October 17th.

United Church

- The Pacific Mountain Regional Council continues to hold monthly online Town Hall meetings. In October, the Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis, who was the guest speaker at the PMRC's Annual General Meeting, was present to provide a follow-up.
- The General Council Executive (GCE) met virtually Sept. 22–23, 2023.
- Gifts with Vision has been updated and is now available for 2023-2024.
- The 44th General Council met virtually on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023. Along with much other work, the General Council adopted a set of Social Justice Principles and addressed the role and functioning of Designated Lay Ministers.
- Kamloops United Church, Plura Hills United Church, and Mount Paul United Church have formed one congregation. Sunday, October 29th will be the last services held at Plura Hills and Mount Paul.