

100 Years of United Church History - A Place at the Table

To mark its 100th anniversary on June 10, 2025, The United Church of Canada launched 100 Tables, a national initiative inviting its communities of faith across the country to transform a picnic table into a site of welcoming that reflects the Church's century-long commitment to live out God's call to love and serve. These gatherings are visible signs of a promise: to meet people where they are, both spiritually and physically.

Rooted in faith and shaped by the unique needs of their communities, these gatherings go beyond simply sharing food or information. They offer interactive, meaningful experiences that address local concerns while celebrating what it means to belong—to have a Place at the Table.

This project was kicked off with the photo A Place at the Table, where national reimagined Da Vinci's Last Supper. One of those pictured is Alicyn Pedoniquotte-Keeshi, Anishinaabe-kwe of Neyaashiinigmiing Ontario. She is a single mother of three and the middle sibling of five, family is everything to her. She is a volunteer firefighter and has worked with the Family Well-Being program for the past five years, supporting and empowering her community. She believes that life is about balance, and she strives to embrace it through family, service, and her passions.

Here she speaks in her own words, (video) "We all come from all different kinds of walks of life, and I think we all believe in the same thing, whether it be God or Creator."

We are one of the 100 churches nationally who have a table. We've chosen to make ours a welcome to Webejiwong - to insist that there is a place at God's table for all peoples, Christianity errs when we insist Western ways are a precondition for knowing God, and every child matters. Today, for Indigenous People's Day, we invite you to take a moment at the new picnic table out front and read the signage. Add to it. Talk about it. How do you walk in two or more world views at once? How do you seek healing and wholeness at God's table? How to you offer that healing and wholeness to the world?

After service, I'll be heading out there to bless the table and to ask God to make it a spot where we courageously enter relationships with one another.

