M4M – Your Generosity Matters – Sept. 14, 2025 – for LCUPC Supporting 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism



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"Our congregation discussed the 40 Days program, and so many great, appreciative comments and learnings were shared. Implicit bias was an important learning that many commented on. We appreciate all the contributions and are delighted each day with new insights, prayers, and activities. Thank you!"

This reflection from a past participant captures just a glimpse of the transformation that happens during 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism. For forty days each fall, people from across Canada and beyond, inside and outside The United Church of Canada, step into a journey of learning, faith, and action.

It's not a quick or easy process. The conversations can be challenging. They invite participants to see where racism exists—in systems, in communities, and sometimes in their own assumptions—and to ask hard questions about what justice looks like in real life.

Every day offers something to help guide that work: prayers that center the heart, reflections that open new perspectives, videos and stories that bring real-life experiences to the forefront, and action steps that turn learning into tangible change. The resources are created by people from across the United Church—ministers, lay leaders, educators, and community members—who share from lived experience, deep study, and careful analysis.

It's not just about understanding racism; it's about dismantling it.

This year's program runs October 14 to November 28, 2025, with

- live online events with dynamic speakers every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. ET;
- weekly short videos with accompanying reflections and action items; and
- downloadable resources for both groups and individuals.

While the 40 days create a season of engagement, the work does not end there. Resources remain available year-round so that individuals, congregations, and community groups can keep learning, keep talking, and keep acting, because anti-racism is not a box to check, but a lifelong journey.

Your <u>Mission and Service</u> gifts make this vital work possible, 40 days at a time, and every day in between. Through your generosity, the United Church of Canada continues to move toward its vision of becoming an anti-racist church, and toward a world where every person is treated with dignity, equity, and love. Thank you.