

Light a candle on April 8 to support the guaranteed livable income movement.



Centennial Flame on Parliament Hill

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On Thursday, April 8, at 12.30 p.m. on the eve of the Liberal National Convention, The United Church of Canada will be inviting Canadians across the country to light a candle in support of a [guaranteed livable income](#), often referred to as the guaranteed basic income. The COVID-19 pandemic has heightened the importance of health and well-being of the entire community and exposed the cracks in the current economic situation. Building on the positive experience of the Canadian Emergency Response Benefit (CERB), this is a unique opportunity to make an important policy change to ensure greater income security for all Canadians.

Plan to light a candle, take a picture, and post it to social media (#UCCanlivableincome, #guaranteedlivableincome #basicincome). Send it to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Minister of Finance Chrystia Freeland, [your local MP](#), and news outlets. Follow up with an e-mail using the [e-mail template available](#), or craft your own. Please cc: takeaction@united-church.ca. Encourage others to do the same.

To bring visibility to this event, small vigils will be held on April 8 at 12:30 p.m. local time in Ottawa at the Centennial Flame on Parliament Hill, in front of Minister of Finance Chrystia Freeland's constituency office in Toronto, and at numerous other constituency offices across the country (in development). Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, these will be closed vigils limited to locally designated individuals in line with provincial public health outdoor event limits, and plans will be adjusted as needed.

Photos from coast to coast will be posted on [The United Church of Canada Facebook](#) page.

Support is growing for a guaranteed livable income across the country. Sharing information, holding learning events, writing letters, connecting communities of faith with community ministries, and preaching on the theme are all encouraged. Find out more at the Create a Guaranteed Livable Income program webpage: united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/create-guaranteed-livable-income-program.

For those interested in holding a vigil at your MP's constituency office, please contact Lori Neale, justice@united-church.ca, for tips and [online March 18](#) info session details.