

# Invitation for Action for a Guaranteed Livable Income: March 24–26, 2023



A [Guaranteed Livable Income](#) (GLI) (also known as a universal or basic income, although “livable” is more specific, which is why The United Church of Canada uses it) is a regular payment to individuals or families by government that is not conditional and allows everyone to live with dignity and security. Since the 1970s, The United Church of Canada has called for a universal GLI that is non-discriminatory and accessible, particularly for Indigenous peoples. With the cost of living skyrocketing, a Guaranteed Livable Income is urgently needed.

**The United Church’s national GLI network is asking churches and faith communities across the country to hold an action over the weekend of March 24–26 to call for a Guaranteed Livable Income.**

## What you can do

**Engage your local politicians**, MPs, municipalities, or provincial representatives (MLAs, MHAs), by

- gathering outside their offices
- attending a town council meeting
- inviting the politicians in for a GLI-focused service (could be a great photo op for them)

For a sample vigil format and other resources, visit the [GLI March Vigils 2023 OneDrive folder](#).

**Deliver a message** to your politicians and the public. Consider handouts (which can be adapted from this one), letters, petitions (if your municipality is at a stage that would benefit from this), and public visibility.

- Look at what [your municipality](#) has done on this, then include a letter for your politician stating what you’d like to happen. Consider at what stage your community is: sharing information? asking for a specific action? Expressing support and furthering the actions already taken?
- If you are engaging with your federal Member of Parliament, call on them to support [Bill C-223](#) An Act to develop a national framework for a guaranteed livable basic income.

**Tell us what you’re planning.** E-mail [justice@united-church.ca](mailto:justice@united-church.ca) with details of your event to register it for the national movement.

**Then, share your vigil** online. Take pictures, post them, and tag us: #UCCanlivableincome, #guaranteedlivableincome, #basicincome.

**Engage with like-minded organizations**—for example, [Coalition Canada](#), [Basic Income Canada Network](#), and [UBI Works](#).

### **Recent successes**

Recently St. John's, NL; Fredericton, Saint John, and Moncton, NB; Halifax Regional Municipality NS; Sooke and Victoria, BC, passed resolutions in support of a GLI and calling on provincial and federal levels of government to take action. Other communities are in the process of creating/passing resolutions, and PEI and Newfoundland & Labrador have All-Party Committees re Basic Income. (PEI has recommended implementing a GLI there as a “demonstration project,” and Newfoundland & Labrador’s committee, established in November, has already met three times.) For examples of resolutions and more, visit [GLI MarchVigils2023 folder](#).

### **More information**

Visit the [Create a Guaranteed Livable Income webpage](#) on The United Church of Canada website.