

Guiding Principles for Centennial Commemorations

As communities develop plans for various activities to commemorate 100 years of The United Church of Canada, these principles are meant to ground us in the commitments and values of the Church.

The guidelines are organized into *equity requirements* and *invitational guidelines*, and are structured around the [Church's Call and Vision](#):

Called by God, as disciples of Jesus, The United Church of Canada seeks to be a bold, connected, evolving church of diverse, courageous, hope-filled communities united in deep spirituality, inspiring worship, and daring justice.

Equity Requirements for planning Events and Activities:

All activities must support the commitments of the United Church of Canada and bring us closer to the shared vision of the Church in 2025.

Right Relations with Indigenous Peoples

- Planning teams must consider the [UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#) and the [Caretakers' Calls to the Church](#), and ensure appropriate consultation with Indigenous communities in planning and delivering commemorations.

Becoming a Church that is anti-racist, affirming, accessible, intercultural and functionally bilingual

- The commemoration must support [equity and inclusivity](#) in planning, communicating and delivering content.

Partnership Principles

- The planning team must practice mutuality, dialogue and accountability when engaging with Canadian or [Global partners](#) on a commemoration project.



Invitational Guidelines:

Planners are invited to consider and share how they are responding to Calls in their centennial activities.

Bold Discipleship

How does the centennial activity develop, support, reinvigorate or share resources between communities of faith?

Daring Justice

How does the centennial activity deepen bold, effective solidarity on justice and climate issues?

Deep Spirituality

How does the centennial activity strengthen courage and humility in sharing and growing faith?