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## **United Churches Mark Centennial with Landmark Ottawa Gathering and 100 Tables Initiative**

*Bilingual celebration joins national campaign of community, belonging and faith in action*

**OTTAWA, June 11, 2025** – As The United Church of Canada marks its 100th anniversary this week, regional congregations will gather in Ottawa for a milestone bilingual celebration, bringing together a major in-person worship service and a national movement to reimagine faith in community.

On **Sunday, June 15 at 11 a.m.**, more than 1,200 people will come together at the EY Centre in Ottawa (4899 Uplands Dr) for a bilingual worship service themed *Love Each Other*: a time of prayer and song, communion and proclamation. At the same time, 100 local Communities of Faith across the country are participating in *100 Tables*, a cross-Canada initiative that brings faith into everyday spaces including community centres, front lawns, parks and kitchens.

“When we commemorate 100 years of ministry, we do so with humility,” said Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly, Regional Executive Minister for the Eastern Ontario Outaouais, Nakonha:ka and East Central Ontario regional councils. “Our history includes moments of leadership and hope, but also times when we’ve fallen short. Gathering together, lifting our voices in community, is how we begin to heal, reconnect and move forward with purpose.”

Running throughout 2025, [\*100 Tables\*](#) invites congregations to transform everyday spaces into places of welcome, reflection and connection. Rooted in the Church’s centennial campaign [\*A Place at the Table\*](#), the initiative reflects a commitment to justice, compassion and inclusion. In Ottawa, communities including Orleans United Church and Kitchissippi United Church are taking part.

**The June 15 regional celebration** will feature music from Rev. Peter Woods, Mr. Nick Gummeson and the band Field Notes. The guest preacher will be Rev. Rob Oliphant, Member of Parliament, who began his ministry in Ottawa.

The United Church’s centennial theme, *Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship, Daring Justice*, is expressed through both the *100 Tables* initiative and the Ottawa gathering. Together, they reflect the Church’s evolving place in Canadian life and its commitment to meeting people where they are—spiritually, socially and physically.

Formed by an Act of Parliament on June 10, 1925, The United Church of Canada is a uniquely Canadian denomination shaped by a century of leadership and progress. It was the first mainline Christian church in Canada to ordain women, affirm 2S LGBTQI+ members, formally apologize for its role in the Residential School System and lead on social and environmental justice issues.

The Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council, one of 16 across the country, supports ministries and congregations in their mission and public witness throughout the region.

**Media are warmly invited to attend the June 15 celebration at the EY Centre. Interviews will be available on-site in both English and French with Church leaders, special guests and participants.**

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