

Signs of Life in the Local Church: May 2021 Webinars

Join in this series of one-hour webinars to explore new missional perspectives that are bringing life to local congregations.

- **Each Thursday in May, from 3 to 4 pm (Sask. Time), starting May 6 on Zoom.**
- 2pm BC, 3pm Alberta, 4pm Manitoba, 5pm Ontario & Quebec, 6pm Maritimes, 6:30pm Newfoundland



Free registration: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqf-ytqzosGdVoDhE6gNcveFr2JjU4-WCd>

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May 6: Unmasking the Post-Covid Church

with Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart (Dean of St. Andrew's Hall at UBC, Professor of Mission Studies at Vancouver School of Theology)

Churches have been through a prolonged period of adaptive leadership challenges over the last year with Covid-19. What has God taught us through this experience about what it means to be church? How will this experience shape and change the nature of our witness and shared life together in a post-pandemic world?

May 13: Fabulously Flourishing in the Local Church

with Canon Dr. Neil Mancor (Congregational Development Coordinator, Anglican Diocese of Montréal)

Before we start talking about money, we need to get the conditions right. In the same way that we prepare the ground for planting our gardens, we need to do the same in our churches. Research has consistently flagged two key characteristics of flourishing congregations: a lively spirituality and an outward focus on the community. In this seminar, we will explore these two characteristics and how they impact financial generosity in the local Church.

May 20: Blessed to be a Blessing ... The Stewardship of Opportunity

with Rev. Dr. Tim Beadle (co-founder of the Rural Church Pastors Network & Missional Engagement Team Lead, Foothills Alliance Church, Calgary)

In our time together we will lean in together and explore how we can steward the opportunities God entrusts to us and our faith community based on Matthew 25. We will unpack a B.L.E.S.S. model that will offer practical steps to engage you in reaching out to those around you. A book summary will be supplied. Participants will be exposed to a free resource in which they will determine their S.H.A.P.E. (S – spiritual gifts / H – heart-passion / A – abilities / P – personality style / E – experience) for use in being stewards of the opportunities around them.

May 27: To The Regions Beyond: Spiritual Care in Under-served Areas

with Rev. Dr. Robin Haensel (Director of Church Development, Canadian Midwest District, Christian & Missionary Alliance Church)

Dr. Haensel will introduce his recent D.Min. project (Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon) helping him fulfill God's calling to equip the church to serve those often ignored because of the logistical challenges of shrinking rural populations. His greatest desire is that the church would be able to fulfill her calling to the world, but especially to those communities that face the challenge of diminishing resources.

This series is planned in the spirit of the LAURC Covenant by the Ecumenical Stewardship Committee of the Anglican Diocese of Qu'Appelle, the Saskatchewan Synod of the ELCIC, and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Regina.

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