

The United Church of Christ
(and The United Church of Canada)
UN INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT
2021 Calendar

January 2021

- Jan – Human Trafficking Awareness Month, all month long (U.S.)
- Jan 11-18 – prepare resources for Black History Month (e.g. liturgy, preaching, and educational resources)
- Jan 11 – Human Trafficking Awareness Day (U.S.)
- Jan 18 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan 18-25 – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: “Abide In My Love...You Shall Bear Much Fruit.”

February 2021

- Feb – Black History Month, all month long
- Feb 14 – Racial Justice Sunday (UCC)
- Feb 21 – Recognition of the assassination of Malcolm X (USA)

March 2021

- Mar – Women’s History Month (USA)
- Mar - Lent (Feb. 17- April 3)
- Mar 5 – World Day of Prayer
- Mar 8 – International Women’s Day
- Mar 15-26: UN Commission on the Status of Women
- Mar 21 – UN International Day for the Elimination of Racism
- Mar 22 – World Water Day
- Mar 24 – UN International Day for the Right to Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and the Dignity of Victims
- Mar 25 – UN International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade

April 2021:

- Apr – Lenten season continues; last day of Lent is April 3
- Apr 1-3 – Holy Week
- Apr 7 – Holocaust Remembrance Day
- Apr 13 – Ramadan (April 13 – May 13)
- Apr 16 – Emancipation Day (USA)
- Apr 22 – Earth Day

May 2021:

- May 9 – Mother’s Day; Christian Family Sunday (UC Canada)
- May 14-17 People of African Descent Week
- May 16 – Mental Health Sunday (explore intergenerational trauma, healing, and recovery)
- May 21-- Malcolm X (USA) birthday

June 2021:

- June - Pride Month
- June 19 – Juneteenth
- June 20 – World Refugee Day
- June 21 – National Indigenous Peoples Day (Canada)
- June 26 – International Day for Victims of Torture
- June 27 – Canadian Multiculturalism Day

July 2021

- July 1 – Canada Day
- July 4 – Independence Day (USA)
- July 16-20 - General Synod (UCC) - resolution on adopting the UN Decade; workshops
- July 30 – World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

August 2021

- Aug 6 – Emancipation Day
- Aug 9 – International Day of the World’s Indigenous People
- Aug 17 – Marcus Garvey Day
- Aug 23 – UN International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition

September 2021

- Sept 6 – Labor Day (USA)
- Sept 12 – Faith Formation Sunday (UCC)
- Sept 21 – International Day of Peace
- Sept 26 – American Indian Sunday (USA)

October 2021

- Oct 3 - World Communion Sunday
- Oct 11 - Indigenous Peoples Day (US)
- Oct 24 - United Nations Day

November 2021

- Nov 20 – Transgender Day of Remembrance
- Nov 25 – International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

December 2021

- Dec 1 – World AIDS Day

- Dec 10 – Human Rights Day
- Dec 18 – International Migrants Day
