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 – UN Decade Webinar, part 2
- Feb – Joint Lenten series (Feb. 17- April 3)
- Feb – Opportunity for interfaith dialogue in the context of Black History Month
- 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 - Joint Lenten series (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 – Youth Pilgrimage (UCC/UCCanada)
• 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

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