



**FIRST
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Advent & Christmas Calendar 2026

Calls to Action 59 & 60

Nov 29 Anticipate Hope: Read Mark 13:24-37 Read Call to Action 59	30 Learn: What is spiritual violence?	Dec 1 Listen: Ancestor Dominic's Musqueam Paddle Song	2 Watch: Canada's cultural genocide of Indigenous Peoples	3 Reflect: Why do Calls to Action 59 & 60 matter to you?	4 Change: Take a workshop in compassionate listening	5 Unsettling the Word* Book Club & Study Guide: Read preface of book & introduction of study guide
6 Accompany Peace: Read Mark 1:1-8 Read Call to Action 60	7 Learn: How does settler privilege effect you?	8 Listen: Residential School Song by Cheryl Bear	9 Watch: Inter-generational Trauma: Residential Schools	10 Reflect: Why do Calls to Action 59 & 60 matter in your family?	11 Change: Determine which antiracism consultants your org needs	12 Unsettling the Word* Book Club & Study Guide: Unsettling the Word book & study guide Economies of Enough by Carmen Lansdowne
13 Activate Joy: Read Psalm 126 Read "Honouring Indigenous Spirituality"	14 Learn: What is the Indian Act?	15 Listen: Just Want You by Kiva Mh	16 Watch: What's Decolonization?	17 Reflect: Why do Calls to Action 59 & 60 matter at your job?	18 Grieve/Rest: Blue Christmas Service with FIRST UNITED: 1pm Pacific, 320 E. Hastings	19 Unsettling the Word* Book Club & Study Guide: Unsettling the Word book & study guide You Alone Listened by Lori Ransom
20 Affirm Love: Read Luke 1:46b-55	21 Learn: What is Indigenous Spirituality? Read Article 12 in UNDRIP	22 Listen: That's Real by Handsome Tiger & Snotty Nose Rez Kids (Explicit lyrics)	23 Watch: Namwayut: we are all one. Truth and reconciliation in Canada	24 Reflect: How do Calls to Action 59 & 60 matter to where you live?	25 Change: Prayer, action, & community	26 Unsettling the Word* Book Club & Study Guide: Unsettling the Word book & study guide Lament on Coast Salish Land by Benjamin Hertwig & Celine Chuang
27 3rd Day of Christmas Applaud Gifts: Read Luke 2:22-40	28 4th Day of Christmas Learn: The Trouble with Being First by Carmen Lansdowne	29 5th Day of Christmas Listen: 500 Years by Rhonda Head	30 6th Day of Christmas Watch: FIRST UNITED's Historic Milestone in the Downtown Eastside	31 7th Day of Christmas Reflect: Why do Calls to Action 59 & 60 matter in your community of faith?	Jan 1 8th Day of Christmas Change: Begin a congregational assessment of power	2 9th Day of Christmas Unsettling the Word* Book Club: Unsettling the Word (book only) - See the Colonizing Mandate by Stan McKay; No Fence Can Hold by Cheryl Bear; Truth to Power by Randy Woodley
3 10th Day of Christmas Activate Power: Read Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21	4 11th Day of Christmas Learn: Indigenous Cultural Safety	5 12th Day of Christmas Listen: How to Steal a Canoe by Leanne Betasamosake Simpson	*Unsettling the Word: Biblical Experiments in Decolonization, edited by Steve Heinrichs			