

Calendar of National Dates and Observances

This resource was created to provide opportunities for prayer, awareness, education, and engagement.

Most of the dates/observances listed here support groups of people who face marginalization, discrimination, and exclusion. As the Free Methodist Church in Canada engages in the work of three task forces, Women in Leadership, Racial Justice and Ethnic Equity, and LGBTQ2S+, these dates/observances can help start or continue conversations in your church.

Free Methodists want to introduce people to Jesus, change the world one person at a time, and alleviate suffering. We are free.

Date	National Date or Observance	Resource
February	Black History Month	https://www.canada.ca/en/canadianheritage/campaigns/black-historymonth.html
February 22	Human Trafficking Awareness Day	https://www.canadianhumantraffickinghotline.ca/event/national-human-trafficking-awareness-day-2/
March 8	International Women's Day	https://women-gender-equality.canada.ca/en/commemorations-celebrations/international-womens-day/2022-theme.html
March 21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	https://www.un.org/en/observances/end-racism-day
April 22	International Earth Day	https://www.un.org/en/observances/earth-day
May	Asian Heritage Month	https://www.canada.ca/en/canadianheritage/campaigns/asian-heritagemonth.html
June - September	Pride Season	https://www.canada.ca/en/canadianheritage/campaigns/pride-season.html

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June	National Indigenous History Month	https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1466616436543/1534874922512
June 20	World Refugee Day	https://www.un.org/en/observances/refugee-day
June 21	National Indigenous People's Day	https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1100100013248/1534872397533
June 24	Saint-Jean-Baptiste-Day	https://www.canada.ca/en/canadianheritage/campaigns/saint-jeanbaptiste-day.html
June 27	National Multiculturalism Day	https://www.canada.ca/en/canadianheritage/campaigns/multiculturalismday.html
July 1	Canada Day	https://www.canada.ca/en/canadianheritage/campaigns/canada-day.html
September 30	Orange Shirt Day	https://www.orangeshirtday.org/
October	Women's History Month	https://women-gender-equality.canada.ca/en/commemorations-celebrations/womens-historymonth.html
October 11	International Day of the Girl	https://www.un.org/en/observances/girl-child-day
October 18	Person's Day	https://women-gender-equality.canada.ca/en/commemorations-celebrations/womens-historymonth/persons-day.html
November 11	Remembrance Day	https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/history/a-day-of-remembrance

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December 6	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women	https://women-gender-equality.canada.ca/en/commemorations-celebrations/16-days/national-day-remembrance.html
December 10	Human Rights Day	https://www.canada.ca/en/canadianheritage/services/human-rightscommemorative-days/human-rightsday.html