

Dates and Observances 2023




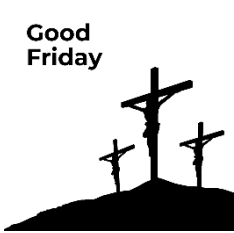


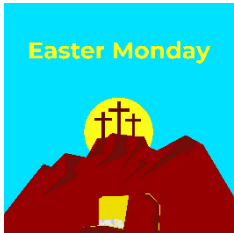
This resource was created to provide opportunities for prayer, awareness, education, and engagement.

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 these 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/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month.html
February 22		Human Trafficking Awareness Day	https://www.canada.ca/en/public-safety-canada/campaigns/human-trafficking/htr.html
March		Women's History Month	https://women-gender-equality.canada.ca/en/commemorations-celebrations/womens-history-month/2022-theme.html
March 8		International Women's Day	https://women-gender-equality.canada.ca/en/commemorations-celebrations/international-womens-day.html
March 17		St Patrick's Day	







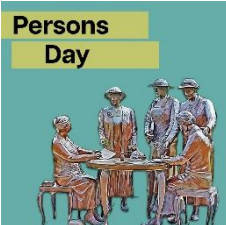
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March 21	 <p>International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination</p>	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	https://www.un.org/en/observances/end-racism-day
April 2	 <p>Palm Sunday</p>	Palm Sunday	
April 6	 <p>First Day of Passover</p>	First day of Passover	
April 7	 <p>Good Friday</p>	Good Friday	
April 8	 <p>Holy Saturday</p>	Holy Saturday	
April 9	 <p>Easter Sunday</p>	Easter Sunday	
April 10	 <p>Easter Monday</p>	Easter Monday	



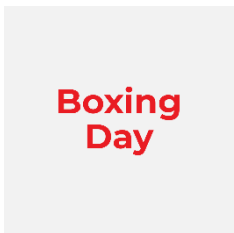
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April 22		International Earth Day	https://www.un.org/en/observances/earth-day https://earthday.ca/
May		Asian Heritage Month	https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/asian-heritage-month/about.html
May 22		Victoria Day	
June		National Indigenous History Month	https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1466616436543/1534874922512
June 20		World Refugee Day	https://www.unhcr.ca/how-to-help/events/world-refugee-day/world-refugee-day-events/
June 21		National Indigenous People's Day	https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1100100013718/1534874583157
June 24		Saint-Jean-Baptiste-Day	https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/celebrate-canada/saint-jean-baptiste-day.html
June 27		National Multiculturalism Day	https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/celebrate-canada/multiculturalism-day.html

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July 1		Canada Day	https://www.canada.ca/en/services/culture/events-celebrations-commemorations/major-events-celebrations/canada-day.html
September 4		Labour Day	
September 30		Orange Shirt Day	https://www.orangeshirtday.org/ https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/national-day-truth-reconciliation.html
October 1		National Seniors Day	https://www.federalretirees.ca/en/news-views/news-listing/november/celebrating-national-seniors-day
October 9		Thanksgiving Day	
October 11		International Day of the Girl Child	https://women-gender-equality.canada.ca/en/commemorations-celebrations/womens-history-month/international-day-girl-child.html
October 18		Person's Day	https://women-gender-equality.canada.ca/en/commemorations-celebrations/womens-history-month/persons-day.html

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November 11		Remembrance Day	https://www.canada.ca/en/services/defence/caf/militaryhistory/remembrance/remembrance-day.html
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/canadian-heritage/services/human-rights-commemorative-days/human-rights-day.html https://www.un.org/en/observances/human-rights-day
December 25		Christmas	
December 26		Boxing Day	