

## Come to the THEOLOGICAL BANQUET

Five Tuesdays starting April 20, 7:00-8:30 p.m., on Zoom.

This is an amazing study created by United Church folks in Pacific Mountain Region. Come and engage with the work of **The Rev. Janet Gear**, McGeachy Senior Scholar, United Church of Canada Foundation. Janet preaches, teaches, and leads retreats within and beyond the United Church and, in the **THEOLOGICAL BANQUET**, describes a language and set of lenses for us to talk about the various ways our faith is lived out in our churches, our lives, and the world. This is important for the church, and difficult because *“we tend to assume that we all speak the same language about God and what it means to be a church community, active in the world.”*



This five week evening series is **open to everyone in the congregation**, and will happen on the Zoom platform. Its purposes are: **to affirm and articulate** the lived faith of those in our community of faith, **to deepen an appreciation** of theological difference within our congregation, and **to build capacity** for theological interpretation of our congregational life. **The THEOLOGICAL BANQUET can help us discern what God is calling us to next.** Leadership will be offered by our ministers, Janice Young and Bruce McAndless-Davis.

You will enjoy Janet Gear’s engaging videos, and high quality handout materials which will be provided to each participant before the series begins. The videos average about 25 minutes and, while it is recommended to watch each video ahead of the Tuesday session, there is no lengthy reading or extensive homework involved.

**Video 1** – five different ways of living our faith are identified, introducing the reality of theological diversity.

**Video 2** – the most distinctive features of each of the five ways; unseen assumptions or *implicit theologies* each one carries; what is understood about God, faith, the church, and how God engages in the world through each of the five lenses of our faith. **Video 3** – how the five implicit theologies might look and sound, and how they might appear and shape our faith community; identify the lens or expression of lived faith you most identify with – Evangelical? Ecclesial? Missional? Ecumenical? Spiritual? **Video 4** – the strengths, shadows, and antidotes of each of the five theologies; the gifts each offers to our community of faith; understanding how critical diversity is. **Video 5** – an opportunity to practice reading the theologies of the spoken, printed, and sung word from our faith community.

Janet Gear says, *“I’m inviting you to a table at which you are already gathered, the feast of your own faith.”*

**R.S.V.P. Registration is required by April 15** so materials can be printed and distributed. [REGISTER HERE](#). There is no fee for this program.

The **THEOLOGICAL BANQUET** is an initiative of the Pacific Mountain Regional Council of the United Church of Canada. [www.LeaderShiftpmr.ca](http://www.LeaderShiftpmr.ca)