

IN ACTION



ABOUT THE MOVEMENT

The Student Christian Movement is a youth-led social justice movement passionate about community, justice & spirituality.

SCMers come from many backgrounds & beliefs, united by our mission to be a prophetic voice for justice in our world & in our communities. We are students active in liberating theology – committed to bringing together faith, anti-oppression & progressive social change.

All welcome | No dogma | 'The Bible in one hand, a newspaper in the other'

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introducing the
**STUDENT
CHRISTIAN
MOVEMENT
OF CANADA**



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Let justice roll down like waters!

- Amos 5:24

Our world is suffering: war, eco-destruction, human rights abuse & interlinked oppressions continue to marginalize & exploit – while religion, which should liberate, is too often used to exclude.

Based in autonomous student communities across the country, SCM seeks to live another way. We've been activists in social change movements in church and society since 1921.

Our mission is to engage the "prophetic teachings of the revolutionary Jesus of Nazareth" – we empower action, share leadership skills, support our faith journeys, and nourish links between spirituality and activism.

As a radical ecumenical movement, we welcome all at our table, regardless of belief or background – everyone from Orthodox to agnostic. LGBTQ are welcome.

INFLUENTIAL SCMLERS: The **Greensboro 4** (launched civil rights sit-ins), **Dietrich Bonhöffer** (martyred by Nazis), **Desmond Tutu** (Nobel Peace Prize), **Lois Wilson** (World Council of Churches head; Pearson Peace Prize), **Steve Biko** (anti-apartheid martyr), **Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf** (president, Liberia), **Kwame Nkrumah** (pan-African leader deposed by CIA), **Ted Scott** (Anglican primate; human rights activist), **Muriel Duckworth** (renowned peace activist), **Jürgen Moltmann** (*Theology of Hope*), **Br. Roger** (Taizé founder), **J.S. Woodsworth** (labour agitator), **Nancy Ruth** (senator), **William Temple** (Archbishop of Canterbury)

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED IN THE MOVEMENT?

LOCAL UNITS

Local communities are SCM's grassroots. Get involved in the unit nearest you, sign up to be a 'local contact,' or we'll help you start a group:

scmcanada.org/units

- Actions and coalitions to witness for peace & justice
- Progressive Bible studies & discussion circles
- Ecumenical worship & interfaith dialogue
- Anti-oppression & theology events
- Retreats & leadership development

PILGRIMAGE

Our fall spiritual activism road-trip is a travelling encounter with today's cutting-edge liberation theologies, activism & communities of resistance:

scmcanada.org/pilgrimage

- School of the Americas vigil in Georgia
- Just Work radical labour tour of Canada/USA
- Indigenous solidarity delegations
- Visiting Catholic Worker & new monastic communities

GLOBAL

As part of a worldwide movement, we are members of the World Student Christian Federation (WSCF):

wscfglobal.org

- More than 100 national SCMs – many on the frontlines of global justice, peacemaking & liberation theology

CONFERENCE

Our movement comes together every spring for a week to share skills & ideas, engage current issues, pray, and build the movement. General Conference is our biggest event:

scmcanada.org/conference

- Networking across regions & strengthening the SCM
- Training in anti-oppression, collective decision-making and local organizing
- Exciting speakers, activists & workshops

RESOURCES

SCM members get our message out with a wide range of engaging materials:

scmcanada.org/resources

- Online podcasts, videos, blog & campaigns
- *All Things New* magazine & *Epistle* theology journal
- Rad buttons, t-shirts, stickers, liturgies, pamphlets
- Zines on anti-oppression, activism & theology

QUEER & CHRISTIAN WITHOUT CONTRADICTION

Our anti-homophobia campaign supports LGBTQ youth in & out of the church:

QueerandChristian.org

- Public awareness & action campaign, including film & online forums
- Conferences, workshops, community
- LGBTQ resource kits & Bible resources

