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Norval United to launch new program

new project of Norval United Church, set to launch in September.

The 8-10 month, residential program has four young adults (age 19-30) living in a house next door to the church, and working with the congregation to explore spiritual practices, ministry leadership, community service (with a focus

environmental stewardship) community living.

Intentional communities are a new spin on an ancient model of Christian ministry, combining spiritual practices and disciple-

ship with the simple tasks of everyday living. As young adults struggle to envision a place for themselves in organized religion, many are gravitating towards intentional community as it carves out a meaningful new way of being the Church.

Authors such as Shane Claiborne (The Simple Way) and Jonathan Wilson-Hargrove (Rutba House) are often cited as leaders in this "new-monastic" move-

Norval Intentional Community is currently accepting applications for four

Norval Intentional Community is a participant openings. Applications and program details can be found at www. norvalunited.ca/intentionalcommunity.

Participants in this new program, based in Norval, will give leadership within the Norval congregation, volunteer with local environmental organizations, operate a small scale independent cinema, and embark on an ecopilgrim-

age along the Bruce Trail. They will explore issues of vocation, community, faith development and social justice—all through a lens of progressive, inclusive Christian faith.

Young adults from any Christian tradition are encouraged to apply; there is room in the program to accommodate part-time jobs and/or study.

Norval Intentional Community is a test project for the United Church of Canada, having received support from its New Ministries Formation Fund and Vision Fund.

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