

## *MEDIA ADVISORY*

### **Northern Ontario Is Church Leader's First Stop on Spirit Express Journey**

Toronto: North Bay will be the first stop for The United Church of Canada's Moderator, Mardi Tindal, as she begins a month-long journey inviting people to come together to talk about their concerns for the environment.

Tindal's journey was named the Spirit Express because she intentionally scheduled this leg of her regional visits so that her travel between the provinces of Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta could be done exclusively by train. She chose this means of transportation as a way of reducing her carbon footprint during her three-year term when she knew she would be travelling extensively.

Tindal, who arrives in North Bay on Tuesday, October 12, at 1:50 p.m., will be met at the train station by local United Church representatives, who will accompany her to a welcome reception at The United Church of Canada's Manitou Conference Office at 319 McKenzie Avenue.

In addition to her stop in North Bay, Tindal will be visiting Callander and Sudbury, and hosting Spirit Express town hall meetings in Powassan and Chapleau.

Members of the media and the general public, including those of other faith traditions, are welcome to attend these town hall meetings.

Wednesday, October 13, 2010

Powassan United Church  
380 Clarke St.  
Powassan, ON P0H 1Z0  
Dinner: 5:30 p.m.  
Town Hall: 6:45 p.m.

Saturday, October 16, 2010

Trinity United Church  
Corner of Lorne St. and Beech St. E.  
Chapleau, ON P0M 1K0  
7:00 p.m.

Tindal leaves for Manitoba on Sunday, October 17, at 10:59 a.m. from the Foleyet train station.

For more information about the Moderator's Spirit Express Journey, please visit [www.wondercafe.ca/spiritexpress](http://www.wondercafe.ca/spiritexpress).

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**NOTE TO PHOTO EDITORS:** Photos to accompany this advisory will be available as of Sunday, October 10, 2010, at <http://photos.newswire.ca>. Images are free to accredited members of the media.

Additional photos are also available at:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/31483287@N05/sets/72157624976055493/>

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