

UCW Worship Service for the  
100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada  
“Here I Am”  
March 2, 2025

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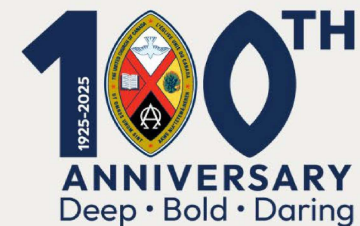
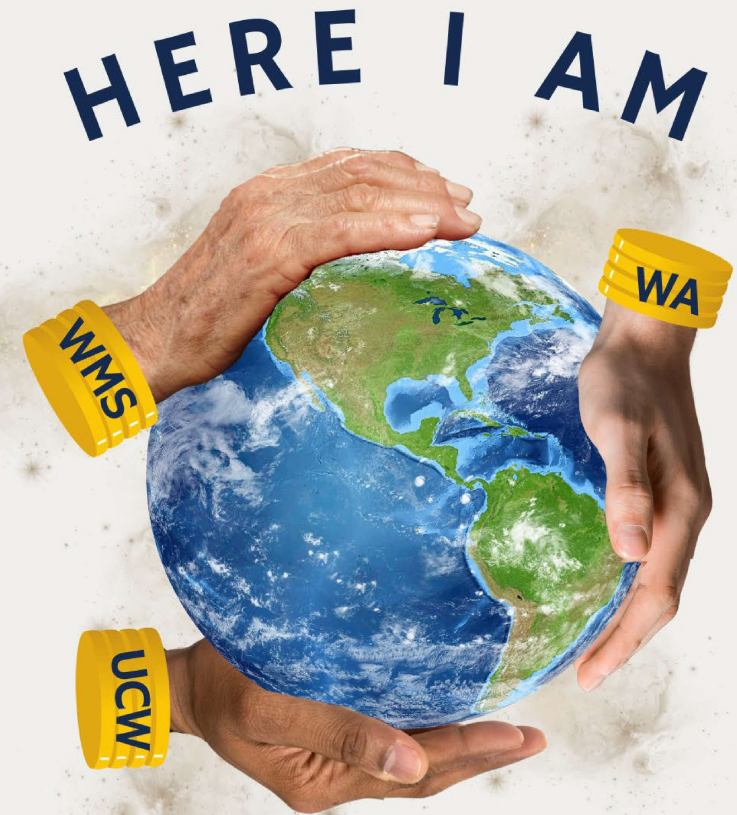
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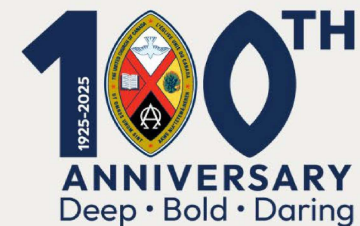
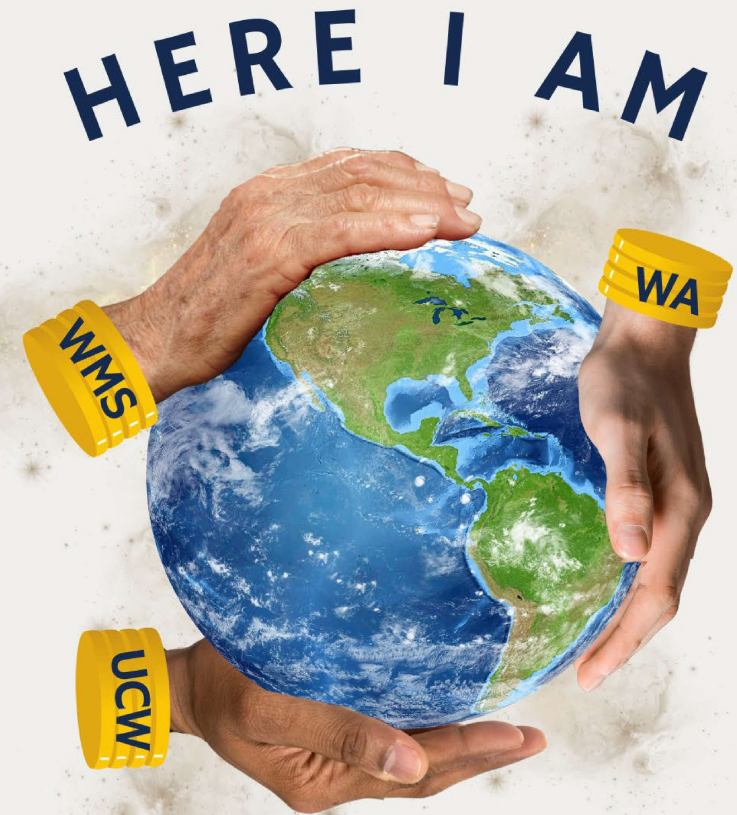
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