



Iona Community: Rooted in Hope Lived in Community

October 15 - 18, 2026

Schedule of Events

Draft schedule for hosting the Iona Community Event with Ruth Harvey.

Thursday, October 15, 2026

Time	Event	Location
	Drive/Fly to Penticton/Naramata	Naramata Centre is a 25 minute drive from the Penticton Airport
4:00 PM	Check In Time - Early Check-in to be arranged prior to arrival.	All Guests: Check-in registration at Alberta Hall Welcome Desk to receive accommodation keys and welcome package.
5:30 - 6:30 PM	Dinner	Buffet in the Columbia Hall Dining Room
7:00 - 8:30 PM	Session 1: Welcome Circle	Chapel/Columbia Hall Lounge (depending on numbers)
	Welcome to Naramata Centre and land acknowledgment ~ by Alison Stewart (we will invite participation by local First Nation - Penticton Indian Band)	
	Introductions	
	Programme outline for the Retreat and Ways of Working Together	
	Night Prayer	
	Closing Remarks	

Friday, October 16, 2026

Time	Event	Location
8:00 - 9:00 AM	Breakfast	Buffet in the Columbia Hall Dining Room
9:00 - 11:00 AM	Session 2: The Contours of Hope	Chapel/Columbia Hall Lounge (depending on numbers)
	Morning Prayer	
	What is the shape of Hope? Exploring the contours of hope in a tender world, drawing on scripture, experience and the wisdom of our elders.	
11:00 - 12:30 PM	Break / Personal Time	
12:30 - 1:30 PM	Lunch	Buffet in the Columbia Hall Dining Room
2:00 - 4:00 PM	Session 3: Afternoon Options	
	A wee sing with Ruth, singing some songs from the Iona Community.	Columbia Hall Lounge
	Time to explore Naramata Centre and the Village; the labyrinth; Naramata Tree Canopy and Gardens, or the community	Outdoor spaces
4:00 - 5:30 PM	Break / Personal Time	
5:30 - 6:30 PM	Dinner	Buffet in the Columbia Hall Dining Room
7:00 - 8:30 PM	Session 4: Evening Circle	Chapel/Columbia Hall Lounge (depending on numbers)
	Drawing together the threads of the day	
	Evening Prayer	

Saturday, October 17, 2026

Time	Event	Location
8:00 - 9:00 AM	Breakfast	Buffet in the Columbia Hall Dining Room
9:00 - 11:00 AM	Session 5: Communities of Hope	Chapel/Columbia Hall Lounge (depending on numbers)
	Morning Prayer	
	Rooted in Hope - lived in community. Sharing practices and models of intentional community for a brave new world rooted in hope (option to include David Sherwin & Marilou Reeve who are launching an intentional community pilot project in partnership with Naramata Centre.	
11:00 - 12:30 PM	Break / Personal Time	
12:30 - 1:30 PM	Lunch	Buffet in the Columbia Hall Dining Room
2:00 - 4:00 PM	Session 6: Optional Sessions	Chapel/Columbia Hall Longe
	<i>Tentative: Blanket Exercise - Add in details on this session</i>	
	<i>Tentative: Fall Harvest Activity (if this fits - we have options i.e. baking together, exploring wine, etc?)</i> <i>There may be a cost associated with this activity. Guests can register at a later date.</i>	
	<i>Fingerprint Labyrinth</i>	
4:00 - 5:30 PM	Break / Personal Time	
5:30 - 6:30	Dinner	Buffet in the Columbia Hall

PM		Dining Room
7:00 - 8:30 PM	Session 7: Evening Circle	Chapel/Columbia Hall Lounge
	Drawing together the threads of the day	
	Evening Prayer	

Sunday, October 18, 2026

Time	Event	Location
8:00 - 9:00 AM	Breakfast	Buffet in the Columbia Hall Dining Room
9:00 - 10:30 AM	Session 8: Closing Worship	Chapel
11:00 - 12:00 PM		Guest check out

Sunday, October 18, 2026

Time	Event	Location
12:00 - 13:00 PM	Lunch	Columbia Hall Dining Room
13:30	Hallowing Service: a service of blessing and welcome for New Members of the Iona Community – All Are Welcome	Chapel