

United Church of Canada
Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council
News This Week
January 25, 2019

Editor's Note

I am pleased to be sending out the first issue of *News This Week* for the EOORC. As you know, I became your Communications and Administration Assistant in early January and have been focusing on ways to reach out to as many people in the EOORC as possible. I've also been working with the technology people at the UCC office in Toronto to get our website up and running. This is an ongoing project, and as soon as I have more information about the website, I will let you know. Once we have a website, the appearance of this newsletter will change to reflect the 'look and feel' of the website.

Please join our Facebook group: <https://bit.ly/2FUyz7w> and follow us on Twitter: www.twitter.com/EoorcU

I would be happy to hear your comments or suggestions for this newsletter, so send me an email ajansman@united-church.ca
 Have a great week!

Blessings, Anita Jansman

Coming Events

Wed January 30, 1 p.m. (EST) Designated Lay Ministers (DLM) Webinar

A group of DLMs have set up a webinar to discuss a draft document for establishing a DLM Community of Practice (A National Community of Practice Celebrating and Advocating for Designated Lay Ministers). Contact the interim planning committee to RSVP: designatedlayminister@gmail.com. DLMs please join our Facebook Group: <https://bit.ly/2U9rEuX>

Thurs January 31, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Alexandria United Church Moderator's Retreat

How are we living out our call to be disciples in the church and in the world today? Come discuss your call(s) to ministry in this day-long retreat. The event costs \$30. Lunch and snacks are included. Register at <https://bit.ly/2U9rEuX>

Fri February 1, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Trinity United Church, Ottawa. Acknowledge, Confront, Transform: Right Relations & BLM

How are you called to work to end racist systems in the church and in the world? Where do we start? How do we move through our guilt and shame? For more information, please contact jleslie@kitchissippiuc.com. The event is pay-what-you-can (suggested donation \$35.) Lunch and snacks are included. Please register at <http://bit.ly/RightRelationsUC>

Sat March 2, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Zion-Memorial United Church, Carlton Place Open House We invite members of the EOORC to visit our church, see our new offices, meet the staff, enjoy lunch and worship together. Lunch is available for \$10. For more information and to register, visit: <https://bit.ly/2RawFSf>

Save the date!

EOORC Annual General Meeting

June 7 - 8, 2019

Smiths Falls, Ontario

Celebration of Ministry - Sunday June 9. Trinity United Church

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Announcements

UCW Members of the Former Ottawa Presbytery The archivist of the Ottawa UCW Presbytery is collecting the names of all women in congregations who have died in the year 2018. Many churches today do not have UCW groups, but we do not want to overlook those women who for so many years made contributions to their churches in so many ways. We will honour these women at our Annual General Meeting. We are only looking for the names from the churches who were in the former Ottawa Presbytery. Please e-mail your list including the name of your church to Beth Gutsell at megutsell@rogers.com. Please send the list in the body of the e-mail or in a pdf file. Question? Please contact Beth.

The General Council Office is waiting for confirmation or appeals from approximately two-thirds of the pastoral charges in EOORC for the 2019 assessments. Use the information sent to pastoral charges and treasurers, on January 21 by email. Please log in and fill out your forms as soon as possible. If the GCO doesn't have a reply by February 1, in order to get this entered in the billing system, they will choose annual payment by cheque as the response. Contact remits@united-church.ca for general inquiries, emathiesen@united-church.ca if you need to appeal your assessment.

Job Posting - Barrhaven United Church is seeking a **Congregational Designated Lay Minister**. The Congregational Designated Lay Minister Contract Position CDLM is currently supporting the following programs under Christian Education:

- Study Groups (2 study groups per 10 months of the contract, study groups are 6-8 weeks in length);
- Meditation Group;
- Support of and bimonthly meetings with BUC's Full-time Minister;
- Support for families attending BUC;
- Support for Messy Church six times per year;
- Support of Sunday School Coordinator and Sunday School teachers;
- Link with Christian Education Chairperson;
- Link with M&P to discuss position and for annual review;
- Liaise with other United Churches in the area to explore the idea of a shared youth group for BUC youth.

Congregational Designated Lay Minister Contract Position

- 14 hours per week at the hourly rate of \$25.00 per hour;
- Contract Position not more than 10 months per annual contract.

Please send your CV, current local police clearance for the vulnerable sector and statement of faith to by February 10 to: Ministry and Personnel Committee, Barrhaven United Church, 3013 Jockvale Road, Ottawa, Ontario K2J 4E4

Staff Announcements



Dana Ducette
Minister, Youth and Young Adults
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I grew up in a military family and have lived across Canada. When my father retired, we settled in Alliston, ON and attended St. Johns' United Church. I had the pleasure of attending a small-town church and being a part of a congregation that was a vital partner in the community. I attended Humber College and lived in Toronto working for the Heart and Stroke Foundation, United Way of Greater Toronto and modeled for several years. I attended Trent University in Peterborough where I met my husband Justin. When we moved to Calgary, I worked for the Faculty of Medicine and attended Knox United as well as Scarboro United. In 2008, we moved to Kanata where our daughter Elizabeth was born, followed by David in 2011 and James in 2016. On Sunday mornings you can find us at Stittsville United Church. Since 2011 I have been a LLWL and have been working on my degree in Theology at St. Paul's University. In 2015, I began working at CHEO after seven years at home with our children. This past summer I took time

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to discern what God was calling me to do and found I was being directed towards an active role in the church. I am blessed to have the opportunity to service by working with the Youth and Young Adults.

Staff Announcements – cont'd



Jane Dawson
Minister Supporting Communities of Faith, Clusters and Networks
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I am pleased to introduce myself as the new Minister Supporting Communities of Faith, Clusters and Networks for the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Region. I'm delighted to be on board and look forward to working with you as we "make the road by walking" together into this time of transition and re-vision.

I was born in Vancouver but have lived and worked in several other parts of the country. This includes Antigonish, Nova Scotia where I was a professor of Adult Education from 2000 to 2008. From there I moved to Ottawa, where I followed a deep call to the practice of spiritual direction. While in Ottawa I also had the good fortune to be involved with Faith and Arts Ottawa and the multi-faith Pastoral Care in Secondary Schools program. In 2014 I moved to Victoria, where I have been working as an educator, writer and spiritual director. I have also been active with First Metropolitan United Church leading adult education programs focused on biblical engagement and contemplative reflection.

I wasn't planning on returning to Ontario, but when I saw the posting for this position I couldn't resist. I am excited by the possibilities it offers to work with the Communities of Faith in the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Region to establish and nurture clusters/networks that support regeneration and new ministry. When I am not at work, I love reading, swimming, yoga, sunsets and strong coffee. I look forward to talking with you, whenever we have a chance!



Rev. Whitman Strong, BA; BEd; MDiv; ThM; Cert. Conflict Resolution/Mediation
Regional Minister for Pastoral Relations
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I am pleased to introduce myself to the folks in the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council. Many of you may already know me – especially those who are in the former Ottawa and Seaway Valley Presbyteries, although I have met some of you more recently last fall at the Upper Valley and Four Rivers Presbytery meetings. I was ordained in 1984 and have served in pastoral charges in Manitoba Northwest Ontario Conference, Bay of Quinte Conference and Montreal-Ottawa Conference. From 2011-2018, I served the church as Conference Personnel Minister (West) in Montreal-Ottawa Conference.

As of January 1, 2019, I am the Regional Minister for Pastoral Relations... although my role goes far beyond just what we traditionally see as "pastoral relations." In this new capacity, I will be providing support of Ministry Personnel, working with congregations as they begin the search for a new minister, supporting Communities of Faith as they live out their ministry, working with Church Councils and M&P Committees in times of conflict, be a resource to the Regional Council and its Executive, and basically jumping in whenever and wherever I am needed.

My home base will be the Regional Office located within Zion-Memorial United Church in Carleton Place. The best way to reach me is by email or phone, noted above. As many of you and your pastoral charges may be new to me. I ask that when you email or call please share with me which Community of Faith you call home. I look forward to working with all of you as we forge ahead into a new year, a new structure and new challenges and celebrations of who we are as The United Church of Canada.

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