

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
EASTERN ONTARIO OUTAOUAIS REGIONAL COUNCIL
NEWS THIS WEEK

Friday, February 15, 2019

EDITOR'S NOTE

As you will read here, EOORC is thriving with activities offered all over the region.

In this issue of *News This Week*, you will find a link to a survey (p.4) from the General Council Office. The survey is a good opportunity for you to have your say, so please take a half hour to fill it out. Also, we're trying to come up with a current list of Voluntary Associate Ministers (VAM) in the region, so please have a look at the note below, and reply to me, if appropriate.

Have a great week!

Anita Jansman
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FROM THE REGIONAL COUNCIL OFFICE

CALL OUT TO VAM

If you are a **Voluntary Associate Minister (VAM)** in the region, please send me an email. I have some forms to send to you that are time sensitive. All ministry personnel who are not serving in a call or appointment (both retired and not retired) must be connected to a Pastoral Charge in order to continue to be performing the functions of ministry. If you know of a VAM who might not see this newsletter, please put them in touch with me.
ajansman@united-church.ca

DEATH OR SERIOUS ILLNESS OF MINISTRY PERSONNEL

If you are aware of the death of Ministry Personnel in our Region, or of their spouse or family member, or perhaps a significant illness of the aforementioned, please be in contact with Rev. Whit Strong, Regional Minister for Pastoral Relations, so that he may follow this up in a timely manner.
wstrong@united-church.ca or 1-800-268-3781 ext 6148

NEW CONTACT INFORMATION

Jane Dawson, Minister Supporting Communities of Faith, Clusters and Networks, has a new email address:
JDawson@united-church.ca

Dana Ducette, Minister, Youth and Young Adults, also has a new email address:
DDucette@united-church.ca

STUCK IN THE SNOW ON A SUNDAY? Every Sunday Rideau Park United Church webcasts its services live from the www.rideaupark.ca website at 10:00 am. Everybody is welcome to join us for worship on the worldwide web. Even the bulletins are available on the same site, under Resources.

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COMING EVENTS

SAT FEB 16, 10:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M. ELGIN UNITED CHURCH, ELGIN, ON

A FREE BOWLING AND MUSIC YOUTH EVENT for youth 10 and over. Parents and friends are invited to the Special Valentine's Concert by Turpin's Trail 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. Kids will have lunch together at 1 p.m. and there will be snacks at the concert for all. **RSVP Rev. Heather 613-353-2453**

FRI FEB 22, 11 A.M. – 1 P.M., ATHENS UNITED CHURCH, ATHENS, ON

SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCH Includes soup, sandwich, dessert, coffee/tea. \$5

SAT MAR 2, 1:00 P.M. AND 3:30 P.M. (TWO SITTINGS), WOODROFFE UNITED CHURCH.

EIGHT DECADES OF FASHION: A Fashion Show and Tea in Celebration of Woodroffe United Church's 70th Anniversary. \$20, advance ticket sales only. Click [here](#) for tickets.



ZION-MEMORIAL OPEN HOUSE CARLETON PLACE

SATURDAY MARCH 2, 2019

9:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Members of the EOORC are invited to **visit our church, see our new offices, meet the staff, enjoy lunch and worship together.** Lunch is available for \$10.

**TO SEE THE AGENDA
AND TO REGISTER, VISIT:**

<https://bit.ly/2RawFSf>

FRI MAR 8 * RESCHEDULED *** TIME AND PLACE TO BE DETERMINED** Please Join us for an informal meeting to bring together people from the EOORC to talk about work going forward on regeneration initiatives in congregations. Discussion led by Rev. Elaine Beattie and by Jane Dawson. Bring a brown bag lunch and join in an informal conversation following the meeting. **RSVP rev_elaine@manotickunitedchurch.com**

FRI MAR 15, 7 P.M. – SUN MAR 17, 5:30 P.M. TRINITY UNITED CHURCH, OTTAWA

Healing Pathway Phase 2 training workshop "Healing from the Heart." Instructors are Sharon Moon & Howard Clark. The fee is \$210. For more information, download the [registration brochure](#). Healing Pathway has been a ministry within the United Church of Canada for about 30 years. Its focus is to enable people to develop the gifts and skills of healing within the Christian tradition, and to foster the development of healing ministries in congregations and other communities. Visit [Healing Pathway](#) for more information.



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SUN MAR 17, 2:00 P.M. ATHENS UNITED CHURCH, ATHENS, ON

AN AFTERNOON OF IRISH AND COUNTRY MUSIC Featuring Rev. David Steele, Tom Wilson, and Alison Purcell and Cameron Steele. \$15 (under age 15 free). Tickets available at church office or online at: <https://1000islands.snapd.com/events/view/1224707>

SUN MAR 20, 4:30 – 6:30 P.M. ATHENS UNITED CHURCH, ATHENS, ON

SPRING SUPPER Ham, meatballs, scalloped potatoes, and a variety of home-cooked dishes including salads, rolls, and pie. Adults: \$15, children age 6-12, \$7, children age 5 and under, free. Take out available. Wheelchair accessible. Everyone welcome!

SAT MAR 30, ALL DAY, TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CARP, ON

HANDBELL WORKSHOP Handbell Directors' Roundtable of Eastern Ontario (H.D.R.T.) is presenting a full-day handbell workshop. Hone your ringing skills, learn new ones and hear a feature concert presented by The Bronze Foundation, Greater Toronto's auditioned community handbell choir. \$60 includes all workshops, snacks, lunch and a complimentary concert ticket. (Additional concert tickets may be purchased through your registration or at the door). Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. **For more information and to register, contact Ann Frederking: OttawaHDRT@gmail.com**

SAVE THE DATE!**EOORC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING****JUNE 7 - 8, 2019****SMITHS FALLS, ONTARIO****CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY SUNDAY, JUNE 9
TRINITY UNITED CHURCH***Watch here for registration information --Coming in March***JOB POSTINGS**

Iridesce is seeking applicants for a **Researcher**. *Iridesce: The Living Apology Project* grew out of the Church's 1988 decision to welcome all people, regardless of sexual orientation, to be considered for ordained ministry. The deadline to apply is Feb 24. Click [here](#) and on JOB INFO for job postings.

Rideau Hill Camp is a traditional children's residential summer camp based on Christian beliefs, located in North Grenville. The camp is hiring for several positions this summer. Visit the [website](#) for details about the following jobs: camp director, administrator, cook, lifeguard, activity leader and art director. These are high-energy positions in an outdoor environment in which you'll have an opportunity to expand your personal and professional well-being.

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FROM THE UCC GENERAL COUNCIL OFFICE

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the United Church. At the national level, various committees and task groups rely on the wisdom and God-given talents that committed individuals bring to these positions. Some feel they are answering a spiritual call when they apply for these positions; others have been nominated by friends and colleagues who recognize that their abilities are just what the church needs.

Current Committee Vacancies include: **Academic Awards and Scholarship, Pension Board-Member at Large, Roman Catholic-United Church Dialogue** and many others. If you know someone who should be considered for one of [these](#) roles, or if you want to lend your own unique talents to the church, let us know. Diversity—in terms of racial and ethnic background, gender identity, sexual orientation, physical abilities, geographical location, vocation or economic status—makes us strong, as the church is committed to proactively address inequities and historic patterns of exclusion.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA 2019 SURVEY

Could you please spare a few minutes for an important new survey from the United Church?

We want to know how the church is doing at becoming intercultural. We are hoping for input from all the varied voices that make up our church. Please reflect on your experience of church, good and bad, and offer suggestions for the future. The survey is open to anyone who is a part of a United Church congregation or community of faith. You can find the survey online until March 4. The survey is available in both English and French.

<http://uccsurvey2019.ca>

www.eucsondage2019.ca

AN OPEN LETTER BY THE MODERATOR AND GENERAL SECRETARY, February 14, 2019
can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2to2e1c>

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