EASTERN ONTARIO OUTAOUAIS REGIONAL COUNCIL

News This Week

Friday, February 22, 2019

EDITOR'S NOTE

Let me begin by thanking you for all the positive feedback about the newsletter, and for continuing to send me content so that each week there's something new to report.

<u>A SPECIAL REQUEST</u> As you know the EOORC Annual Meeting is in June and we need to gather information about lay and ministry representatives for Communities of Faith throughout the region. Would you kindly send me the names of the people in your congregation who have been successfully nominated to the roles of lay and ministry reps? This useful information will help us to prepare for the annual meeting. Thank you so much and have a great week!

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FROM THE REGIONAL COUNCIL OFFICE

WONDERING WHERE TO SEND YOUR ANNUAL REPORTS?

It's that time of year when Pastoral Charges complete their Annual Reports. Now that they're hot off the press, you're wondering where and to whom in the United Church do you send copies. Please send them to Rev. Whit Strong, Regional Minister for Pastoral Relations.

Rev. Strong is asking when, at all possible, to send him a **digital copy** of your annual report. This is preferable for storage in his office, and also to be able to provide a copy to the General Council Office. Please send it as an attachment in an email to: <u>wstrong@united-church.ca</u> If you cannot produce a digital copy, please send two copies to his office at: 37 Franklin Street, Carleton Place, ON K7C 1R6.

A NOTE TO PASTORAL CHARGE TREASURERS

A reminder from Erik Mathiesen, Chief Financial Officer at the General Council Office, that a T4A must now be issued for anything paid to an individual if the annual amount is greater than \$500. Treasurers have been made aware of this requirement. CRA is clamping down on things so we need to be more vigilant.

Basically, If a congregation pays somebody for work AND it is more than \$500 a year AND the individual does not provide a business number on the invoice, then they need to get the person's SIN and issue them a T4A. There is also a fine from CRA for not providing the SIN and they are enforcing that more strictly, apparently. A T4 is only issued when deductions are taken at source. If it is an honorarium, and no deductions have been taken at source, then a T4A is used.

COMING EVENTS

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. Please note: if you want to drop in and do not plan on staying for lunch, registration is not necessary. Just show up!

> To see the agenda and to register, visit:

https://bit.ly/2RawFSf

SAT, MAR 2, 5:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. PORTLAND UNITED CHURCH, PORTLAND, ON

Irish Stew Dinner Menu includes Irish beef stew, chili, salad, biscuits and buns, home-made pie, tea, coffee or juice for \$15 for adults and children under 12 are free. All are welcome.

FRI, MAR 8, 9:30 A.M. (COFFEE AT 9) KANATA UNITED CHURCH (RESCHEDULED FROM FEB)

This is the second informal meeting to bring together people from the Region to talk about work going forward on visioning and regeneration initiatives in congregations. At the last meeting at Stittsville United, held in November, there was representation from the four founding presbyteries who were interested in this type of work and mission. In December, the EOORC Executive created a regional committee called, *Visioning and Transformation Committee*. In what was the Ottawa Presbytery, this was called the *Mission Strategy Committee* and has been known as *Vision and Transformation* in the former Seaway valley Presbytery. There are no members on the new regional committee as yet and we will be looking for people who are interested in being part of the committee, or part of a network, or both. 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

SAT, MAR 9, 1:30 – 4:00 P.M. KIRK HILL UNITED CHURCH, DALKEITH, ON (20915 Laggan Glenelg Rd) **Annual Seniors Afternoon**. Come out and beat the winter blues and enjoy a great afternoon of fellowship with lots of food and local Celtic music. For information call 613-525-4096.

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

<u>Healing Pathway</u> Phase 2 training workshop "Healing from the Heart." Instructors are Sharon Moon & Howard Clark. The fee is \$210. For more information, download the <u>registration brochure</u>. 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 <u>Healing Pathway</u> for more information.

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

WED, 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:** <u>OttawaHDRT@gmail.com</u>

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



Camp Lau-Ren is a summer camp for children aged 6-16 that provides a Christian experience in an outdoor setting. We are located on the Ottawa River, 10 kilometers west of Deep River, off Highway #17, on Lau-Ren Road. The camp is currently hiring for the position of **Assistant Cook**, **Caretaker/Janitor and counsellors**. Free room and board apply to all positions. Summer Staff must be prepared to work as part of a "team" and will be expected to support other staff members as needed. Visit the <u>website</u> for details. Further information is available from Ron or Joanne Hartnett, Executive Directors, <u>hartnett@sympatico.ca</u>

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 <u>website</u> 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

FROM THE UCC GENERAL COUNCIL OFFICE

PEOPLE IN PARTNERSHIP The People in Partnership program enables United Church people and global partners to encounter each other, accompany each other in God's mission, and learn more about each other's contexts. The program provides a framework for the exchange of people (from Canada to global partners, and from global partners to Canada). There are currently several opportunities, from a *Peace Pilgrimage to Israel* to a *Young Adult Program in China*. Visit here for more information.

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. 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 <u>these</u> 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.

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