



UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

EASTERN ONTARIO OUTAOUAIS REGIONAL COUNCIL

NEWS THIS WEEK

Friday May 17, 2019

EDITOR'S NOTE

We're getting really close to the Inaugural Meeting. If you haven't registered yet, you have just a few more days to do so. Find out how on p. 3 and be sure to read more announcements about the event there, too. On p. 2, you will find an interesting story about one of the most historic churches in the EOORC – Low United Church.

You will notice a small change in the newsletter this week. Now that the website is up and running and offers an excellent events page, I will no longer be including an events listing in the newsletter. I have included a link to the website page and have added all the events you've sent me to this events page. As always, I ask you to share information from the newsletter and the website with people in your community of faith who do not have access to a computer. I have done the same thing for career and volunteer opportunities.

I am always happy to hear your feedback about the newsletter, the website or any other communications in the EOORC. Thanks, and have a great week!

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NEWS FROM THE EOORC

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA IS LOOKING FOR ITS URBAN INDIGENOUS MEMBERS!

We are looking to establish an Indigenous network in the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Region. The opportunity to be part of the larger Indigenous United Church is available to urban Indigenous people for the first time. This does not take you out of your own congregation but would be an additional opportunity to gather with other Indigenous UCC members. Who is this invitation for? Anyone who self-declares that they are Indigenous or of Indigenous heritage. We're ready to welcome you! Contact. Please type *Indigenous EOORC* in the subject line of your email to: Rev. Teresa Burnett-Cole at Indigenous.eoorc@gmail.com, and send us your contact information. Or if you prefer, please phone 613-236-0617, extension 24 and leave me a message.



Église Unie St-Marc, Ottawa

ÉGLISE UNIE ST-MARC, FRANCOPHONE UNITED CHURCH IN OTTAWA, NEEDS OUR HELP

Église Unie St-Marc (EUSM) is working on renovating the downstairs of their church building to accommodate the Odawa Native Friendship Centre's Criminal Courtworker Programme. A small congregation, EUSM is located not far from the courthouse in downtown Ottawa. Odawa is the main Indigenous centre in EOORC. The Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive, at their April meeting, approved a one-time loonie/twoonie collection region-wide as our first EOORC Right Relations Project. If you would like more information, please contact Rev. Teresa Burnett-Cole at Indigenous.eoorc@gmail.com.

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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN RIGHT RELATIONS WORK WITHIN EOORC? Would you like to be part of a nationwide network of likeminded people? Please send email to: Rev. Teresa Burnett-Cole and type *Right Relations Network* in your subject line, and include your contact information:

Indigenous.eoorc@gmail.com

CHARITABLE RECEIPTS INSTEAD OF PAYMENT?

By Rev. Whit Strong, Regional Minister for Pastoral Relations

I have been asked if a community of faith/pastoral charge can give someone a tax receipt instead of paying them for their services (whether this be a repair person, LLWL or guest preacher). The simple answer is “NO.” This is contrary to CRA regulations. Issuing a charitable receipt under these circumstance could jeopardise a congregation’s charitable status.

If someone doesn’t want to be paid – or only wants to be partially paid and receive a charitable receipt for the different – they must be paid in full and then that person has the option of writing their own cheque back to the church as a donation. Please see the [CRA regulation](#) concerning this.

OLDEST OPERATING CHURCH IN GATINEAU VALLEY CELEBRATES 150 YEARS OF HISTORY

By Barry Wilson, 5th generation LUC member

When the doors of the Methodist church in the frontier West Quebec hamlet of Low first swung open in May, 1869, it was the culmination of six years of missionary work in the Gatineau Valley. In 1863, a Methodist missionary was sent to nurture “the nucleus of a church” at several pioneer settlements in the area. By 1868, Rev. Samuel Teeson could report progress. “In this Alpine region, the wilderness is becoming glad and the moral solitudes vocal with praise,” he wrote in his 1867-68 report.

On June 9, 2019 when present-day members and supporters of Low United Church host a 150th Anniversary Service and Lunch, they will be able to reflect on the remarkable story written through a century-and-a-half of history.

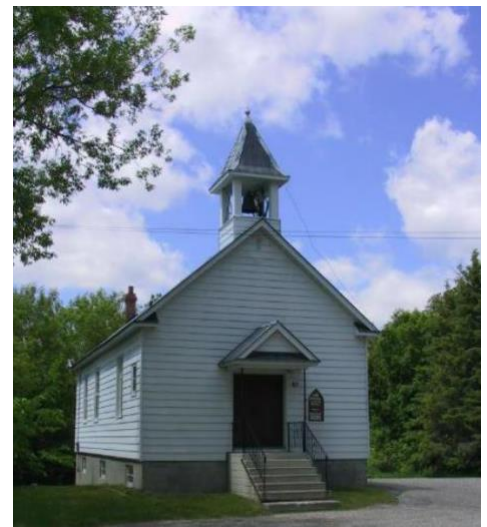
On that late May day in 1869, the women and men of the community admired a 30 x 20-foot wood frame building that remains the core of the existing Low United Church, despite a renovation and modernization in 1963. It is considered the oldest continuously operating church in the Valley.

The humble, small church opened when Canadian Confederation was preparing to celebrate its second anniversary. Nova Scotia was trying to secede and Manitoba was thinking of joining. As would become the norm, the capital city Ottawa, 40 miles south, was embroiled in political controversy.

Over the next 150 years, the church would be a meeting place and a community sanctuary through the trauma of two world wars, the 1918-19 Spanish Influenza epidemic, and the 1920s boom when the town swelled to accommodate the several thousand who built the Pagan Dam and hydro power plant. The nearby LUC graveyard is the final resting place and testament to the nineteenth century pioneer builders and five generations of their descendants.

On June 9, that history and the church’s current role in the community will be celebrated and remembered.

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Low United Church, Low, Quebec

EOORC INAUGURAL MEETING UPDATES

JUST A FEW MORE DAYS LEFT TO
REGISTER FOR THE
EOORC INAUGURAL MEETING

REGISTRATION CLOSSES AT
NOON ON **TUESDAY MAY 21**.

REGISTER TODAY!



DISPLAY YOUR CHURCH BANNER AT THE INAUGURAL MEETING

Churches are invited to bring their banners for display from the 'glass' rink-side at the Memorial Centre in Smiths Falls. If you want to display yours, please provide hangers and make sure someone from your church is responsible for putting them up Thursday night or Friday morning, and removing by Saturday evening. First come, first served. Contact Norma Wrightly nwrightly@gmail.com for more information.

VISIT THE INAUGURAL MEETING PAGE ON THE EOORC WEBSITE

Does your Community of Faith need a service and sermon for June 9th while your clergy is attending the Inaugural Meeting? Do you want to know about the two minister candidates who will be celebrated at the Celebration of Ministry on June 9th? Find all this and more on the EOORC [Inaugural Meeting](#) page.

FROM THE UCC GENERAL COUNCIL OFFICE



Distance Learning for Church Leaders in
The United Church of Canada

Discernment: Ways to Train for Ministry

For those considering ministry in The United Church of Canada

Tuesday, May 28, 7 pm ET / 4pm PT

Have you felt a call, nudge, inkling toward ministry? Do you even know what questions you need to consider? This is a chance to learn about various programs and requirements as well as ask your questions. Please [join](#) us!

Cost: Free -- brought to you by Mission and Service

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TAKING PLACE THROUGHOUT THE EOORC.

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