



UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

EASTERN ONTARIO OUTAOUAIS REGIONAL COUNCIL

NEWS THIS WEEK

Friday June 14, 2019

EDITOR'S NOTE

A new day has dawned! Last week in Smiths Falls, it felt as though the sun came out for the EOORC, both literally and figuratively. The sunny, warm weather seemed to reflect the mood of the meeting, which was generally one of high spirits, good will and openness. I echo the sentiment of Co-chairs, Rev. Kimberly Heath and Rev. Elaine Beattie expressed below on the success of the meeting. I would like to offer my own small note of thanks to the many people who introduced themselves to me. I can't count the number of times someone came up to me and said, "You're the person who sends me the newsletter and emails!" I really appreciated seeing so many of the people who, up until last weekend, I could only characterize by an email address. It was lovely to meet you!

If you haven't had a chance yet, please fill out the survey I sent you early this week. The results of the survey will be presented to the planning committee in a couple weeks. I will post photographs and a list of the new executive on the EOORC website soon.

One concrete change that's coming out of the meeting is the weekly release day of *EOORC News This Week*. I heard from more than one minister that Friday is not a great day to receive the newsletter so I have decided to change the day. **EOORC News This Week will come out on Wednesday of each week rather than Friday, beginning Wednesday June 26, 2019. This means there won't be a newsletter next week.** The deadline to send information to me for publication is Tuesday at noon of each week. I hope this change makes it a little easier for clergy to have some time to read the newsletter before your busy weekend days.

Have a great week!

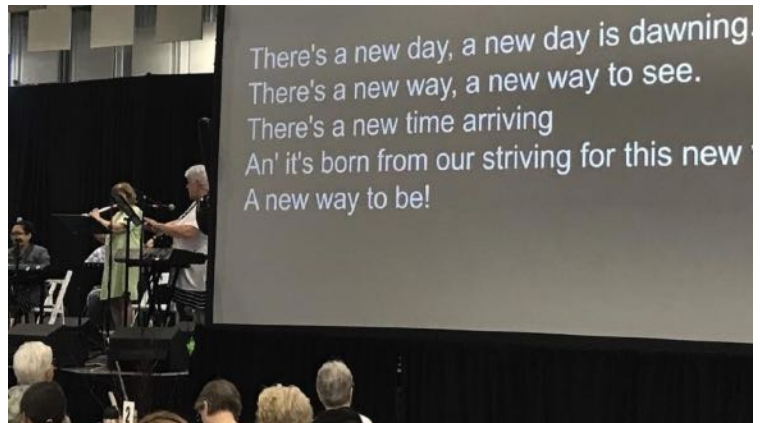
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EOORC INAUGURAL MEETING RE-CAP

A NEW DAY IS DAWNING – A REPORT by Co-Chairs, Rev. Kimberly Heath and Rev. Elaine Beattie

The meeting began by acknowledging First Nations territory with a welcome song and thanksgiving address by Grandmother Francine Desjardins and Knowledge Keeper Christina Bendevis. They called us to continue to be educated on and to advocate on behalf of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

We then entered into worship with a delightful, entertaining and thought-provoking drama from the some of the Council's youth about God's Covenant with the people of God. It reminded us that we are connected to a journey of God's people that spans thousands of years and that throughout history, through change and challenge we have been called to follow and to trust that



Music played a big role at the EOORC Inaugural Meeting

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we are not alone. Together we covenanted our Communities of Faith with staff and the Regional Council for our common purpose of living out the gospel of Jesus.

The Rev. Cathy Hamilton, who had led the Comprehensive Review process that was the bridge to this new structural change we are now living into, was our theme presenter.

We used the General Council 43 method of Listening, Discussing and Debating to work through the Governance Document which included the Vision Statement, proposed Leadership Teams, Executive and the Policies for the EOORC. The Listening and Discussing went very well but we ended up short on time when it came for the Debate. While this could have been quite frustrating there was enough trust that all of this was a beginning and a work in progress and there was a willingness to see various elements return to the Council in October for future discussion and decision.

Numerous reports and presentations were given such as the Budget (treasurer, Rev. Brian Cornelius) Stewardship (Rev. Trisha Elliott), Chaplaincy, Multi-Faith Housing Initiative, Healing Pathways, the Office of Vocation (Karen Valley), La Table (Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly), General Council Executive (Rev. Teresa Burnett-Cole, Rev. Arlyce Schiebout and GC guest Kate Rodd), as well as the report from our Executive Minister (Rev. Rosemary Lambie).

Worship wove its way throughout the meeting and included the leadership of Rev. Don Stiles, Rev. Takouhi D. Petro, Rev. Blair Paterson along with Commission and, Terrie Chedore, and Admission and, Rev. John Noordhof and vespers with Kevin Moratz and Rev. Natalie Istead. Music was wonderfully led by Kimberley Allen-McGill and the incredibly talented “Potluck Band” from across the Regional Council.

We were so blessed to have wonderful hosts from Trinity United in Smith Falls who welcomed us and made sure that every detail was attended to and that we were very well fed and watered all through the gathering.

On Sunday morning some woke up early to participate in the 5:00 a.m. sunrise service on Turtle Island hosted by the local Indigenous community.

We concluded our Regional Council with a Celebration of Ministry Service at Trinity United Church. During this worship service Rev. Kimberly Heath preached, Terrie Chedore was commissioned into Diaconal ministry and Rev. John Noordhof was received into ordained ministry in the United Church of Canada. Communion was celebrated and led by Rev. Rosemary Lambie and Rev. Don Stiles as well, those who had retired were celebrated, those who had died were remembered and finally our new President, Bronwen Harman, was installed. The welcome and ministry of Trinity United by the Rev. Christopher Ryan, music director, Wendy Stokes-Earl and the choir as well as everyone who served a bountiful lunch was gracious and generous and filled with love.

Our thanks go out to EVERYONE who helped in small and big ways to bring this event together. It takes a village to raise a child and it takes a multitude to bring together Regional Council so that we might be a vibrant United Church in this time and place.

Coming into the gathering we were aware that we were a diverse group from four different Presbyteries and two different Conferences who didn't know each other and had different cultures and expectations of how things should be. Through the worship and the listening, the discussion and the debate; through food and fellowship we felt united by the presence of our Creator and the call to live out Christ's mission as the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council with a renewed hope, enlivened and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Thanks be to God.

(See more photos on the last page of this newsletter)

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John Noordhof on Saturday

NEWS FROM THE EOORC

CAN YOU HELP TRINITY UNITED CHURCH?

Trinity United Church, Smiths Falls is looking for *Living the Question* group study resources to borrow. Please contact Rev Chris Ryan if you can lend these resources: minister@trinityunitedsf.ca

USING THE CHURCHHUB.CA by Whit Strong

The General Council Office has now been in contact with every pastoral charge with an invitation and password to get onto ChurchHub. There are a number of churches that have not yet taken the opportunity to go online and register. Emails were sent out to whomever it is that your pastoral charge identified as the main contact. If this is news to you, please ask around as to who might have received that email... Chair of Council, Secretary of the Council/Board, Office Administrator, etc.

Is your pastoral charge currently searching for a new minister? If so, getting your pastoral charge registered on ChurchHub is essential to the success of your search! Please contact Rev. Whit Strong if you cannot locate your emailed invitation. wstrong@united-church.ca

Daly Trust

A Not-for-Profit Initiative by

St Paul's-Eastern United Church in Sandy Hill



WE CAN HELP YOU!

Yard cleanup

Washing Cars

Gardening

Window Cleaning

Grass Cutting

Odd Jobs and More

NEED SOMEONE TO DO CHORES?

DALY TRUST is a new social enterprise organized by St Paul's-Eastern United Church in Sandy Hill to help the homeless and marginalized share their gift of time and labour to help you with odd jobs around your home, church, synagogue, mosque or place of business. Please contact the foreman Eddy Peters at 343-996-7696 or Grant Gilliland-gruntg@hotmail.com for fees and appointment.

They are really excited about getting involved in some work projects. This could have a significant impact in giving these folks some hope for the future. Please add this information to your church bulletins!

SAVE THE DATE - DISCERNMENT EVENT by Nathalie Istead

Are you considering ministry leadership in the United Church of Canada? Are you from region 11, 12 or 13? You are invited to a discernment event where we'll share information about the

candidacy pathway, as well as discussion and prayer. More details to follow. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Natalie Istead at eglise.grace.minister@gmail.com. This event will be primarily in English, but a bilingual or French discernment event will follow.

Who: People who would like to explore a call to ministry leadership in the United Church of Canada

When: Wednesday July 10, 2019, 3:00 -5:00 p.m.

Where: Crossroads United Church, Kingston

What: Reflection, prayer and Information about the candidacy process

Bring: Just yourself! We'll provide coffee, tea and some snacks.

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Two new issues of *E-ssentials* have been published recently: a special issue on [Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women](#) and the [Moderator's Pentecost Message](#).

VISIT THE [EVENTS PAGE](#) FOR EVENTS TAKING PLACE THROUGHOUT THE EOORC

VISIT THE [CAREERS AND VOLUNTEER PAGE](#) FOR NEW JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN THE EOORC

A FEW MORE PHOTOS FROM THE EOORC INAUGURAL MEETING



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