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NEWS THIS WEEK

Friday May 31, 2019

EDITOR'S NOTE

Just one more week! Many of us will be gathering in Smiths Falls next week for the EOORC Inaugural Meeting. Event planners are scurrying around preparing for what is sure to be an energetic and happy occasion for EOORC members who are able to attend. Please read the announcements below to help you prepare for your attendance.

Next week, since I will be in Smiths Falls, I will not be writing a newsletter. Watch out for the next one on June 14.

I look forward to meeting some of you next week in Smiths Falls!

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EOORC INAUGURAL MEETING UPDATES

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| <p>A New Day is Dawning</p> <p>June 7 - 9, 2019 Smith Falls, ON</p> | | <p>E a s t e r n O n t a r i o O u t a o u a i s R e g i o n a l C o u n c i l</p> |
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EOORC REPORT BOOK AND GOVERNANCE HANDBOOK NOW AVAILABLE

Go to the EOORC website to view the [Report Book](#) the [Governance Handbook](#).

If you are planning to refer to these documents at the meeting, it is recommended that you **download the PDFs** and save them to your computer. This will reduce the number of people needing to use the WIFI at the same time and slowing down the internet connection. *(see note about WIFI below)*

YOUTH – YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME! by Dana Ducette

Even though the deadline has passed for **UNITED YOUTH** registrations there is ALWAYS room at the table for more. Please continue to encourage and invite the youth in your community to this event. **ALL YOUTH ARE WELCOME!** Email Dana Ducette at dducette@united-church.ca or phone 613-608-8411.

WE WANT YOUR DIRT! by Don Stiles

For the Covenanting Service at Smiths Falls on Friday morning, we ask that you bring a small (eg. pill bottle size) amount of soil from your community of faith to blend with others during the liturgy of covenant. We celebrate the land in which we are rooted and out of which we grow!

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WEAR YOUR VESTMENTS! *by Blair Paterson*

We are hoping to start a new tradition with our Celebration of Ministry Service on June 9th at Trinity United Church in Smiths Falls. You are invited to vest in your liturgical robes and stoles for the service. Understandably, it may be warm, given it's a June Sunday, so if you choose not to wear an alb or another gown, please consider wearing a stole. As it is the Day of Pentecost - a red stole would be most appropriate - however, any stole would be welcome.

MORE INFORMATION TO HELP YOU PREPARE FOR THE EVENT**Please bring your own**

- Lug-a-mug
- water bottle (we will not be providing bottled water; tap water is available)
- chair cushion, if required.

The EOORC Inaugural Meeting is a **scent-free** and **nut-free** zone.

WIFI – There will be WIFI at the arena, as well as a table with power where people will be able to charge their devices. This charging area will be unsupervised so security for the devices cannot be guaranteed. You will be responsible for your own devices.

Photographers and videographers will be on hand to record the events of the day. If you do not wish to appear on video or in a photograph, please let a steward know.

Trinity United Church, Smiths Falls is hosting a Family Film Night on Friday evening. This includes a light meal at 5:00 p.m. Doors open about 4:30. Please RSVP by Monday, June 3rd if you wish to attend: 613-283-4444.

Spirit of the Drum Pow Wow Sunrise Ceremony is on Sunday morning, June 9, on Turtle Island, off Abbott St., Smiths Falls. Service begins at 5:00 a.m. All are welcome. Free parking close by.

Live Stream the EOORC Meeting If you can't be at the meeting but want to watch the proceedings from the comfort of your home, you can go to the [live stream](#) to watch.

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 and watch their videos?
- Find all this and more on the EOORC [Inaugural Meeting](#) page.

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NEWS FROM THE EOORC

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 be in touch with Rev. Whit Strong if you cannot locate your emailed invitation. wstrong@united-church.ca

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

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

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