



UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

EASTERN ONTARIO OUTAOUAIS REGIONAL COUNCIL

NEWS THIS WEEK

Wednesday July 10, 2019

EDITOR'S NOTE

We're entering into the *Dog Days of Summer*, those hot, sultry days in which it seems the best we can do is sit by the beach or at a lakeside cottage. I hope you are taking time to enjoy this beautiful July weather. In case you get so immersed in the luxury of summer, this newsletter is here to remind you that there are still things going on in the EOORC. While you're paddling a canoe, or hanging out on the dock, maybe you could give some thought to designing an EOORC logo. Or think about a story you would like to share— see Jane Dawson's call on p.3. Or maybe you can offer an idea for a venue for our next EOORC meeting to be held on October 5th – see p. 2. Whatever you're doing, I hope you are enjoying these summer days!

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NEWS FROM THE EOORC

EASTERN ONTARIO OUTAOUAIS REGIONAL COUNCIL NEEDS A LOGO!

Do you want to share your artistic flair with us? Do you want to illustrate what the EOORC means to you? If you do, submit your artwork to the

EOORC LOGO CONTEST

We're looking for something that expresses the diversity, geographic beauty and progressiveness of the EOORC.

Our colours are red and black, but there is some flexibility to use other colours.

Here are two examples from other regional councils to help get your creative juices flowing



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Please submit your logo by **Friday, August 30, 2019**. For questions and to send your entry, contact Anita: ajansman@united-church.ca

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR COMMUNITIES OF FAITH & PASTORAL CHARGES by Rev Whit Strong, Minister for Pastoral Relations

- Pastoral Charges who are without regularly appointed or called Ministry Personnel must have a **Pastoral Charge Supervisor** in order to conduct business at Council/Board meetings. Pastoral Charge Supervisors are to be directly reimbursed by the Pastoral Charge for their time and travel at the following rate: \$30/hour including travel time, plus \$.40/km for travel.
- Pastoral Charges who are beginning the process of creating a Profile for ChurchHub for the purpose of searching for new Ministry Personnel must work with a **Pastoral Relations Liaison**. PR Liaisons are to be reimbursed for any travel related to their work with a Pastoral Charge/Community of Faith at a rate of \$.40/km.
- The announced increase for remuneration rates for **Lay Licensed Worship Leaders** has been postponed until January 1, 2020. Until then, the old rates of remuneration apply.

MEA CULPA! My error!! Please disregard my announcement in the last newsletter regarding needing a new police check every 6 years. This is to confirm the policy now is that the annual online declaration suffices for police records. A new one is only needed if one defaults on the annual online declaration. There is no requirement of obtaining a police record check every six years. I apologise for any upset, confusion or misunderstanding that may have occurred.

MINISTRY PERSONNEL – IT'S YOUR TURN TO HAVE YOUR SAY

Over the past year the United Church of Canada has undergone major structural changes that have affected everyone in the church. Rev Lynne Gardiner is offering a time and place for Ministry Personnel to have their say while trying to navigate during these, at times, rocky, turbulent waters.

"I have felt the need to gather with my colleagues and really talk, in a deep way, about what it's like to be in ministry these days, what it's like to watch the church we serve change so rapidly, and how it feels to be trying to find our way through all of this stuff," says Rev Gardiner.

On Thursday, September 26, 2019, Rev Gardiner is inviting Ministry Personnel to St. Andrews United Church to a gathering in her church in Toledo. She hopes this will offer people a chance to discuss some critical questions such as, what do you need in order to thrive in your call, and invites Ministry Personnel to "come and tell your stories of times of difficulty and stress as well as joy and excellence and help the Region formulate plans and systems for support." For more information about the event and to register, please visit [here](#).



WE NEED A VENUE! At the Inaugural Meeting in June, we agreed to meet again on October 5, 2019 for one day. Our planning committee has been looking for a venue and we need your help! We are looking for a space big enough to accommodate 200 – 250 people, tables to sit at for group discussions, wheelchair accessibility, reliable WIFI and parking. We will also be looking for a local caterer to supply lunch at a cost of \$15 - \$20 per person.

Do you know of a location that fits these criteria?

If you have any ideas please contact Rev. Takouhi at revtakouhi@terrautopia.ca
or Anita Jansman at ajansman@united-church.ca

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DO YOU HAVE A STORY TO TELL?

In the midst of all the restructuring taking place in the United Church of Canada, it can be easy to lose sight of all the amazing things happening around our region.



Working with refugees, neighbourhood outreach activities, innovative forms of ministry, networks, clusters or programs that you think would be helpful for others in the region to know about? We would love to hear from you! In one or two pages, tell us:

- who you are and where you are located
- what you are doing you think others should know about
- what prompted it
- what impact it is having on the congregation, community or beyond
- challenges along the way and how you have handled them

Please send your story to:

Jane Dawson, Minister Supporting Communities of Faith, Clusters and Networks

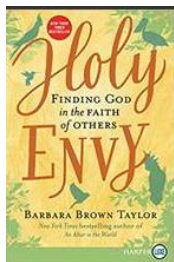
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JOIN IN THE SEPTEMBER WEEKEND FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE

The United Network for Justice and Peace for Palestine and Israel (UNJPPI), a national network of United Church members, supporters, and partners working together for a just peace for Palestine and Israel, is [meeting](#) this year in Ottawa, Sept. 13-15. There will be excellent speakers, new resources and a chance to share with others working for justice and peace.

A Christian leader from Palestine will also speak at a public event (donations appreciated) sponsored by UNJPPI Friday, September 13th 12:00 noon to 1:30 PM at First United Church, 347 Richmond Road, Ottawa. The title of the talk is: "Living in Hope: Between A Rock and A Hard Place". All are welcome! Lunch (GF and lactose free) catered by Yasmin Syrian Cooking (min. donation \$10.00) will be available for those who RSVP by September 4th to: pdurber@rogers.com.

Thursday, September 12th at 7:00 PM there is the opportunity to hear Noura Erakat, dynamic Palestinian-American author and law professor speak on, "Justice for Some: Law and the Question of Palestine" sponsored by Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East (CJPME). Tickets available by contacting info@cjpme.org



VIBE (VENTURING IN BIBLICAL EDUCATION) will be studying the most recent book of The Rev. Dr. Barbara Brown Taylor: *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others*. Click [here](#) for more information or contact Rev. Takouhi 613-272-8977 or revtakouhi@terrautopia.ca before, July 24, 2019.

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

NEWS FROM THE GENERAL COUNCIL OFFICE

E-ssentials

A new issues of *E-ssentials* is available [here](#), with a story about Climate Change, and the United Church's position on the expansion on the Trans Mountain Pipeline.

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