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NEWS THIS WEEK

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NEWS FROM THE EOORC

A FOLLOW-UP NOTE ABOUT LLWL REMUNERATION by Whit Strong

This was sent out last week in a separate email, but in case you missed it, it's repeated it here.

In May 2019, the EOORC Exec passed a motion that all LLWLs are to be paid for pulpit supply the same rate as ministry personnel according to the General Council rate as posted in the annual Salary and Benefits Schedule. Recognizing that some pastoral charges had not budgeted for this unexpected increase midway through 2019, the Executive deferred this increase in LLWL remuneration until January 1, 2020.

Between now and December 31, 2019, LLWLs are to be paid at whatever rates had been set by our four former presbyteries. Here is what I have been able to glean from presbytery records regarding remuneration of LLWLs:

- Ottawa & Seaway Valley - \$125 for one service, \$150 for two (plus travel)
- Four Rivers and Upper Valley – the annually rate set by the UCC for Pulpit Supply (currently \$212 plus travel)

As in the past, the individual pastoral charge is responsible for paying the LLWLs for their worship leadership. LLWLs are to be reimbursed for travel at the General Council rate (currently \$.40/km).

SURVEY RESULTS ARE IN! Last month Jane Dawson conducted a survey about expectations, needs and wishes for forming clusters in the EOORC. The [initial results](#) from the survey have been compiled. Have a look – you will find them interesting! Jane will be following up with action based on the results over the coming months.

OTTAWA PRIDE PARADE TO BE HELD AUGUST 25TH

Every congregation in EOORC is invited to participate with the United Church group. Meet up near the intersection of Elgin and Catherine (Centretown United Church) around 1 p.m. More information in the next *EOORC News This Week*. If interested, contact EOORPride@gmail.com

DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE EOORC LOGO CONTEST!
MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE [WEBSITE](#).

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A VISIT TO RIDEAU HILL CAMP *by Anita Jansman*

There's something soulful about living outdoors in the natural world with trees and water, under a big blue sky. Last week I had the pleasure of visiting Rideau Hill Camp, one of three overnight camps in the EOORC, where young people can enjoy and explore nature, and learn about themselves, for a whole week.

Rideau Hill is a beautiful spot on the Rideau River, located on the edge of Ottawa in Manotick. I was greeted by the Camp Director, Denisha Brennan whose job it is to organize a staff of 18, which serves anywhere between 30 to 70 campers, ages 6 – 16, per week.

It was a hot summer day and when I arrived, and the campers had just finished lunch. They were taking in some quiet time in their cabins before beginning their afternoon activities of swimming, canoeing, crafts, and outdoor recreation.

While there is a religious aspect to the camp – campers meet each morning for Discovery Time and each evening for Vespers – the focus is clearly on typical camp activities, where children learn basic skills such as swimming and canoeing. Learning to be a team-player and building friendships are added bonuses to this kind of camp, and arguably, the most important aspects of youth camps.

Each week a resident chaplain lives on site to interact with the campers. Carolyn Insley (*North Gower Pastoral Charge*), who was on duty last week, brought her two daughters along to enjoy the camp. She was accompanied by *Bev The Rev*, a high-energy puppet who is always getting into sticky situations, but works it out with Carolyn in the end. *Bev the Rev* has a gift of befriending the campers and making everyone feel welcome.



Rev. Carolyn Insley with "Bev The Rev"

“For me, it’s all about the kids. Some kids who come are heavily involved in church and others have never set foot in a church. My goal is to help kids to know that God absolutely loves them and that when they turn to God, God can make a positive difference in their lives, no matter who they are. I pray that God uses me to place seeds in their lives that can take root and grow and be fruitful. Moments where I see a kid ‘gets it’ are exciting and worth the work of planning the Discovery and Vesper times. I might add that staying in a wee cottage by the water is a huge bonus,” says Rev Carolyn.

Camps such as [Rideau Hill](#), [Golden Lake](#) and [Camp Lau-Ren](#) are intrinsic to the EOORC and have earned a special place in the hearts of countless children through the decades.

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UNITED THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE ORDER OF MINISTRY COURSES

Registration is now open for The United Theological College's 2019/2020 UCC [Admissions courses](#).

The **United Theological College** offers all of the courses required to enter the United Church of Canada from another denomination. These admission courses are offered in a **live-time Webinar based format**. This means that courses can be taken by participants in different geographic locations with classes offered at a set time every week. Subject to enrolment places available in the class, these courses are also open to persons interested in lay or continuing education. Contact:

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CHECK THE EOORC WEBSITE FOR A [PHOTO GALLERY](#) OF THE EOORC AUGURAL MEETING. IN ADDITION, I'VE STARTED A [GALLERY OF EOORC CHURCHES](#). AS YOU CAN SEE THERE ARE A FEW, BUT I NEED MORE. IF YOU WANT YOUR CHURCH PHOTO INCLUDED, SEND ME A HIGH-QUALITY PHOTO. THANKS!

[VISIT THE EVENTS PAGE](#) FOR EVENTS TAKING PLACE THROUGHOUT THE EOORC INCLUDING: [PORK BBQ](#), [A BOOK DISCUSSION](#), [AN ORGAN CONCERT](#), AND [WORSHIP AT THE SUGAR CAMP IN MOOSE CREEK](#).

NEWS FROM THE GENERAL COUNCIL OFFICE

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