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NEWS THIS WEEK

Wednesday September 11, 2019

EDITOR'S NOTE

As we move into September, it seems we've all gotten out of our summer vacation mode and are taking a serious look at what needs to be accomplished for the rest of this year. Knowing how to use **ChurchHub** will help a lot of you accomplish what you need to do, so please take note about an upcoming, important workshop.

There's a new ministry in the EOORC – read about it on p.2!

Please mark your calendar for May 1 and 2, 2020 for the 2020 EOORC Annual Meeting. The planning committee has begun the long road to planning a successful event. Stay tuned for more details as they become available.

Have a great week!

Anita



TROUBLE ACCESSING CHURCHHUB.CA? HELP IS ON THE WAY!

Deb Kigar from the General Council Office will be at the EOORC office in Carleton Place on **Monday, September 30** to assist people "hands on" with ChurchHub. This is open to Ministry Personnel and Communities of Faith **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**. Spaces are limited! Click [here](#) for more information.

ONE WEEK LEFT ...

The draft [agenda](#) for the Fall Meeting is now available and all necessary documents will be posted soon. Please [register](#) by Wednesday September 18, 1:00 p.m.



EOORC Fall Meeting
Saturday October 5, 2019
9:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.
St. Paul's United Church
Prescott, ON

MORE INFORMATION

- EOORC Fall Meeting [Registration](#)
- Ministry Personnel [Fall Meetings](#)
- UCW [Inaugural Meeting](#)
- [Saturday Workshops](#) for Ministry and Personnel Committees
- New [job and volunteer opportunities](#)
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PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY IN THE EOORC



Mary Smiley would like to wrap the EOORC in a warm, comforting shawl – a prayer shawl, that is. She was asked to coordinate an effort to bring a Prayer Shawl Ministry (PSM) to the EOORC. For the past few months, she has been exploring this idea and has discovered that this is something that a lot of people wish to participate in.

Prayer shawls have been around for centuries, but the idea of prayer shawl ministries began in 1998 by two women from Connecticut who combined their experience in Feminist Spirituality with their passion for knitting and crocheting.

“What sets a prayer shawl apart from an ordinary shawl is

the prayer or prayers that are said while the shawl is being created. Each stitch represents a silent or spoken prayer,” says Ms. Smiley.

The EOORC PSM will present prayer shawls: to staff when covenanted, to honour retirees, to celebrate ordination or commissioning and for a new Chair when installed. At the October Regional meeting, we will be blessing the prayer shawls we have received and presenting some to our staff.

If your Community of Faith has a PSM and would like to share a prayer shawl with us, please bring it with you to the Regional Meeting in October. We will have a spot set aside to receive prayer shawls. We will regularly gather finished prayer shawls at our Regional Meetings so we may have them on hand for presentation as needed. We thank you in advance for your generous gift to the Regional PSM.

[Read more](#) about Mary’s quest for a Prayer Shawl Ministry in the EOORC. If you have any questions, comments or ideas to share please email us at: eoorcshawl@outlook.com.

DOES YOUR CHURCH LIVE-STREAM?



Does your Community of Faith live-stream Sunday morning worship services? If it does, please send an email to ajansman@united-church.ca with the following information: name and location of church, current minister, time of service(s), and the link. I am hoping to populate the website with this useful information. Thank you.

NEWS FROM THE GENERAL COUNCIL OFFICE

E-ssentials

The latest issue of [E-ssentials](#) includes a story about Hurricane Dorian Relief

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