



UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

EASTERN ONTARIO OUTAOUAIS REGIONAL COUNCIL

NEWS THIS WEEK

Wednesday September 4, 2019

EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome Fall! I hope you all had a great summer and enjoyed the beautiful Eastern Ontario weather!

There are a few things happening here and now, so please take note of the events listed in the **red box below**, particularly the **EOORC Fall Meeting** taking place in Prescott on October 5, the **Fall Meetings for Ministry Personnel**, and the **UCW Inaugural Meeting**. More information is just a click away.

September is a month to think about new learning opportunities and I hope you'll find something here that interests you.

Thanks to everyone who submitted the excellent entries to the Logo contest. We'll be making a decision real soon!

One last thing - now that September is here, I'll be publishing the newsletter every week again, each Wednesday.

Have a great week!

Anita

COVENANTING SERVICES THIS FALL

An invitation is extended to all EOORC members to the following covenanting services:

- **Rev. John Noordhof** and St. Lawrence Pastoral Charge at Salem UC, Summerstown, ON, September 15, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
- **Rev. David Sherwin** and Zion-Memorial Pastoral Charge, Carleton Place, ON, September 29, 2019, 10:30 a.m.
- **Rev. Elaine Beattie** and Glen Cairn Pastoral Charge, Kanata, ON, October 27, 2019, 2:30 p.m.
- **Rev. Lynne Gardiner** and Bethel United Church Rideau Ferry, Rideau Ferry, ON, November 3, 2019, 2:00 p.m.
- TO BE SCHEDULED
 - **Rev. Peter Dahlin** and Metcalfe Pastoral Charge/Russell Pastoral Charge
 - **Rev. Peter Bartlett** and Perth Road Pastoral Charge
 - **Terrie Chedore DM** and Kanata Pastoral Charge
 - **Rev. Jim Kenney** and Deep River Community Church

MORE INFORMATION

- EOORC Fall Meeting [Registration](#). REGISTER BY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1:00 P.M.
- Invitation to Ministry Personnel [Fall Meetings](#)
- UCW [Inaugural Meeting](#)
- Upcoming [Events](#)
- Add your church photo to the EOORC [Gallery of churches](#)

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OTTAWA PRIDE PARADE, 2019 by Howard Clark

Between 75 and 100 people attended the United Church segment of this year's Pride Parade, held on August 25. Thanks to everyone who turned out in their colourful attire and with good energy. Our presence was felt. Participation included, but was not limited to folks from First, Riverside, Glebe St. James, Centretown, Orleans, Trinity, Rideau Park, Carleton Memorial, MacKay, Kanata, Rothwell, St. Paul's Eastern United Churches, Southminster, Centertown, Merrickville, Emmanuel, plus our YAYA Minister.



A Pride of Clergy on Parade

Once again, Centretown United Church held a BBQ before the parade. Believing that in this world there is enough for everyone, they gave away 30 dozen hot dogs, 120 cans of pop, 96 bottles of water and one watermelon. Grateful people generously donated money into large glass jars. After covering the cost of the food, Centretown United was able to donate \$502.80 to the Centretown Emergency Food Centre. The C.E.F.C. is a social project of the 23 members of the Centretown Churches Social Action Committee. We thank the community for its support.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

HEALING PATHWAY NEWS IN THE EOORC by Howard Clark

Ever wondered why healing ministry is not as evident in the church today as it was in the gospels? The *Healing Pathway Network* would like to give you the opportunity to explore this ministry in the courses it is offering this fall. There are about 15 Healing Pathway ministries in the Eastern Ontario, Outaouais Region. If your congregation does not already have a Healing Pathway ministry, we recommend that two or more people come to Phase 1 from your congregation, where possible.



Phase 1 An Introduction – covers the basics of this hands on with prayer healing ministry that has been part of the life of the United Church for the past 30 years. Healing Pathway allows you to develop spiritually and practically as you learn and deepen a healing practice that is rooted and grounded in the Christian tradition.

November 8 & 9, 2019 Glen Cairn United Church, 140 Abbeyhill Drive, Kanata. [Information and registration.](#)

Phase 2 Where Two or More Gather – one of two parts of Phase 2 in the Healing Pathway program. It includes learning surface anatomy of the neck, back and head, practising specific healing sequences for these areas. Other aspects covered include the experience of group healing and support for the Practitioner's growth toward wholeness. **October 18 & 19, 2019** Trinity United Church, Smiths Falls. [Information and registration.](#)

For more information and to watch the Healing Pathway video, go to the [Healing Pathway website](#)

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SATURDAY WORKSHOPS FOR MINISTRY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEES

Please **RSVP** to Rev. Whit Strong wstrong@united-church.ca to indicate which location and how many from your Pastoral Charge will be attending.

- October 19, 2019 (9am-12noon) – Christ Church United, Chesterville, ON
- November 9, 2019 (9am-12noon) – Trinity-St. Andrew's United, Renfrew, ON
- November 16, 2019 (9am-12noon) – Trinity United, Smiths Falls, ON
- November 23, 2019 (9am-12noon) – City View United, Nepean, ON

HEALTHY BOUNDARIES FOR RELIGIOUS LEADERS WORKSHOP SEPTEMBER 30, 2019, CROSSROADS UNITED CHURCH, KINGSTON, ON

Open to Ministry Personnel, Licensed Lay Worship Leaders, lay people, candidates and applicants for Ministry. This course meets the United Church requirements for mandatory boundary training (introductory and refresher). It will be led by Rev. Dr. Andrew Richardson (Office of Vocation Minister, Atlantic) and Karen Valley (Office of Vocation Minister, Quebec and East Ontario). Cost is \$55 which includes hospitality, lunch and the course workbook. Please bring exact change, cash only. Workshop begins at 9 am and the day ends at 4 pm. Plenty of free parking; Crossroads is an accessible and welcoming place. Advanced registration is required so we can have the workbook, food and a place available for you! <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/healthy-boundaries-for-religious-leaders-registration-70779700991>

UNITED THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES COURSES THIS FALL AND WINTER

Fall 2019 K.J. Campbell Preaching Workshop – Imagination, Scripture and Preaching: Tensive Proclamation

From 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM on Friday, October 18th and Saturday, October 19th

Facilitated by Rev. Dr. Richard Topping

How often does scripture shape our imagination to see the world differently and what does this mean for preaching? Too often preachers get trapped in a documentary or moral or laissez faire reading of the bible, which leads to informational, imperative or status quo preaching. What if preaching is not principally announcing the results of biblical excavation, telling people to shape up and fly right, or accommodating gospel possibility to the context as it is delivered by social scientific analysis? What if preaching is announcing the new creation that God brings and is bringing in Christ and living toward that world in the power of the Holy Spirit? Can you imagine that!

[For a full workshop description and registration details.](#)

Fall 2019 Online Course at the Montreal School of Theology: Patterns and Practices in Christian Spirituality

September 11 to December 4, 2019 – Wednesday evenings from 6:15 PM – 9:00 PM EST

Taught by Rev. Dr. Holly Ratcliffe

This course focuses on the spiritual traditions and practices of Christianity, too often neglected among the resources that people draw on for the spiritual life. It will consider how Christian spirituality evolved and changed over the centuries in response to contextual demands, and how different practices from that tradition can help us in our current context to develop lives rooted in prayer, self-awareness and discernment. Topics will include the relationship of theology and spirituality, major historical traditions, and contemporary practices of spirituality, and the integration of prayer, meditation and discernment for a healthy Christian spiritual life. [For more details and to register.](#)

Winter 2020 Cuba Study Tour

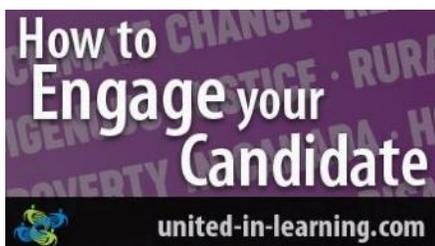
January 3 – 10, 2019, Accompanied by Rev. Dr. Roland De Vries

Discover Cuba through the eyes of those who are working for justice and sharing God's love. This annual study tour introduces participants to the vibrant Cuban reality through encounters with individuals and organizations that work for peace, justice, and social transformation. [To learn more about the study tour and to register.](#)

Interested in improving your French for Ministry? [More information.](#)

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NEWS FROM THE GENERAL COUNCIL OFFICE



United-in-Learning is offering [new courses](#) including these two:

How to Engage Your Candidate

Tuesday September 10, 1:00 pm ET / 10:00 am PT or Tuesday September 17, 7:00 pm ET / 4:00 pm PT



Preaching the Big Questions: Three Wonderings about the Nature of God

October 29, November 5, November 12. 7:00 pm ET / 4:00 pm PT

E-ssentials

A new issue of *E-ssentials* is available [here](#), and includes a story about Youth and Young Adult Climate Strikes.

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 Saturday October 5, 2019
 9:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.
 St. Paul's United Church
 Prescott, ON
[REGISTER HERE](#)

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