



UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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NEWS

Wednesday October 16, 2019

EDITOR'S NOTE

Hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving. I've been away for a week and am happy to be back sharing information about the goings on in the EOORC. The Fall Meeting held on October 5 in Prescott was a successful event with more than 170 people in attendance. I have sent out a survey to those who attended. If you attended but did not receive an email with the survey, you can find it [here](#).

Beginning this week, the EOORC newsletter will run every two weeks instead of every week. This decision was made after consulting with people in the EOORC, and finding that a bi-weekly newsletter would be a more effective frequency. I hope you continue to find the newsletter useful and I welcome your comments anytime about it. The next newsletter will be Wednesday, October 30.

Soon the leaves will fall, so enjoy the last of the fall colours in beautiful EOORC

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Saturday Workshops for **MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEES** have been **CANCELLED** due to lack of participation. Please contact Whit Strong if you wish to discuss. wstrong@united-church.ca



RIDEAU HILL CAMP

RIDEAU HILL CAMP will be holding its Annual General Meeting the evening of Tuesday, November

19th, 7:00 p.m. at St. John's United Church, Kemptville. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please contact RHC Council Chairperson **Dale Kirkpatrick** rhcdkirkpatrick@gmail.com for more information.

MORE INFORMATION

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OBSESSIVE-COMPULSIVE DISORDER WORKSHOP It is common to hear and say, "I'm so OCD." But OCD is more than being overly neat and precise: it is a mental illness that affects individuals and families in many different ways. The Oasis in Kanata, for caregivers of people with mental illness, will present a free public information session on Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD) on Monday, October 28, at 7p.m. Dr. Caitlin Claggett Woods, C.Psych, from the Ottawa Institute of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, will discuss the symptoms of OCD and provide practical tips to help caregivers support their loved ones. Visit [here](#) for details.

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Refugee Sponsorship Training Program

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM will be held November 2, 9:30 a.m. at Stittsville United Church. There has been a lot of interest in this program and the workshop will provide critical information for those who want to become sponsors. This event is open to ecumenical partners involved in sponsorship agreements, as well as communities of faith who

may not be in a position to sponsor but want to support the work in some way. More information can be found [here](#).



KANATA UNITED CHURCH INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR AN ARTS NIGHT FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT, NOV 1 In May, KUC received a generous grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, in Grand Rapids, MI, with funds provided by Lilly Endowment Inc. The funds support two Arts Nights over the course of 2019–2020, followed by an Art & Vespers service in April 2020 to celebrate the project.

The project gives us an opportunity to express our spirituality through the arts. It draws on a wide range of creative arts to explore the seasons of Advent and Lent, helping us to experience their present relevance in our context. Each night is led by a guest worship scholar with three or four artists, includes a meal, and time for learning, discussion and creativity. Special guest is Bill Kervin, Associate Professor of Public Worship at Emmanuel College, Toronto. He will introduce us to the “radical” way of telling time in the Church, while also exploring what Advent can mean for us today. These ideas will be explored through sessions on painting, photography, sculpture and poetry. Click for more [information](#), or contact Josh at josh@kuc.ca or call the church office at 613.592.5834

LIVING GENEROUSLY by Trisha Elliot



Does your congregation inform members about the opportunity to make an incredible difference through a planned gift?

Did you know that one survey indicated that 32 percent, or one-third, of United Church people would consider including the church in their estate plans **if asked**. The resource “Launching A Legacy Giving Program In Your Congregation” can help you establish a planned giving program in your congregation and manage that program successfully. Check it out here: <http://www.stewardship toolkit.ca/legacy-giving/legacy-programs>

Know that the United Church’s philanthropy unit is available to both help congregations create a legacy program and to help individuals decide on and implement their own planned

gift. Contact Trisha Elliott, our stewardship and gifts officer for more details, or to set up a consultation. (TElliott@united-church.ca).

Planned gifts can:

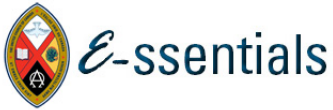
- fund your congregation’s ongoing ministries
- build your congregational endowments or reserves
- facilitate new ministry programs and opportunities
- help sustain your congregation through times of transition

Planned gifts can truly be transformational.

Living Generously is a weekly feature in *EOORC News This Week*. If you would like to learn more about the ways we change lives together through Mission & Service, the latest in giving resources and/or how your congregation can grow in generosity, contact Trisha Elliott, our region’s stewardship and gifts officer at TElliott@united-church.ca 613-299-8960.

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The latest issue for [E-ssentials](#) offers a Prayer of Thanksgiving.



Distance Learning for Church Leaders in
The United Church of Canada

United-in-Learning is offering several new courses. Click [here](#).

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SAVE THE DATES

EOORC WINTER MEETING: FEBRUARY 22, 2020
LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED

EOORC ANNUAL MEETING: MAY 1 AND 2, 2020
LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED

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