

Wednesday January 15, 2020

EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to 2020! Only two weeks into the new year and there is already lots to do! I encourage you, if you haven't done so yet, to sign up for the Winter Meeting being held on February 22. You can either attend in person or virtually via Zoom! Deadline to register is February 8th.

Information about the EOORC Annual Meeting is coming soon - I hope in time for the next newsletter. Stay tuned... and have a great week!

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PASTORAL CHARGE IMPORTANT NEWS by Whit Strong

To all Pastoral Charges which have Pastoral Charge Supervisors (because they do not have a called or appointed minister, or have a student minister): A reminder that it is required that the Pastoral Charge Supervisor be present at every Council meeting of the Community of Faith/Pastoral Charge. It is EOORC policy that the Pastoral Charge Supervisor be reimbursed by the Pastoral Charge for their time. \$30/hour (including travel time), plus \$.42/km travel.

<u>LLWL Reimbursement:</u> A reminder to all pastoral charges that the new 2020 rate of reimbursement for LLWL's within EOORC is \$216. This rate of compensation for 2020 was agreed upon at the EOORC meeting in June 2019 but deferred to January 2020.

MORE INFORMATION

- 2020 Winter Meeting Registration
- *** NEW *** Events
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- Add your own event
- Worshiplude
- Churches in the Gallery

STRATEGIC FINANCIAL PLANNING @ THE OASIS IN KANATA

The Oasis in Kanata
A place for caregivers of people with mental illness

Strategic financial planning is the topic of *The Oasis in Kanata's* next information session. A Personal Financial Planner will provide an overview of the Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP) and tax credits for caregivers and their loved ones, while a Chartered Insolvency and Restructuring Professional will provide strategies to help caregivers of people living with

mental illness manage their own finances while providing support to their loved ones. Monday, January 20, at 7 pm at Glen Cairn United Church. More information.

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SEEKING JUSTICE: IN THE CITY, IN THE CHURCH



Citizens for Public Justice invites you to a one-day conference exploring what justice for all looks like in the city and in the church. More information.

OTTAWA PASTORAL CARE TRAINING PROGRAM

Information about the Ottawa Pastoral Care Training Program (OPCTP) is now available from their website. The OPCTP is offering a 10-week basic training course and a spring continuing education event.

INFORMATION SESSION - YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO TAIZE, FRANCE

A bilingual and ecumenical group of young people (18-35) is planning on going to Taize, France in August 2020 (dates to be discussed). A week at Taize includes prayer, Bible study, sharing in small groups, cultural exchange and lots of fun. Hosted by Sister Marie-Pierre. More information.

QUEENSWOOD UNITED CHURCH - PART-TIME JOB OPENING

Queenswood United Church is seeking an Office Administrator. More information.

CENTRETOWN UNITED CHURCH'S CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROJECT



For over 35 years, Centretown United Church and its predecessor congregations, at 507 Bank St. at Argyle, have hosted a Christmas Hamper Project. This year, it distributed 182 hampers, representing 557 individuals. Each recipient was referred through a Dropin or an Emergency Food Centre. Each hamper included a Christmas dinner, food for a week, toiletries, and a gift from Santa.

Coordinator Jim Miller led a team of volunteers who worked hours to adopt, pack and deliver the hampers. Most were not members of the Centretown United. Equally important were the financial donations which allowed the purchase of turkeys and other perishables, as well as supplies for the hampers which no one adopted. The Centretown Knitters and their friends made warm woolen gifts.

Each year, some who have received a hamper write thank-you notes. A mother of two recently had lost her job. She wrote that before Christmas she was desperate, barely getting-by after paying rent. She didn't know how she would get through Christmas. She was overwhelmed to receive her hamper, not believing that strangers would take the time to choose healthy food for her family, to provide her girls with handmade mittens, and to purchase all the items on her wish list. The hamper allowed them to have a wonderful Christmas. This piece of human kindness gave her hope for the coming year.

Centretown United thanks all those who helped to make someone's Christmas a little merrier.

NEWS FROM THE GENERAL COUNCIL OFFICE



The most recent issue of E-ssentials includes information about Moderator Richard **E-ssentials**Bott's "internal pilgrimage" through 2020 and invites you to join him on the journey

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