



UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA EASTERN ONTARIO OUTAOUAIS REGIONAL COUNCIL NEWS

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

NOTE FROM THE EOORC PRESIDENT

Greeting to all our Regional Council Delegates. We had a good day last Saturday at Glen Cairn United Church, where we held the 2020 Winter Meeting. I would like to send a special thanks to the folks at Glen Cairn for their leadership, hospitality, technical and organizational skills. Also special thanks to our tech team- you are amazing. What a gift we have in Kimberley Allen-McGill whose music kept us inspired through the day. Thanks to Elaine Beattie, Dana Ducette and all the young people who led us in opening worship and deepened our appreciation of the transfiguration story. Thanks to Teresa Burnett-Cole for inspiring our Annual Meeting Theme and creating, with me, our closing-creation centered worship. Carolyn Ruda and Erin McIntyre made me want to go to Cornwall – hope they inspired you too! Check the agenda for all the great folks who will present us with information. Thanks to our planning team and to Rosemary and Joel. Most of all thanks to everyone who gave their day to the work of the EOORC. We accomplished a lot!

See you in Cornwall!

Bronwen Harman, President, EOORC Executive

WINTER MEETING EVALUATION For those of you who attended the meeting last Saturday, please fill out the Winter Meeting Evaluation form: <https://eoorc.ca/2020-winter-regional-meeting>

NEWS FROM THE PASTORAL RELATIONS DESK *by Whit Strong*

Wondering Where to Send Your Annual Reports? It's that time of year when Pastoral Charges complete their Annual Reports. Now that they're hot off the press, you're wondering where and to whom in the United Church do you send copies. Please send them to Rev. Whit Strong, Regional Minister for Pastoral Relations. When at all possible, please send a digital copy of your annual report as an attachment in an email to: wstrong@united-church.ca

WE NEED PASTORAL CHARGE SUPERVISORS!! In EOORC we have many pastoral charges that are without ministry personnel and must have a Pastoral Charge Supervisor in order to have quorum at the meetings of their governing body as well as having someone to offer sage advice as they make day-to-day decisions. At present, we have a number of Communities of Faith who cannot hold Council/Board/Session meetings for lack of quorum! Pastoral Charge Supervisors are paid on an hourly basis for their time, as well as reimbursed for travel. I know that we have many people (active and retired Ministry Personnel, as well as lay folks who are members of EOORC) who have the skills needed for this essential ministry in our church. Please contact Rev. Whit Strong wstrong@united-church.ca 1-800-268-3781 x6148. Your reward will be both earthly and heavenly!

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2020 EOORC Annual Meeting May 1-2, NAV CENTRE Cornwall, Ontario

Registration is now open for the **2020 EOORC Annual Meeting**.

REGISTER BY THE END OF THE DAY SATURDAY FEBRUARY 29, BEFORE THE PRICE INCREASES.

ON MARCH 1, THE PRICE WILL INCREASE BY \$25.00!

Note: if there is someone in your Community of Faith who needs to attend and who does not have access to a computer, please ensure they have assistance with the online registration.

To register: <https://eoorc.ca/2020-annual-meeting/>

THE EOORC DIRECTORY OF VOTING LAY REPRESENTATIVES AND CLERGY

Once you have elected your Lay Representatives we are requesting that someone from each community of faith submit the names of the voting lay reps and ministers. It's a very simple form and should only take a few minutes. You can find the form here: <https://eoorc.ca/lay-representative-and-clergy-directory-2020/>

DECISIONS MADE AT THE 2020 WINTER MEETING AND THE REVISED GOVERNANCE HANDBOOK have been posted on the website: <https://eoorc.ca/about-us/governance>

PASTORAL RELATIONS MINUTES have been posted on the website: <https://eoorc.ca/ministries/pastoral-relations>

THREE UPCOMING PASTORAL RELATIONS WORKSHOPS

The Working Well Together workshop on March 14 at Kanata United Church will provide ministers, church leaders and interested church members to build a healthy church life. **Last day to register is Friday March 6!** More information: <https://eoorc.ca/event/working-well-together-workshop/>

Ministry & Personnel Committee Workshop Saturday, April 18 (1-4pm) at Zion-Memorial United Church, Carleton Place. Contact Whit Strong wstrong@united-church.ca for information.

Pastoral Relations Liaison Workshop Saturday, April 18 (9-12noon) at Zion-Memorial United Church, Carleton Place. A gathering for current PR Liaisons and those who might want to become involved in the Pastoral Relations work of EOORC. A refresher for current PR Liaisons – an information session for new folks to learn what it's all about. Contact Whit Strong wstrong@united-church.ca for information.

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NEWS FROM THE GENERAL COUNCIL OFFICE

44th General Council Commissioner nomination form is now available and can be found here:

<https://eoorc.ca/resources/forms/>

Letter to the church from the Moderator and the National Indigenous Elders Council <https://www.united-church.ca/news/support-wetsuweten>

United-in-Learning has listed several new webinars on their site: <https://www.united-in-learning.com>

Read Moderator Richard Bott's Message for Lent in the latest issue of E-ssentials

<https://mailchi.mp/35029b8a3e37/es190129-1041311?e=1b6bde3bd6>

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