



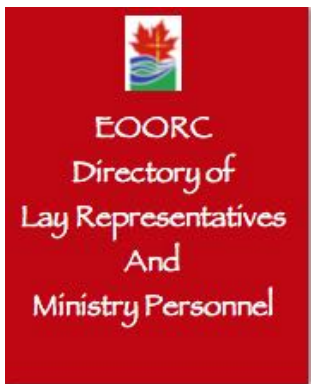
# EOORC News

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

### EDITOR'S NOTE

During this time of crisis, the news seems to be about one subject only including here in this newsletter, for the most part. We are all coping as best we can and reaching out to whomever we can. It's been heartening to see the many ways and means members of the EOORC are willing to help their communities. I invite you to keep checking on the COVID-19 [webpage](#) on our website. Stay healthy!

*Anita* [ajansman@united-church.ca](mailto:ajansman@united-church.ca)



### Still waiting for entries

#### THE EOORC DIRECTORY OF LAY REPRESENTATIVES & CLERGY

So far, nearly 90 people have submitted their information to the directory, but there are many more who haven't.

Please be sure to fill out the [form](#) that will become the directory of lay representatives and clergy.

**We want to include  
ALL Lay Reps and Clergy!**

### MORE INFORMATION

- [COVID-19](#)
- [Online Worship](#)
- **\*\*\* NEW \*\*\* Jobs**
- [Add Lay Reps to the Directory](#)
- [Add your own \(online\) event](#)

### EOORC ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

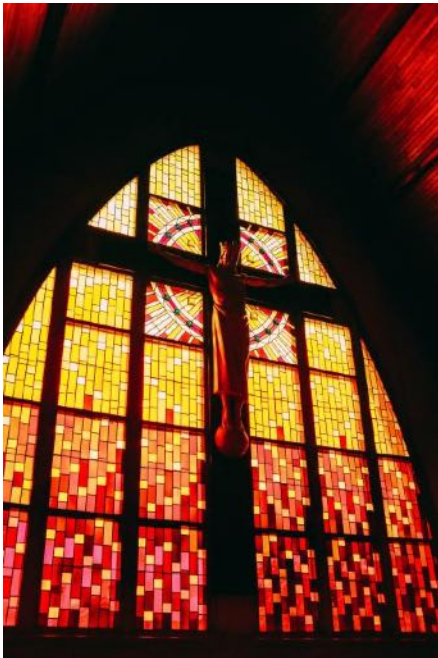
As you know, a decision was reached late in March that the [annual meeting](#) will be held **October 16 and 17, 2020** and the Celebration of Ministry will be held at Knox-St. Paul's United Church, Cornwall on Saturday evening October 17, 2020. In the next couple of weeks, I will be sending emails to all who had registered for the meeting that was to take place in May. I will be asking you to refer to your registration information that you would have received when you registered. Please watch for the email.

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## **Listen**

*Brenda Carr (2010) EOORC Member*

The quietness  
The disregard  
Suddenly  
It grows slinking across the landscape  
Slowly the shoots appear  
Reaching out until they spread  
Strangling the people  
Where is my God?  
The people cry out again  
Where is my God?  
We must listen; we must reach out  
The Holy Spirit is in us; surrounds us  
Listen!



### **SPIRITUAL CARE HOSPITAL MINISTRY**

It is difficult at any time to have a loved family member ill or in the hospital, but it is especially so now that visitors are not allowed to be with a patient. Even our trained Pastoral Care visitors are not allowed in the hospitals. Individual congregations throughout our region have stepped up with excellent telephone and online Pastoral Care ministries. If you know of any patient or family member who would appreciate the comfort of a phone call with someone from the EOORC Hospital Ministry team, please contact Sandra or Jodi.

**Sandra Copeland: 613 829-6824**

Chair of Spiritual Care Hospital Ministry for EOORC,  
and a 15-year veteran of hospital visiting

**Jodi Fisher: 613 805-5340**

Masters in Pastoral Education, 2 CPE units, and many years of  
Chaplaincy and community ministry.

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**JOIN THE CENTRE FOR CHRISTIAN STUDIES** on Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup> at 11am Central for a conversation about Crisis Pastoral Care. How do we offer pastoral care in the midst of a pandemic? This is the first of a series of three pastoral care workshops.

Please register in advance (no fee, donations gratefully accepted), and join us to imagine church differently.

When: Apr 14, 2020 11:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwvcuyrqzotecPk692Yk3C31fASzTEEWQ>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

### **COVID19 CAMP AWESOME UPDATE** by Dana Ducette

Hello from Camp Awesome. At this time, due to COVID 19 protocols we have had to put a hold on hiring staff for this summer. We are waiting until May 1st to see what the next steps will be and will be updating the website with information as it becomes available.

Our hope is that you and your family are safe and healthy. While we do not know what the future will hold for the summer, we are making plans to offer Camp Awesome in a different way. We believe that camp is a vital experience for our campers and we are committed to continuing the Camp Awesome experience as best we can.

### **SHARE YOUR STORY**



As we respond collectively to the Covid-19 crisis, many communities of faith are coming together to support each other and continue ministering in the new reality. The building may be closed but church is open. God is with us. We are not alone.

Sharing our stories is one more vital way of building community. If you have a story you would like to share about your community of faith's response to Covid-19, the **EDGE Network** has created a form for story gathering. They are looking for stories of persistence, innovation and inspiration as we continue to "be the church" in these extraordinary times. [Submit](#) your story or contact Tyson Gofton ([tgofton@united-church.ca](mailto:tgofton@united-church.ca)) for more information.

#### **NEED ANOTHER WAY TO MEET?**



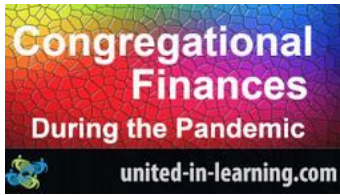
If you're looking for a way for your pastoral charges and communities of faith to meet during the COVID-19 crisis, consider getting a Zoom account. You can [sign up](#) for an account for as little as \$20 a month.

### **ZOOM CARE**

If you are having a lot of meetings on Zoom these days, have a look at these documents found on the COVID-19 [page](#). These were provided by David Stafford, who teaches at Algonquin College, and they discuss security during Zoom meetings.

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## NEWS FROM THE GENERAL COUNCIL OFFICE



### [Congregational Finances During the Pandemic](#)

The requirement to self-isolate and socially distance ourselves is an important part of keeping Canadians safe, but there's lots of anxiety across the church about the impact this is having on our congregational finances. Let's together ensure that our congregations have the financial resources they need to offer ministry that matters in these strange and trying times.



### [Congregational Programming During the Pandemic](#)

Tips on making the most of worship online during the Pandemic. Join us on April 9 for some conversation with three seasoned pastors who are leading their congregations through this health crisis and working to help their congregations respond in ways that are creative, hopeful and supportive



## E-ssentials

The latest issue of [E-ssentials](#) features Moderator Richard Bott's Easter Message and resources for the COVID-19 crisis.

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