



EOORC News

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

EDITOR'S NOTE

As the pandemic continues, it's as important as ever to keep in touch. If you know of someone in your community of faith who can't access the EOORC website or who doesn't receive these newsletters, please reach out to them and please let me know. We want to ensure that we are reaching everyone in the EOORC. If you send out a weekly church bulletin, I request that you send this weekly newsletter along with your bulletin. Please remind people that anyone can be on the distribution list for this newsletter – just request it in an email to me. I invite you to keep checking on the COVID-19 [webpage](#) on our website for regular updates. Stay healthy!

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EOORC
Directory of
Lay Representatives
And
Ministry Personnel

LAST CHANCE!

The 2020 directory is in production now and will be completed soon.
ALL Lay Reps and Clergy – if you want to be included, please fill out the [form](#) this week.
Once it's been produced, the directory won't be updated till next year.

MORE INFORMATION

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

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CAPITAL REGION INTERFAITH COUNCIL is sponsoring an interfaith prayer event to take place on May 10 @ 8:00 p.m. The idea is that people of all faith backgrounds pray or meditate

from their own homes and according to their own tradition for one hour. They may light a candle if that is part of their tradition and place the candle in a window. We invite people to pray remembering the sick, medical and support staff, first responders, essential workers, and those struggling with the isolation of COVID 19.

UPDATE FROM MINISTER OF FAITH, CLUSTERS AND NETWORKS, by Jane Dawson

We are continuing to offer workshops and opportunities to meet during the pandemic.

Psalm Circle - reading and reflecting on one Psalm per week (following the Revised Common Lectionary selection for the upcoming Sunday). Thursday mornings, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon (EST).

Opening The Book - listening together to podcast or video interviews with leading biblical scholars followed by a facilitated online discussion. Monday evenings, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (EST).

Innovation Cluster Zoom Conversations: Being a Backbone Organization and **Affordable Housing**

Please click [here](#) for registration information for all of these events.

UPDATES FROM THE OFFICE OF VOCATION, by Karen Valley, Minister for the

Office of Vocation, Quebec and East Ontario

Even in the midst of a pandemic, the business of the Church continues! As we look around the church over these past 7+ weeks, we are seeing incredible, gifted ministry happening in an unfathomable variety of ways. Our ministry leaders are working hard as they shepherd communities of faith and the Regional Councils through these challenging times. It is with a grateful heart that I acknowledge you, and the work you are doing, all the while you, too, are living in uncertain and challenging times. Please see Karen's complete update [here](#).

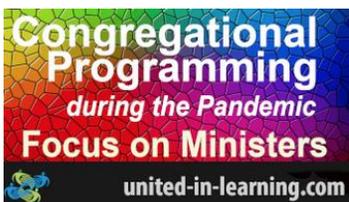


NEWS FROM THE GENERAL COUNCIL OFFICE



[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 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

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