



# EOORC News

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

### EDITOR'S NOTE

We now have an EOORC Directory of Pastoral Charges, Lay Representatives, the Executive and Leadership Teams. You can read about it on page 2 and order a copy from me. Just send me an email.

As I mentioned last time, the frequency of *EOORC News* will be reduced during the summer. Here is the summer schedule: July 5, July 29, Aug 19. Please note if you want something in the newsletter, send it to me by noon on the Tuesday before the scheduled date. Thanks and stay healthy!

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### ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE

Early this month, the planning committee of the 2020 Annual Meeting voted to cancel the meeting planned in Cornwall on October 16 – 17, 2020 due to the ongoing COVID-19 health crisis.

The 2020 EOORC Annual Meeting will be an online event instead and will take place the same dates: October 16 -17, 2020. More information about this will be available in the coming summer months.

**Refunds have been issued to everyone who paid earlier this year to attend the cancelled Cornwall event.** You should see a credit on your credit card within the next couple weeks and those who paid by cheque will receive a refund in the mail shortly.

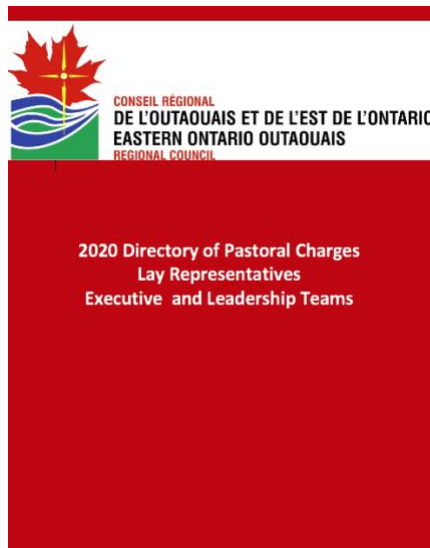
### MORE INFORMATION

- **\*\*\* NEW \*\*\* Pastoral Relations Meeting Minutes**
- **COVID-19**
- **Online Worship**
- **Add your own (online) event**

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Rev. Dr. M. Allan McDowell died on Sunday, June 7th, 2020. [Obituary](#)



**NOW AVAILABLE!**  
**The 2020 EOORC Directory of Pastoral Charges, Lay Representatives, Executive and Leadership Teams**  
If you would like a copy of the directory please send a request to:  
[ajansman@united-church.ca](mailto:ajansman@united-church.ca)

**2020 REGIONAL PRAYER ROOMS** by Rev Natalie Istead

Did you know that this summer, every single Pastoral Charge in the United Church of Canada will be prayed for by name? Each week, there will be a prayer meeting for a different region. You are invited to any region you wish to attend and especially encouraged to participate in your own region's prayer time. The gatherings are on Zoom. They are on Tuesdays at 1 pm EST.

EOORC's gathering will be on June 30th. [You can register online to receive the Zoom link.](#)

The prayer meetings start with a psalm and a call for worship. There is a Power Point with the names of all the Pastoral Charges in each region. Finally, there is an optional time of prayer in small groups. If you prefer, you can remain in the main meeting or take time for personal prayer.

In a time with so many changes, I know that the Pastoral Charges will appreciate your prayers.

**EOORC RIGHT RELATIONS NETWORK CONVERSATION WITH LORI RANSOM**



Five years after the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, what has the United Church of Canada been doing in fulfilling our commitment to living into right relations? How can we in EOORC work together to take action in continuing this essential work?

You are invited to an online conversation with Lori Ransom, Reconciliation and Justice Animator, Indigenous Ministries and Justice, United Church of Canada to explore these questions and generate next steps.

When: Jun 30, 2020 02:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

[Register](#) in advance for this meeting. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. For further information contact Jane Dawson, [JDawson@united-church.ca](mailto:JDawson@united-church.ca); 613-290-1882

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## SAVE THE DATE! – SMALL (RURAL) CHURCHES, BIG IDEAS!



Online workshop on how your Community of Faith can focus your ideas for a project to offer your unique gifts in new and creative ways (phone-in option also available).

Two dates to choose from: Wednesday, September 23, 7:30 to 9:00 pm **OR** Saturday, September 26, 2:30-4:00 pm. (A second workshop on applying for grants to put **your** ideas into action will follow). For more information contact Jane Dawson: [Jdawson@united-church.ca](mailto:Jdawson@united-church.ca), 613-290-1882.

## MULTIFAITH HOUSING ACTIVITIES UPDATE



### Tulipathon

Donations can be made up to June 30<sup>th</sup>. To date, community support has been very generous. Final results available in early July!

### Veterans' House

- MHI has raised close to \$3 million towards its target of \$5 million for Veterans' House. While the COVID-19 pandemic has slowed down fundraising efforts, they are not halted.
- The project has been delayed by two months with a forecast completion of January 2021, due to a shortage of workers due to the pandemic.
- MHI is clear - this project is guaranteed to be completed. They are on track and will not be moved off of this mission-critical focus.
- **SAVE THE DATE!** On Tuesday, June 23 from 12:00 – 12:45 PM, MHI will be hosting a virtual town hall meeting on Zoom; check their website for details.

### EOORC Plans

A packaged church service in support of Veterans' House and homeless veterans is being prepared for distribution to all EOORC ministers/congregations in mid-August. A team of people from MHI and EOORC are developing this package. Rev. Andrew Love has created an order of service, complete with a sermon. It will include suggestions for hymn/music, video/audio clips, Prayers of the People.

Stay tuned for more information.

For more information, please visit MHI website at [www.multifaithhousing.ca](http://www.multifaithhousing.ca) or contact Sue Smarkala: [sue.smarkala@gmail.com](mailto:sue.smarkala@gmail.com).

## INTERESTING READS

[Top Ten Reasons Why Your Pastor Needs a Break](#) (A Special Message for Clerks of Sessions and Elders)

[Open Out](#) is a weekly podcast series, website and interactive social media to help individuals and faith communities discover the possibilities and the challenges of intentionally opening outwards to welcome a much broader group of people – including those with very different cultural backgrounds.

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## **A MESSAGE FROM CATARAQUI UNITED CHURCH, KINGSTON** by Phyllis Lewis

Here at Cataraqui United Church, we offer a family style community of faith, mindful of the plight, needs and gifts of many. Our church, founded by families in the first wave of United Empire Loyalists, has been in the same location for over 225 years. In 2018, the property was designated by legislation under Ontario Heritage Act and the City of Kingston as a Heritage Site of Significance. We are located at 965 Sydenham Road and offer services starting at 10:30 every Sunday with a warm welcome of coffee and doughnuts before the service.

The cemetery which surrounds the church on three sides has recently changed its name to Heritage Cemetery at Cataraqui and has reopened its services to the public. The setting is quiet and dignified with many mature trees. The cemetery has graves dated over 200 years old and no room for casket burials remain. However, some previously unused sections are now open for in ground burial of cremation urns. The Cemetery Board consists of volunteers who devote many hours to the well-being of the cemetery and all aspects of its operation.

We would be delighted to share more of our story with you. For more information, telephone us at 613.548.4392, or contact us at [HeritageatCataraqui@gmail.com](mailto:HeritageatCataraqui@gmail.com), or follow us on Facebook or Twitter at [cataraquichurch](https://www.facebook.com/cataraquichurch).

## **NEWS FROM THE GENERAL COUNCIL OFFICE**



# *E*-ssentials

A special issue of [Essentials](#) June 16 is now available.

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