



EOORC News

Wednesday, July 8, 2020

EDITOR'S NOTE

There is still a lot of activity in the EOORC, albeit all of it online. Don't forget to add your own online events to the website. Where the form asks for a venue name, simply type in 'online' and once your submission is approved, the event will appear in the events listing. There are a few events listed there now so please have a [look](#).

I will be away for the next two weeks and returning on July 27. If you have any questions about communications while I'm away, please contact Joel Miller at jmiller@united-church.ca.

Anita ajansman@united-church.ca



CAMP AWESOME will be offering a free program for kids ages 5-13 in the month of July. See the [website](#) for details and registrations.

MORE INFORMATION

- [COVID-19](#)
- [Online Worship](#)
- [Add your own \(online\) event](#)



rendez-vous 2020

RENDEZ VOUS REIMAGINED

August 11 – 14, 2020 online.

[Register](#) for activities and programs.

CAMP LAU-REN's latest issue of [The Rock](#) is now available.



Camp Lau-Ren
Make it a summer they'll remember

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ATTENTION EOORC CHURCHES WHO HAVE TENANTS AND RENTERS A request from Nancy Hazen, Barrhaven United Church. I am the Region 12 EOORC Representative from Barrhaven United Church and I would like to know when you expect **to allow your tenants or renters to use you church facilities and what guidelines will you ask them to follow.** Could you please respond as soon as possible, ONLY IF YOUR CHURCH HAS A CONFIRMED PLAN, to nhazen46@gmail.com. I will make a summary of the material I receive and have Anita put it into the next Newsletter. Thank you for your assistance in this. Nancy.

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.

Sep 23, 2020 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

[Register](#) in advance for this meeting.

Sep 26, 2020 02:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) [Register](#) in advance for this meeting.

More information: Jane Dawson: jdawson@united-church.ca, 613-290-1882



Preaching from the Old Testament

Queen's Annual
Theology
Conference

October 19th-21st, 2020

Livestreamed
Online

Theme Speaker, Dr. William Morrow
Guest Lecturer, Rev. Dr. Pamela M.S. Holmes.

[More information.](#)

NATIONAL SURVEY ON COVID-19 AND ITS IMPACT ON THE VOLUNTEER AND DONOR ACTIVITY OF RELIGIOUS CANADIANS

Statistics Canada reports that religious Canadians generally volunteer and contribute financially to charitable and non-profit organizations at greater levels than non-religious Canadians.

Many religious leaders are concerned about how Covid-19 might affect this.

This survey seeks to gather information that will help us better understand the impact Covid-19 is having on the volunteer and donor activity of religious Canadians by asking them directly.

The results will provide the [Halo Canada Project](#) and our study partners, with key information as we work with religious leaders across the country to support the common good of all Canadians.

[Take the Survey](#)

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MULTIFAITH HOUSING INITIATIVE – TULIPATHON by Sue Smarkala

The results are in for this year's Tulipathon fundraiser. We blasted by the record total of last year - \$37,000 - and achieved a whopping \$69,005 - almost doubling the donations in 2020!! [Read](#) more about Tulipathon.

Many thanks to all the Eastern Ontario Outaouais United Churches that participated in this valuable work. All funds raised are used to subsidize MHI's tenant rents.

CHANGES TO STEWARDSHIP AND GIFTS PORTFOLIO



Many of you will know **Trisha Elliot**, who has been the Stewardship and Gifts Officer in the EOORC. Trisha is now devoting most of her time to creating content for Mission and Service, putting her fine writing skills to good work. We will miss Trisha and wish her all the best. Roger Janes has stepped in to fill the gap that Trisha's new assignment has left.

Roger Janes, a graduate of Memorial University of Newfoundland and The Atlantic School of Theology, was ordained in 1990. He served seven years on the Bonne Bay Pastoral Charge – a 5-point rural pastoral charge in NL. In 1997, Roger began a new ministry with the NL Conference as Program & Leadership Staff and served in that position for 18 years. Approximately one-third of that position was as a Stewardship Staff resource. In October of 2015 Roger began a new position – Stewardship & Gifts Officer for the Atlantic Region. Roger lives in Grand Falls-Windsor, NL with his partner Colleen and two children. We look forward to working with Roger in the EOORC.

NEWS FROM THE GENERAL COUNCIL OFFICE



Participants at General Council 43 in Oshawa, ON, in July 2018.
Credit: The United Church of Canada

GENERAL COUNCIL 44: POSTPONED UNTIL 2022

In light of concerns around COVID-19, the decision has been made to postpone General Council 44, previously slated for July 2021 in Calgary, AB, to 2022. Commissioners came to this decision at a special electronic meeting held on June 20, 2020; [read the full news piece](#). Minutes from this meeting will be posted to the United Church Commons in the coming days, and updates related to this postponement will be posted to the General Council 43 [website](#).



E-ssentials

[Essentials](#) July 7, 2020 is now available. This latest issue features the story, *COVID-19: Global Response*.

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