



EOORC News

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

EDITOR'S NOTE

September brings lots of news and information for upcoming events, both online and at physical locations. Be sure to check out the [Upcoming Events](#) page and find out what's going on in the EOORC. One big event that you won't want to miss is the [2020 EOORC Annual Meeting](#). You can find more information about it below, on page 4.

During the past two summers, I have been travelling around the EOORC, visiting many towns and villages where there are United Churches. I recently made my way up north and found some delightful places, such as Beachburg, Cobden, Pembroke, Deep River. For me, it has been a great learning experience to see the diverse landscape of the EOORC and the wonderful variety of church buildings, from the very old and very small, to the large stone and brick structures built more than a century ago and the more modern ones of the last century. These places all have stories to tell, if only walls could speak! I haven't completed my travels, so if you don't see your church in the [gallery](#), it means I haven't made it there yet. If you want to supply me with a photo, I'd be happy to include it in the gallery.

Stay healthy!

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DOES YOUR CONGREGATION HAVE A PASTORAL CHARGE SUPERVISOR?

By Whit Strong, Pastoral Relations

Just a reminder to all Communities of Faith that are without a minister but have a Pastoral Charge Supervisor that it is the policy of our Regional Council that all PC Supervisors are financially reimbursed by your pastoral charge for their work with you. **\$30/hour (including any travel time to and from meetings), plus \$.42/km for travel.** All reimbursements are to be paid directly to the PC Supervisor. Thank you for your attention to this.

MORE INFORMATION

- [COVID-19](#)
- [Online Worship](#)
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- ***** NEW***** [Events](#)
- [Add your own event](#)
- ***** NEW***** [Church Photos](#)

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A NOTE ABOUT MASK WEARING DURING WORSHIP

There seems to be some confusion as to whether masks must be worn inside places of worship. According to Public Health units across EOORC, the wearing of masks inside the church during worship is mandatory regardless of physical distancing. Thank you for ensuring that this safety precaution is being observed.



Faith in the Time of COVID Tell us your story!

How does your Community of Faith keep the spirit alive during the pandemic? What events and activities are you organizing to encourage people to remain active and engaged during this difficult time?

Please share your “good-news” stories with the rest of the EOORC.

Send your story to ajansman@united-church.ca
by noon on the Tuesday before publication dates, which are:
September 16, 30, October 14, 28



BURNSTOWN UNITED CHURCH FISH FRY, COVID-19 STYLE! BY Jane de Snaijer, Fundraising Chair, Burnstown UC

This is the first in a series of stories about Faith in the Time of COVID. If you have a story to share, send it to ajansman@united-church.ca

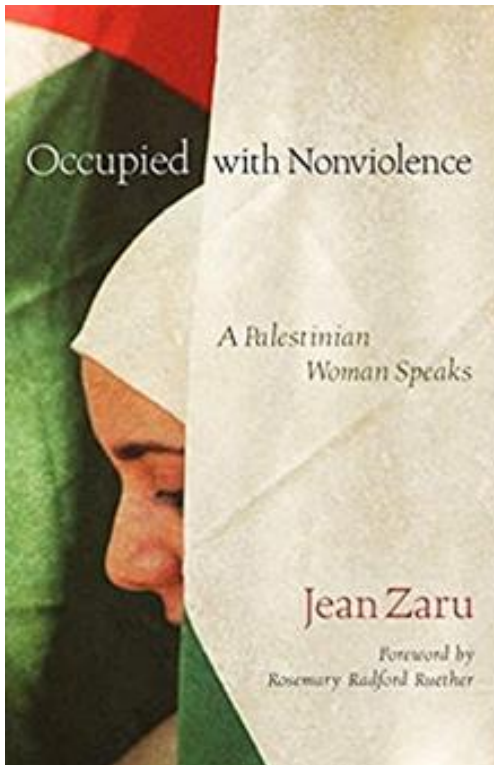
Burnstown United Church held its second annual Fish Fry fundraiser on August 14, 2009. We did it with a twist this year due to COVID-19 and we worked closely with the Renfrew County Health unit in order to keep both our volunteers and customers safe. It can be done!

We made our parking lot into a drive-thru and managed to process 132 cars and 371 meals in 3.5 hours. Pre-order only, we metered 20-minute time slots and we did not allow people out of their cars. We had such a good turnout that, unfortunately, we had to turn people away.

This was all done with a team of 12 volunteers and all of us including Rev. Kim had fun putting it together in a safe way. It became a good community outreach and the dollars we raised at the end of the day were double what we raised last year!

Good camaraderie for our volunteers and we plan to do it this way again next year. We see this as one of the good workarounds that came out of this pandemic. Thank you God and we are extremely proud of Team Burnstown!

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ZOOM BOOK STUDY

Jean Zaru is a Quaker who has lived in Ramallah most of her life. Her book *Occupied with Non-Violence* brings together sixty years of living in occupied Palestine with her deep Christian faith.

This book will be of interest to anyone seeking an inspiring example of resiliency, hope and positive activism in the face of the daily struggles of the occupation.

This online book study is open to anyone. We will meet once a week over four weeks. The day and time will be set once we have a group of interested participants.

Facilitated by Jane Dawson and Jane Enticknap (based in Ottawa but you are welcome to join from anywhere).

If you are interested in taking part, please contact Jane Dawson at jdawson@united-church.ca or 613-290-1882

by September 15, 2020.

The book is available for purchase on Amazon or Indigo (in print or ebook format). Print copies can also be ordered at Grand River Bookstore (<https://www.grandriverbooks.ca/>).



EOORC RIGHT RELATIONS NETWORK CALLS TO THE CHURCH STUDY CIRCLE

The *Calls to the Church* document articulates the Indigenous Church's vision for the future within the United Church of Canada.

The aim of this study circle is to listen to these calls and take them to heart.

The [Calls to the Church document](#) emerged from a process of discernment by the Caretakers of our Indigenous Council under the guidance of the Aboriginal Ministries Council (now National Indigenous Council). After a series of meetings and further review of the draft document, it was approved by General Council in 2018.

This study circle is an opportunity to listen attentively to these calls. It is intended as a practical action-oriented process for learning and taking these calls to heart.

The study circle will meet for six sessions, every two weeks (with some further reading between each session), facilitated by Jane Dawson. Dates and times will be determined when we have a group of interested participants. All are welcome. If you are interested in taking part, please contact Jane Dawson:

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QUILTS AND SHAWLS FOR MHI VETERANS' HOUSE by Dianne Cardin and Sue Smarkala

Quilters and Knitters, thank you to those who have already delivered your beautiful quilts and shawls or afghans. They are beautiful! The Veterans who receive them will be so appreciative, warmed and comforted. They are visible signs of caring.

In response to your inquiries, any remaining quilts or shawls can be dropped off with Sue Smarkala who lives near Baseline Road and Greenbank, in Ottawa, 613-820-4360 or with Dianne Cardin, in Barrhaven 613-327-7275. Please call before

delivering to be sure someone is home.

The Quilts and Shawls will be Blessed at the AGM in October. They will be delivered to Veterans' House for the Opening in January 2021. This slight delay is due to Covid restrictions on construction and availability of supplies. Again, many thanks for your support and creativity.



EOORC Annual Meeting

"We are in this together"

October 16 -17, 2020

Two afternoon online sessions

(via Zoom)

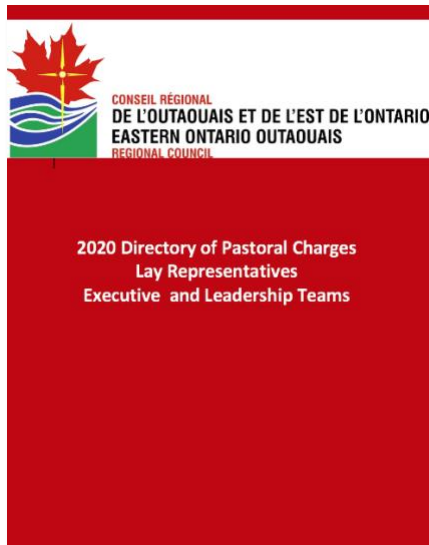
You are Invited to Attend

The agenda will include:

- A discussion about the Racial Harassment Policy of the United Church
- How are you coping with COVID-19? A presentation about how the pandemic is affecting our Communities of Faith, financially, emotionally, and spiritually
- Finance Update
- Presentations from: Multi-faith Veterans' Housing, Healing Hands, UCW, Emmanuel College, Visioning and Transformation, Ministry and Personnel
- Ministry of Vocations – Introduction of candidates
- Motions and nominations for Executive
- Installation of President and Executive
- Music and worship

Registration will begin the week of September 14, 2020

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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

Want to make a change to the next version of the directory?
Please let Anita know.

Also available are updated lists of **Licensed Lay Worship Leaders**. Contact Anita ajansman@united-church.ca or Whit Strong wstrong@united-church.ca for a list for your geographical area.



HAVE YOU SEEN THIS BANNER?

Rideau Hill Camp is looking for their banner. Have you seen it?

If you know of its whereabouts, please contact rideauhillcamp@gmail.com or leave a message at 613-826-2046

Thank you!

NEWS FROM THE GENERAL COUNCIL OFFICE



e-ssentials

The August 25, 2020 issue of [Essentials](#) is now available. This issue features a worthwhile story called, *Re-Entry to Gathered Worship in Buildings*.

The September 1, 2020 issue of [Essentials](#) is also available. The feature story is about **Michael Blair**, newly appointed **Secretary General**.

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