



EOORC News

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

EDITOR'S NOTE

As I write this issue's note, snow is falling. It's inevitable that winter will arrive and soon the entire area of the EOORC will be blanketed in white. The arrival of winter this year presents a new challenge: how to maintain a sense of community without meeting indoors in crowds that are too large. At the EOORC Annual Meeting last week, it was clear people wanted to talk about COVID-19 and how it is affecting Communities of Faith. Keep talking to each other. Attend online workshops and gatherings and do your best to keep your community of faith healthy during the coming months. And read through this newsletter – there is lots of good news!

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MORE INFORMATION

- ***NEW*** [Pastoral Relations Minutes](#)
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REV. DR. ANTHONY BAILEY RECEIVES ORDER OF OTTAWA

Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey has been named to the 2020 Order of Ottawa. Rev. Dr. Bailey is the Coordinating Minister of Parkdale United Church in Ottawa's central-west end, serving his congregation and the wider community for the past 21 years.

"This honour was most unexpected. I am humbled by this award and share it with my supportive family and the congregation of Parkdale United, which I am privileged to serve here in Ottawa," says Rev. Dr. Bailey.

The Order of Ottawa recognizes exceptional residents who have made a significant contribution in a professional capacity in many areas of city life, including arts and culture, business, community service, education, entrepreneurship, public service, labour, communications and media, science, sports and entertainment, or other fields that benefit the residents of Ottawa.

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2020 EOORC ANNUAL MEETING

Despite the meeting having to be held on Zoom and all the limitations that come with an online event, we are proud to report that the 2020 Annual Meeting was a success! More than 150 people attended the meeting held over two afternoons in October. A few technical glitches didn't interfere with the flow of the meeting and with the theme, *We Are In This Together*. Rev. Teresa Burnett-Cole presented on racism in the United Church and Rev. Lynne Gardiner led in a Lament service for everyone who has been affected by COVID-19. These were well received, as were the reports from Finance, Pastoral Relations, closing remarks from the new EOORC president, Rev. Takouhi, and others. The presentations are available for viewing on the EOORC Annual Meeting [webpage](#). If you haven't yet, please fill out the [evaluation](#).

2021 VIDEO LICENSE APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

From EDGE: A Network for Ministry Development / Réseau pour le développement des ministères



What a year this has been! As churches start to re-open, we would like to offer the opportunity to obtain and/or renew a Public Performance Video License for 2021. Public Performance Licenses enable your community of faith to show full-length or clips from movies or TV shows for public viewing as a part of things like worship, fundraisers, family nights, youth group events, or educational programs. If you are interested in showing films or TV shows to a group in your building in any of these circumstances, you need a public performance license. Showing films without a public performance license is a breach of Canadian Copyright Laws. The video

licenses being offered here do not apply to live streamed clips.

We have negotiated video licensing agreements with Criterion Pictures and Audio Ciné Films (ACF) Inc. who represent most of the major distributors including Paramount, Universal, Alliance Atlantis, New Line Cinema, Miramax, Disney, Veggie Tales and many more!

The current application round offers licenses that will start on January 1, 2021 until December 31, 2021. **The deadline for this round of applications is November 18th, 2020.**

As the pandemic continues, we understand that many folks don't know whether their church will be open in January. We will be offering another round of licenses to start later in 2021, so if you feel unsure now, know you won't miss your chance to have a license if your situation changes. If you are not yet ready to consider a license to start in January, do not worry. We will offer another round of licenses to be available starting part way through next year. For any additional questions, please email or call Alexandra at edge@united-church.ca or 1-800-268-3781 x4157

More [information](#) about the licenses, the fee structure, and how to apply and frequently asked [questions](#).

“GRANT US THIS DAY” ONLINE GRANT-WRITING WORKSHOP by Jane Dawson

How to find funding opportunities and write grant proposals to help your community of faith put ideas into practice co-facilitated by Jane Dawson & Rev. Cindy Casey.



Two days to choose from:

Wednesday, November 18, 2020, 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. [Register](#)

OR

Saturday, November 21, 2020, 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. [Register](#)

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UNITED WE STAND UPDATE by Sue Smarkala



I am pleased to report that a motion was presented and approved at the EOORC Annual Meeting to raise \$150,000 in support of Multifaith Housing's Veterans' House. The United We Stand campaign will extend to June 30, 2021. Since early discussions in late January 2020 about Veterans' House fundraising, EOORC

United Churches have raised just over \$25,000. So – we have started! As a proud supporter of Veterans' House, Commissionaires Ottawa is offering to match our donation during the United We Stand campaign. We have the opportunity to raise \$300,000 for this worthy cause.

Special Veterans' House Service

Many churches do not have the facilities to prepare an online service from the materials provided for the Special Service. For those of you who do, please let me know (sue.smarkala@gmail.com/) when you plan to make use of the Veterans' House service package, and we will note the date on the EOORC [website](#).

New Video

A video called, *All About United We Stand: the EOORC Campaign for Veterans' House* is complete! It runs 10 minutes and is available on [YouTube](#). **For communities of faith preparing a United We Stand Sunday Service:** The *All About United We Stand* video has also been added to the United We Stand Sunday Service downloadable package. To download the updated folder, please [visit](#) and click the *Sunday Service Package* button.



THE ROCK

CAMP LAU-REN NEWSLETTER

The Fall 2020 issue of The Rock is now [available](#).



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NEWS FROM THE GENERAL COUNCIL OFFICE



E-ssentials

Now available, The October 20, 2020 issue of [Essentials](#) This issue presents the GC43 Annual Meeting, held last week.



Visit the United In Learning [website](#) for courses being offered over the next three months. One in particular might be of interest: [Congregational Finances During the Pandemic](#).

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