



EOORC News

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

EDITOR'S NOTE

Lots of new and interesting activities going on in the EOORC. On Saturday the EOORC will hold its Celebration of Ministries at Rideau Park United Church. See below to find out how you can livestream the event from your computer.

The EOORC Campaign for Veteran's House campaign, United We Stand is launching a fundraising campaign that promises something for each congregation. It's a creative way to raise funds for this worthy cause.

There's more news here, so read on. Also don't forget to register for the EOORC Online Annual Meeting! Stay healthy!

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Celebration of Ministries Service Célébration des Ministères

October 3, 2020 ~ le 3 octobre 2020
11:00 a.m. ~ 11 h 00

Église unie Rideau Park United Church
Ottawa, Ontario

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRIES

The Celebration of Ministry Service will be livestreamed from Rideau Park United Church beginning at 11 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to livestream this auspicious event.

To livestream the event and to access a copy of the *Celebration of Ministry Service Bulletin*, click [here](#).

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UNITED WE STAND: THE EOORC CAMPAIGN FOR VETERANS' HOUSE

Hello EOORC! It's time!! We are launching our major fundraising campaign: **United We Stand: the EOORC Campaign for Veterans' House.**

United We Stand, a joint partnership between MHI and EOORC, is a fundraising campaign in support Veterans' House, MHI's fifth housing community, scheduled to open in January 2021. All churches in EOORC are encouraged to support Veterans' House as they are willing and able. Part of that campaign is a "COVID-ready" worship service package: **United We Stand Sunday Service.**

What's the United We Stand Sunday Service? All churches are encouraged to set aside one Sunday between now and June 2021 to host the **United We Stand Sunday Service.** It is a complete Sunday service – bulletin, music, reflection, prayers. It is presented in a downloadable kit of service components that can be used any Sunday between now and June.

Congregation leaders are encouraged to use as many or as few of these components as they wish to prepare the service.

What's included in the United We Stand Sunday Service kit?

- A Sunday service bulletin
- The text of the reflection/sermon
- The following video pieces, in high resolution:
 - The Welcome video, courtesy of Rev. David Sherwin
 - Videos of a bagpiper providing music for prelude and postlude
 - A Children's Time
 - A reflection, courtesy of Rev. Andrew Love
 - A reflection prayer, courtesy of Rev. Steve Moore
 - An MHI presentation describing MHI and Veterans' House
 - A multifaith pastoral prayer

When will the United We Stand Sunday Service kit be ready?

Check out the EOORC website on Friday, October 3rd for all the pieces that are fully complete to date. Go to www.eoorc.ca under "resources" and look for the "United We Stand" sub-menu on Friday! We hope this service provides a meaningful approach for your church to support homeless veterans. Please contact Sue Smarkala with any questions or requests: 613-820-4360, sue.smarkala@gmail.com.



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HELEN DAVIES, wife of the Rev. Harold Davies of Perth suffered a fall last week and passed away on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Many of you know Harold from his 60+ years as a United Church minister. Helen was known better in Ottawa circles as the Secretary of Ottawa Presbytery for many years. Together their ministries have reached many parts of Canada and have touched the lives of countless people. [Obituary](#)



YAYA CHECK-IN RE-ZOOMS

If you or a young person you know of would like a place to chat, hang-out, check-in and see friends from across the region, send them the info for our ZOOM Youth Group, Starting Thursday September 24th at 5:00 pm EST.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84246314797>



EOORC Annual Meeting

We are in this together

October 16 -17, 2020

Two afternoon online sessions

[Register here](#)

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Christmas Wreath



**Trinity United Church Women
Fundraiser**

18" Fresh Balsam Wreath

Pre-order by October 30th
by emailing
trinitysfundraising@gmail.com
or by calling
Sharon at 613-283-6923

More details on dropping off money or pick-up
will be given when you call or by return email
Pick-up date is December 1st.

\$25.00



Join the Centre for Christian Studies for CCS Fridays—online conversations to help us all to respond faithfully to emerging issues in local contexts. These workshops are open to anyone who might be interested. Each session will be on a Friday from 12:00 to 1:00 CT and in the form of a Zoom workshop. There will be a presentation that will be recorded for future viewing, plus opportunities to engage with the ideas in small groups. The first

CCS Friday is on the topic “Imagine Church Differently: What is church when we can’t gather?” It will be an exploration of ecclesiology and the implications of what we believe about church. **October 9, 2020 12:00 noon Central Daylight Time (US and Canada).** Please [register in advance](#) for this meeting (no fee, donations gratefully accepted) and join us to imagine church differently.



A MESSAGE AND INFORMATION FROM THE OTTAWA PASTORAL CARE TRAINING PROGRAM (OPCTP)
In May, our Advisory Board made the decision that, until further notice, our mailouts to churches, institutions and individuals on our mailing list will be done via email (rather than postal mail as in the past) and our courses, workshops and events will be delivered virtually through Zoom. Read [more](#).

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WOODWARK STUDENT BURSARY

The Woodwark Student Bursary Fund was established in 1976 by the Reverend Ken Woodwark and his wife Ida in memory of their parents George and Emma Woodwark and George and Katie McDowell. Reverend Woodwark was a Minister at Woodroffe United Church in Ottawa.

OBJECTIVE

- To provide awards of money (approximately \$1000 per year but could be more or less depending on the number of successful applicants) to one or more candidates who are undertaking full-time studies directed toward full-time service in the United Church of Canada.
- Consideration shall not be limited to candidates for the ordained ministry of the Church.
- Any candidate whose objective is full-time service in the United Church of Canada will be considered.
- Preference will be given to those candidates from the Ottawa area or from Eastern Ontario.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Interested students should send a letter of interest accompanied by a CV to: Treasurer, Woodroffe United Church, 207 Woodroffe Avenue Ottawa, ON K2A 3V1 treasurer@woodroffeunited.org

FUNDRAISING DURING COVID-19 – SHARING IDEAS

Many communities of faith have had to make major changes to their typical fundraising strategies during COVID-19. With social distancing policies still in place as the fall season of church suppers and Christmas bazaars approaches, this is likely to require even more creative thinking.

Is your community of faith exploring any new fundraising strategies during COVID-19? Do you have any creative ideas or success stories you would like to share? The more we can learn from each other's experiences, the more we can help each other adapt and even flourish during these challenging times. If you have any stories you would like to share, please send them to Jane Dawson (jdawson@united-church.ca) or Anita Jansman (ajansman@united-church.ca) by October 13th and they will be printed in the October 14, 2020 EOORC newsletter. Keep your text brief (about 250 words). Photos, links and contact information are also welcome.



NEWS FROM THE GENERAL COUNCIL OFFICE



E-ssentials

The September 22, 2020 issue of [Essentials](#) and the September 29, 2020 of [Essentials](#) are now available.



United in Learning

Distance learning for church leaders

United-in-Learning has several new courses beginning this fall. [More information](#)

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