



EOORC News

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

EDITOR'S NOTE

PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMUNICATIONS SURVEY

PLEASE READ: I'm conducting a **Communications Survey** for the EOORC and hope that you take a few minutes to give me your thoughts about the Communications services offered. You can find the survey [here](#). The information you provide will help me in improving the communications throughout the EOORC in 2021. It will only take you about five minutes. Thank you.

Since this is the last issue of EOORC News for 2020, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and safe Christmas. I look forward to seeing you in 2021!

Joy and blessings. Stay healthy. Stay safe.

Anita ajansman@united-church.ca

COVID-19 AND CHRISTMAS by Whit Strong, Pastoral Relations

Just a reminder to all our Communities of Faith that we are in a time of rising COVID-19 infection rates. With Christmas approaching, the urge is strong to revert to our "normal" church routine of socializing, concerts, singing of hymns and carols, Christmas concerts, and the like. Yet our local Health Units are reminding us that we need to continue to be vigilant as it is so easy to unknowingly transmit the COVID-19 virus even when we think we are being so careful. Please don't put our children and elderly at risk of infection.

It has been a challenging year for all our congregations, but now is not the time let down our guard. There are ways to celebrate the Advent and Christmas season in safe ways. Be safe. Practice physical distancing. Hold off on singing, socializing, hugs, and handshakes for a little longer! Together, we will come through this pandemic.

QUICK LINKS

- ***** NEW***** [Communications Survey](#)
- ***** NEW***** [Events](#)
- [Pastoral Relations Minutes](#)
- [United We Stand](#)
- [COVID-19 updates](#)

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A FEW MORE REMINDERS, by Whit Strong, Pastoral Relations

GS 81 Extension of Temporary Amendment of Bylaws

re: Pastoral Relations; Temporary Amendment

re: Congregational Annual Meeting

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council:

- a) extend the temporary amendments to pastoral relations policies that were originally adopted in April, 2020;
- b) temporarily suspend the requirement in section B.5.1 of The Manual for congregations or pastoral charges to hold an annual meeting; and
- c) temporarily amend the responsibility of the congregation or pastoral charge to make a decision on their annual draft budget by allowing the governing body of the congregation or pastoral charge to fulfil this responsibility where necessary, and permitted by the regional council. With each of the foregoing to be in effect until June 30, 2021, subject to earlier cancellation or further extension by decision of the Executive or Sub-Executive of the General Council.

Issuing a T4A

A reminder to church treasurers that, if, in 2020 they have paid \$500 or more to any individual for services rendered (custodians, LLWLs, musicians, etc.), that CRA requires that a T4A be issued. The usual T4 slips are issued to those regarded as regular church employees. [Here](#) is what CRA says about issuing a T4A.



THE GIFT OF WORSHIP

The Bittersweet of Christmas - 2020

**A shared MacKay service with friends from St. Paul's-Eastern
and the Virtch community.**

Grief is palpable this year. As we anticipate and enjoy Christmas traditions, we are mindful of all we are missing and grieving in 2020.

Access the [Worship Service](#)

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

See the latest news on
Stewardship and Gifts

[here.](#)

**OTTAWA SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND
SPIRITUALITY**

Winter Courses are starting soon.

See the [course list.](#)

OTTAWA PASTORAL CARE TRAINING PROGRAM

Every second year, we bring in community professionals to present on topics of interest and relevance to pastoral care volunteers. The next 4-week Advanced Course is scheduled to take place on the first four Tuesdays of October 2021. [Read more.](#)

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EOORC YAYA

YAYA ADVISORY GROUP (YAG)

1 MEETING A MONTH - AGES 10-35

PLAN EVENTS - GET CREATIVE - WORSHIP - CREATE COMMUNITY
LAUGH BIG - CELEBRATE DIVERSITY - LOVE LOUD

FOR MORE INFO OR TO CHECK IT OUT
CONTACT: DANA AT
DDUCETTE@UNITED-CHURCH.CA

Youth and Young Adult Advisory Group (YAG)

WE'RE Brand New! And We're looking for your Youth and Young Adults. Got one hour a month? Got an idea for an event or program? YAG brings together the YAYA of EOORC to guide and plan for events and programs (Zoom) for the Region. YAG is open to anyone aged 10-35 and meets for 1 hour once per month.

More Information:

dducette@united-church.ca

Trinity United Church's Holly Jolly Christmas Auction

This online fundraising auction of new items, crafts, art and baking will be held on our Facebook page between **5 p.m. Friday Dec 4th and 5 p.m. Friday Dec 10th** winning items can be picked up on the **11th between 12 noon and 3pm**

[Facebook Page](#)

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NEWS FROM THE GENERAL COUNCIL OFFICE



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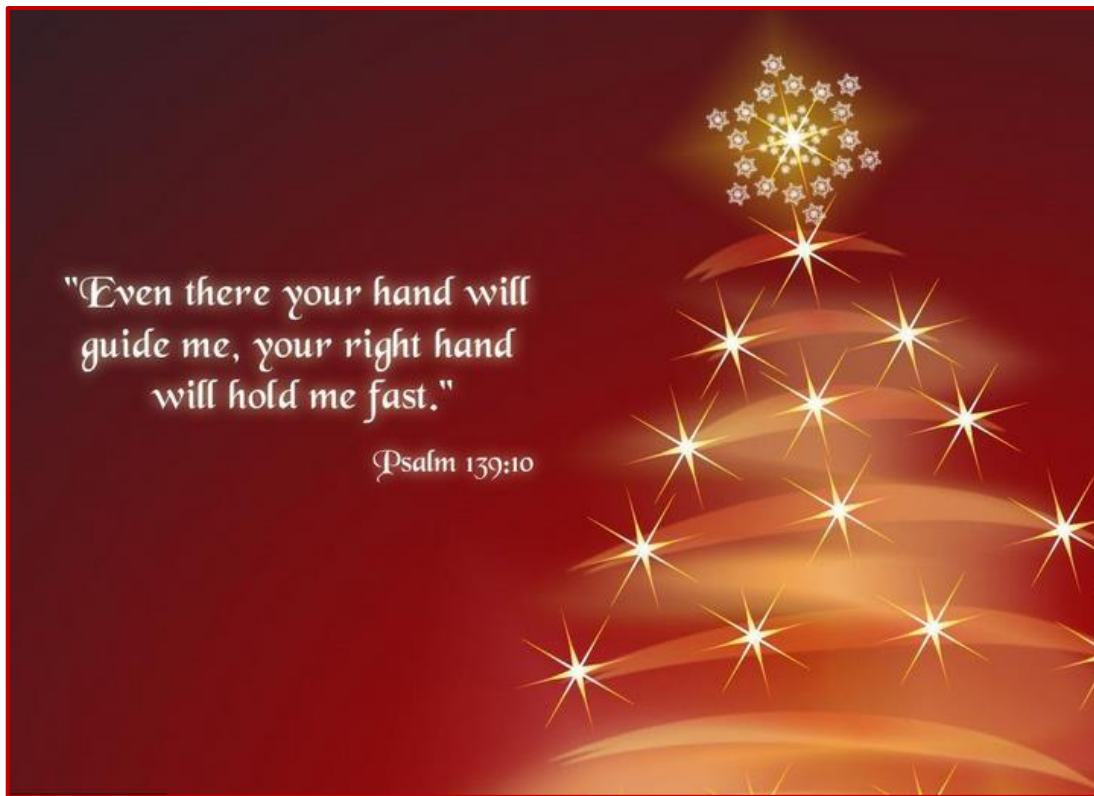
Now available, The December 7 , 2020 issue of [Essentials](#) is available. Read Moderator Richard Bott's Advent Message.



Visit the United In Learning [website](#) for information about upcoming webinars, in particular, [Congregational Finances During the Pandemic](#)

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