



EOORC News

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

EDITOR'S NOTE

Well, we made it through January and now that February is here, bringing with it longer days, a little more sun, and (soon) milder temperatures, we can look forward to a promising spring with news of a vaccine getting closer.

There is lots happening in the EOORC, as you can see from this 5-page newsletter. Read about Confirmation Classes and many other important developments in the EOORC. News of the **2021 Winter Meeting** can be found on page 5.

Stay healthy and hopeful!

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MINIMUM PHONE/COMMUNICATIONS ALLOWANCE *from Rev. Whit Strong*

Motion 19/20-62 "that EOORC PR Commission recommends to the Executive a minimum allowance of one thousand dollars per year (\$1000/yr) for a communications package for all calls and appointments and recommends this amount not be pro-rated."

Please use this as addition supporting information:

- The \$1000/year is a minimum number. It is not to be pro-rated according to the hours of the appointment/call.
- Churches need to realize the fact that having access to internet and Wi-Fi is a necessity and not just because of Covid-19.
- This is something that Liaisons should discuss with search committees.
- There must be a certain level of technical support to encourage ministers to consider applying for a call or appointment.

The unanimous consensus of the Commission was that the recommendation remains at \$1000/yr. for phone/communications.

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CONFIRMATION

Brought to you by The GO Project.

For all communities of faith within Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council.

**FROM FEBRUARY - MAY
AND
SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2021**

EVERY 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
FROM 6:30PM-8:00 PM EST

AGES 13-16

To register and for more info, email Dana Ducette:
DDucette@united-church.ca

[CLICK HERE](#) FOR MORE INFORMATION

SAD NEWS

Roger Dale Roberts, husband of Rev. Shelley Roberts, retired from Lanark & Balderson Pastoral Charge, passed away on January 30, 2021. Read [obituary](#)

Rev. Gordon Oliver Cann passed away on Sunday, January 17, 2021 in Sidney, BC. Gordon served in Ottawa Presbytery a number of years ago and will be remembered by some of the old timers. Could you notify EOORC of this the next time you have messages to send. Read [obituary](#)

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WOMEN FOR CHANGE

We are UCW. As a group together we can fight for change.

Take, for example, the Morogoro project from ten years ago. We set a goal and together we raised five times that goal. The lives of the women in Tanzania may be changed forever. The numbers that passed through the midwives' course surpassed our expectations.

The five-year project to end child poverty in Canada was to raise awareness of the number of children in this country that are living below the poverty line. Groups of women met with legislators across the country giving out our HOPE dolls as a reminder of our project. Letter writing and education helped advance our aims.

At our last National United Church Women's meeting, after a lot of discussion, it was decided to make "Women For Change Zambia" our extra measures project ending with our 60th Anniversary in 2022. "Women For Change Zambia" is a non-governmental organization in rural communities in Zambia. The focus will be on social and economic changes that empower women and children. Established in 1992 women for change, a partner of the United Church of Canada, it has grown into one of the most influential indigenous non-governmental organizations in Zambia. The organization supports girl's education, addresses gender inequalities such as social exclusion and marginalization of women and girls in rural areas.

Together we can- reduce high school girls' dropout rates

- Mobilize women and men; Girls and boys to address inequalities.
- Raise awareness of education as a basic right and an essential strategy to lift women and families out of poverty in rural Zambia.

Together we can make a difference.



Looking for United We Stand Campaign Fundraising Ideas? Here's a winner...

Woodroffe United Church has held several teas in the past few years. We knew we had sandwich makers and bakers at the ready from the congregation. In fact, people were very keen to have

something to do. As we cast about for an idea to raise funds for the *United We Stand* campaign, the "Pandemic Tea In A Box" was born. The box is intended for one person and is priced at \$20. It contains:

- 6 dainty quarter sandwiches
- 2 scones – plain, fancy
- 4 sweets – fancy cookies, tarts, bars
- a pot of lemon curd, a pot of jam
- a tea bag
- a Veterans' House brochure, paper doily, napkin

We sold 125 boxes in a week!! We have created a wait list. The boxes will be picked up by the purchasers from the Church. We will have runners to take boxes to the cars. Timing awaits provincial guidelines that allow us to gather to create the 125 boxes ahead of pick-up times. For information, contact Sue Smarkala at sue.smarkala@gmail.com, 613-820-4360.

WANTED! A CHURCH BELL

We have had an inquiry from one of our rural Communities of Faith asking is any church, presumably those that are being sold, are willing to part with their church bell. This church doesn't have one and would love to be gifted one. If you know of such a bell, please contact [Whit Strong](#).



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UNITED THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

ANGLICAN AND UNITED CHURCH COLLEGES ENTER INTO A STRATEGIC ALLIANCE

Montreal Diocesan Theological College and the United Theological College are entering into a strategic alliance that will deepen and build on their long-standing collaboration in theological education. Following months of discussions among members of the Boards of Governors, the two colleges have begun an 18-month transition period in which they will explore and plan for the formation of a combined Anglican-United college in Montreal. [Read full announcement.](#)

UTC's Board of Governors who are based in the EOORC region. Please feel free to contact any of them for more information about this announcement:

- Patty Evans (paevans2@gmail.com; 905-722-6348)
- Caroline Penhale (ouc.carolinepenhale@rogers.com; 613-292-4801)
- Cindy Casey (cindycaseymtl@gmail.com; 613-697-3541)
- Paul Dillman (rucrev@rogers.com; 613-733-7735)



RURAL MINISTRY NETWORK

Upcoming Workshop

**Ashes and Resurrection:
How are COVID days shaping
us for Newness?**

[More information](#)

Conflict Management and Resolution Workshop – The Montreal School of Theology

February 12, 2021

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

[More information](#)



FOR THERE IS ALWAYS LIGHT

Emmanuel United Church's sign lit up last week with poet Amanda Gorman's inspiring words.

"The new dawn blooms as we free it.
For there is always light,
if only we're brave enough to see it.
If only we're brave enough to be it."

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EOORC 2021 VIRTUAL WINTER MEETING

Join colleagues and friends in the spirit of camaraderie to participate in one of three sessions and to engage with each other while we discuss how to go about the business of “being a church” during this prolonged crisis. This is a chance to enjoy, learn and engage.

The three session topics are:

- mental health
- theology, technology and beyond in the EOORC
- becoming an inclusive/affirming regional council.

There will also be a group session, led by Rev Rosemary Lambie on how Pastoral Charges should conduct their annual meetings this year.

REGISTRATION WILL OPEN SOON!

SAVE THE DATE

EOORC 2021 Virtual Winter Meeting

February 27, 2021

9 a.m. - 12 noon



NEWS FROM THE GENERAL COUNCIL OFFICE



E-ssentials

The February 2, 2021 issue of [E-ssentials](#) is available. Watch a video about Nancy Oliver-Mackenzie discussing the history of Montreal's Union United Church.



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