



EOORC News

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

EDITOR'S NOTE

There's lots going on at the EOORC! This newsletter is chock full of interesting events and resources. Please be sure to share this information with people in your Community of Faith who may not have access to this.

I want to remind you again that you can still submit your events to ["Add A Community Event"](#) on our website, even if the event is online. For the location field, enter the word, *online*. Please make use of this useful resource. Also, check [Upcoming Events](#) to find out what's happening.

Stay healthy and hopeful!

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QUICK LINKS

- ***** New *****
[Cluster/Network Events](#)
- ***** New ***** [Pastoral Relations Minutes](#)
- ***** New ***** [Executive Minutes](#)
- [Online Worship Services](#)

COVID-19 UPDATES

Opening for Worship With the ongoing presence of the COVID-19 pandemic, many Communities of Faith are asking advice concerning whether or not they should plan to reopen for in-person worship and, if they reopen, what guidelines need to be followed that this may be done safely. [Read more](#)

Returning to Work Some questions have been raised around COVID-19 and the return-to-work expectations. These are the answers supplied through consultation with our legal team. Where specific references are made to Ontario health care directives, provinces are asked to consult their provincial public health publications. [Read more](#)

See all COVID-19 updates for EOORC [here](#).

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PHONE/COMMUNICATION ALLOWANCES FOR MINISTRY PERSONNEL by Rev. Whit Strong

A reminder to all Communities of Faith that it is our policy to include a Phone/Communication Allowance of \$1000/year to all new calls and appointments.

As well, I would strongly encourage all congregations with Ministry Personnel in **existing calls** to review the amount that they have included in their annual budgets for ministerial phone/communication allowance. Congregations often expect their ministers to be available outside of normal hours, especially for matters of pastoral care, and this usually means that Ministry Personnel are expected to carry a cell phone. This has been most evident during these pandemic times when access to a church office has been difficult, and many of our ministers are being expected to use their personal home and cell phones for church business... a cost that has been borne by them alone. I strongly encourage all M&P Committees recognize the need for financial compensation for use of personal phones, and take the opportunity to recommend to their board/council to include this in the annual budget.

NEW STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM: CALLED TO BE THE CHURCH: THE JOURNEY

To support the mission of your community of faith, as you dive into the vital work of stewardship, we are excited to announce the newest, most comprehensive approach to stewardship training: **Called to Be the Church: The Journey**; a series of tailored and topical modules with coaching and ongoing support to meet your stewardship needs.

Called to Be the Church: The Journey module 1 is set to launch in your region in Early May!

Module 1: Stewardship Best Practices consists of four 2-hour online sessions to dive into these vital best practices:

- Claim Your Mission –it is really why people give to you
- Cultivate Generosity –practical ways to increase giving
- Create A Culture of Gratitude –saying thank-you is critical
- Stewardship Is Discipleship –integrating stewardship in your spiritual growth programming

Module 1 also includes a **Stewardship Analysis report**, customized with your community of faith's giving and stewardship data. Along with ongoing coaching and support after the four classes, the recommendations in the report will help you set solid, achievable, stewardship next steps.

Sound interesting?? **Wondering what to do next?**

1. Start gathering your team of three participants (plus the minister!)
2. **Subscribe** to the monthly e-newsletter, [God's Mission-Our Gifts](#)
3. Contact [Roger Janes](#) for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS FROM THE MINISTER SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES OF FAITH, CLUSTERS AND NETWORKS

1. Right Relations Network(ing)
2. Doing a New Thing: Sharing Stories about Innovative Ministry
3. EOORC Faith and Ecology Study Group: Reading Mark Ecologically

[More Information](#)

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS FROM PASTORAL RELATIONS

1. The Ministry and Personnel Committee
2. Discerning the Path Ahead: Choosing between life and death
3. Healthy Church, Happy Church: Bridges and Roadblocks to Good Communication

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RURAL MINISTRY NETWORK

Winter 2021 Newsletter
is [now available](#)

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YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT NEWS by Dana Ducette, Minister, Youth and Young Adults

New Regional Sunday School Coordinator

Kate Hubble has joined us on a contract basis to host a weekly EOORC Sunday School program for 30 minutes on *Facebook Live*. She will also be contacting Pastoral Charges to learn about what's happening in Sunday Schools in the EOORC and offer support.

Kate earned her Early Childhood Education Diploma from Algonquin College and is currently the Director of the North Gower Cooperative Nursey School, in North Gower. Her wealth of experience working with children along with her training in "First Words, Kindermusik and American Sign Language" will be a benefit to us.

Kate and her family are active members of South Mountain United Church where she has been a contributing member of the UCW and choir and co-implemented *Messy Church*. Along with leading Sunday School, she volunteers with House of Lazarus and is the Secretary of the North Dundas Auxiliary Fire Department (station 2). Contact [KATE](#) and [Visit](#) the EOORC SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 a.m. each Sunday

Regional Confirmation Classes

Session Two: Sunday, March 18th from 6:30p.m. – 8:00p.m.

Contact [Dana](#) for more information and Zoom link.

Camp Awesome Staffing

Camp Awesome 2021 will be offered online only.

We will know in early May the number of positions we are able to hire.

Please watch the Camp Awesome [website](#) for updates.

General Council Pilgrims

The General Council Youth Forum Committee is finalizing details for the GC44/45 Pilgrims program. All details and updates will be on the EOORC website when they are available. If you know of a youth between the ages of 15-19 interested in learning more, please contact [Dana](#).

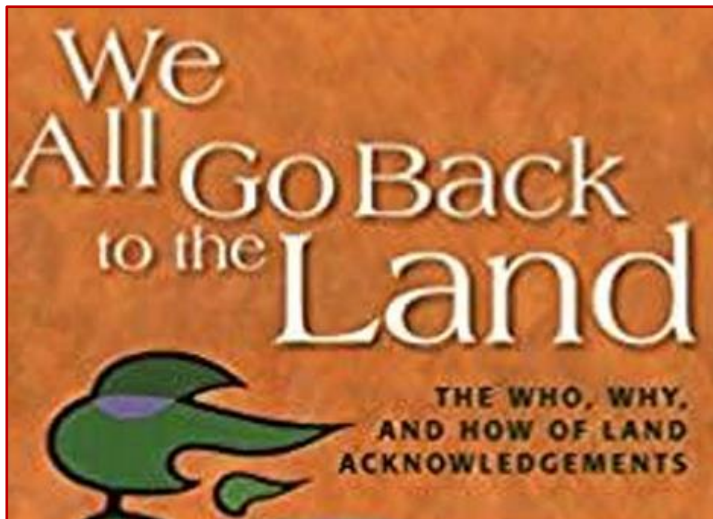
LIGHT A CANDLE ON APRIL 8TH

to support the guaranteed livable income movement



On Thursday, April 8, at 12:30pm, on the eve of the Liberal National Convention, the United Church of Canada will be inviting Canadians across the country to light a candle in support of a guaranteed livable income, often referred to as the guaranteed basic income. The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed the cracks in our socio-economic situation and presents a unique opportunity to make an important social policy change to ensure greater income security for all Canadians.

[More information](#)



GLEBE UNITED CHURCH AND THE EOORC

present a workshop on land acknowledgments,

April 7, 2021

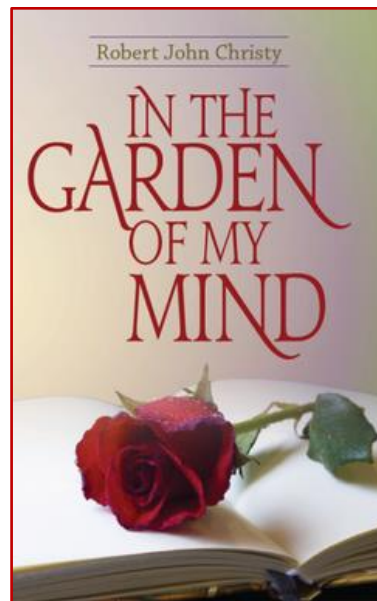
[More information and to register](#)

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TRAUMA INFORMED MINISTRY, A PRIMER FOR MINISTERS AND MINISTRIES by Diane J. Strickland

Long before the pandemic landed, I started an article that made the case ministry was “marinating in trauma” and it was time to consider using a trauma-informed model in our ministries. I made it more than an article once we were up to our necks in pandemic challenges of every size and kind. Then I promised myself it would cost my colleagues under \$20 and include both a PDF and an ePub version. Learn more about the context and content in the 7-minute YouTube [video](#). My goal is to provide trauma information, theological exploration and ministry principles you can use every day to be more effective in caring for others as well as yourself. For ordering information, group licence options, and other questions, email yoursstoryissafehere@yahoo.com.



New book of poetry from EOORC Member, Riverside UC, Bob Christy. [More information](#)

MULTIFAITH WEBINAR TO STOP UYGHUR GENOCIDE

Monday, March 22, 2021
[More Information](#)



The
Dementia Society
Ottawa and Renfrew County

The Canadian Institute for Health Information reports that unpaid caregivers of people living with dementia are more likely (45%) to experience distress than caregivers of other seniors (26%). As the Ottawa and Renfrew County dementia support organization, we're receiving many calls from distressed people attending to those with memory troubles. So we're calling into the community, to offer help.

Our FREE programs and services include:

- **Make a Connection, Take a Break.** We connect people with memory issues with a trained volunteer via phone or video chat. There is also an in-person program for the deeply isolated with no technical capabilities. The virtual/phone option has been very well received by our matches. [More information](#)
- **Online/virtual learning, recreational opportunities, and support groups.** [More information](#)

Access to all our programs and support is as easy as a [phone call or email](#).

For more information, contact: [Dorian Brown](#), Program Outreach Coordinator, The Dementia Society of Ottawa and Renfrew County

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**INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE
ELIMINATION OF RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION
IN THE EOORC**



[More information and to register](#)

OTTAWA PASTORAL CARE
SERVING OTTAWA AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS

CONTINUING EVENTS SPRING 2021

Hold Space for the Grief of
Young Adults and Adolescents

Pastoral/Spiritual Care Team
Coordinators' Event

For more information and to register, visit the
OTCTP [website](#).

This Changes Everything

The Peacebuilding Power of Scripture Telling



Festival of
BIBLICAL
Storytelling

Celebrating and practising the transformative art and
discipline of telling Christian scripture **by heart**.

THIS SPRING, APRIL 9-11, 2021

Every year, storytellers from across Canada gather to hone their skills
and build their repertoire. This ecumenical festival is a place where
those new to telling scripture by heart can get started - and those who
are experienced can further their skills - all in a supportive environment.

THE NETWORK OF BIBLICAL STORYTELLERS OF CANADA
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LEADERSHIFT

[More information and to register](#)

NEWS FROM THE GENERAL COUNCIL OFFICE

A Cross-Canada Day of Prayer for Hong Kong on March 21. We invite churches to participate in a day of prayer for peace and justice to transform Hong Kong and to join others across Canada in an evening prayer gathering. [More information](#)



E-ssentials

The [March 9th](#) and [March 16th](#) issue of *Essentials* are available and offer resources for the [International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination](#).



United In Learning is offering a series of different workshops and learning opportunities this spring [here](#).

JOIN THE EOORC FACEBOOK GROUP AND FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

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