



# EOORC News

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

### EDITOR'S NOTE

Thanks to everyone who attended the 2021 Winter Meeting, which was held virtually last Saturday. Overall, the meeting was a success despite there being a few technical glitches along the way. It seems we are getting better at these online meetings – but that doesn't mean we will never meet in person again! Look at the last two pages of this newsletter for some pictures of the event.

I want to remind you 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 Upcoming Events \\*\\*\\*](#)
- [2021 EOORC Winter Meeting Resources](#)
- [Online Worship Services](#)
- [Confirmation Classes](#)
- [COVID-19 updates](#)

### CONGREGATIONAL PASTORAL CARE TEAM – A ZOOM CONVERSATION

For the past year, the Pastoral Care Teams of our congregations throughout EOORC have been providing a vital ministry. But where are the members of the Pastoral care Teams getting support and encouragement?

I am inviting the Chair/Coordinator of each of the congregational Pastoral Care Teams in EOORC to join me for an initial Zoom conversation **Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> (1:30pm)** to discuss how we might care and support those who offer pastoral care within their congregation.

If you are interested, please contact Rev. Whit Strong at [wstrong@united-church.ca](mailto:wstrong@united-church.ca) for further information.

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Greening Sacred Spaces Ottawa Presents:

# ASK THE EXPERTS: PART 2

AVAILABLE FUNDING FOR YOUR FAITH COMMUNITY IN 2021

## SPEAKERS:

**Harnoor Boparai**

Energy Solutions Consultant  
at Enbridge

**ENBRIDGE**

**Kristina Keilty & Stuart Dobson**

Program Manager (SBL)  
at Save on Energy

**SAVE ON ENERGY**  
POWER WHAT'S NEXT

**Stephen Collette**

Building Grants Manager  
for Faith & the Common Good  
/ Faithful Footprints

**Faithful Footprints**  
Ideas, tools & grants to help us live our climate commitments

**Robert Edwards**

Business Advisor at  
Independent Electricity  
System Operator (IESO)

**ieso**  
Connecting Today.  
Powering Tomorrow.

March 16th  
2 PM EST

Register Now!

Faith & the  
Common Good

Greening Sacred Spaces

[More information and to register](#)

**THE QUEBEC AND EAST ONTARIO CANDIDACY BOARD** is hosting an online event for those who are on the Candidacy Pathway

If you are an inquirer or candidate, we would love the chance to get to know you a little better in an informal setting. This event will be on Wednesday March 17th at 4 pm. There will be conversation, reflection and prayer. You are also welcome to bring any questions you have for the Candidacy Board.

The Zoom space will open at 3:45 pm and the event will be from 4pm-5 pm.

These are the connection instructions:

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82432879268>

Meeting ID: 824 3287 9268

You can also connect by telephone by dialling your local Zoom number and entering the Meeting ID

*We hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Natalie Matkovsky at [eglise.grace.minister@gmail.com](mailto:eglise.grace.minister@gmail.com).*

Office of / Bureau de la  
**vocation**

### OFFICE OF VOCATION: REMEDIAL COMMITTEE (3 VACANCIES)

The Remedial Committee is seeking new members, lay people or ministry personnel. **At this time, the committee is currently seeking individuals who are racialized and living in Quebec**, who have work or lived experience in marginalized or diverse environments or have a background in diversity and equity. [More information](#)

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## VETERANS' HOUSE SPECIAL SERVICE AT BARRHAVEN

EOORC is aiming to raise \$150,000 in support of the United We Stand Multifaith Housing Initiative's Veterans' House. As you may remember, a **special service** was prepared for all EOORC United Churches to use to raise awareness of Veterans' House.

On Sunday, January 24, 2021 Barrhaven United Church gathered virtually for our special **United We Stand Sunday Service**. The service was amazing! It provided a very powerful message that helped us learn more about veterans' issues, especially the need for affordable supportive housing. The worship service came together easily using the series of videos created collaboratively by EOORC and Multifaith Housing Initiative (MHI). We linked most of the "United We Stand" videos found on the **MHI website** together with recordings of some Barrhaven United based segments to make the service our own.

We chose January 24<sup>th</sup> as the date of our worship service purposefully so that we could celebrate the February 1<sup>st</sup> opening of Veterans' House! But that wasn't the start of our journey – we began learning about veterans' issues and Veterans' House itself in November. Centering on Remembrance Week and National Housing Day, we raised up veterans' homelessness by incorporating some of MHI's videos found on YouTube into our worship services and providing information in our congregational newsletter.

Our special "United We Stand" worship service also acted as a kickoff to our capital fundraising campaign to support Veterans House. It is hoped that our congregation will be called to join with others in the Region to make a difference in the lives of veterans by contributing to this campaign.

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

### Announcing a New Stewardship program for Pastoral Charges - **Called to Be the Church: The Journey**

"We are not alone."

These words from A New Creed have gained more meaning than ever due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Worship delivery has changed; pastoral care has changed; everything has changed—and so has *Called to Be the Church* your United Church giving program.

Introducing **Called to Be the Church: The Journey**—tailored and topical modules with coaching and ongoing support to meet your stewardship needs.

**Module 1: Stewardship Best Practices** is rolling out in early 2021.

As part of a small group experience with 2 other communities of faith, over four 2-hour classes, plan your next steps to help your community of faith increase revenue in order to better fulfil your mission.

Don't let your community of faith miss out on this! To find out when **Called to Be the Church: The Journey** modules will be offered in your region, subscribe to the monthly [e-newsletter](#) "God's Mission-Our Gifts" or contact Roger Janes - [rjanes@united-church.ca](mailto:rjanes@united-church.ca) or call (709) 486-3239.

YOU are not alone.

## SURPLUS VIDEO STREAMING EQUIPMENT

Long term loan. Not sure it's giving away, but who knows?

- Intel core i5-4460 computer with Zotac GTX 960 Graphics card running Open Broadcast Software (freeware)
- Windows 10 Pro licenced
- Monitor/Keyboard/Mouse
- Elgato Game Capture HD60 S module

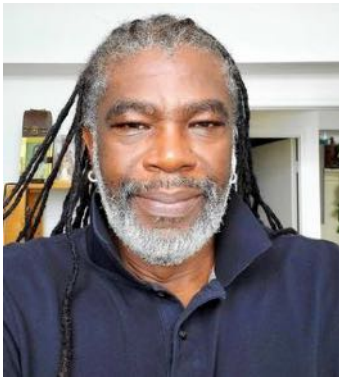
The only major item required is a digital camera that outputs an HDMI signal when recording. The remainder is miscellaneous cables.

For further information, contact Russ Pastuch at

[solvason.pastuch@sympatico.ca](mailto:solvason.pastuch@sympatico.ca)



## NEWS FROM THE GENERAL COUNCIL OFFICE



### Friday Night Lecture: The Rev. Michael Blair:

Becoming the Beloved Community:  
*A Call to Transformative Discipleship.*

[More information](#)



## E-ssentials

The [February 23, 2021](#) and [March 2, 2021](#) issues of *Essentials* are available.

JOIN THE EOORC **FACEBOOK** GROUP AND FOLLOW US ON **TWITTER**

*click on icons*



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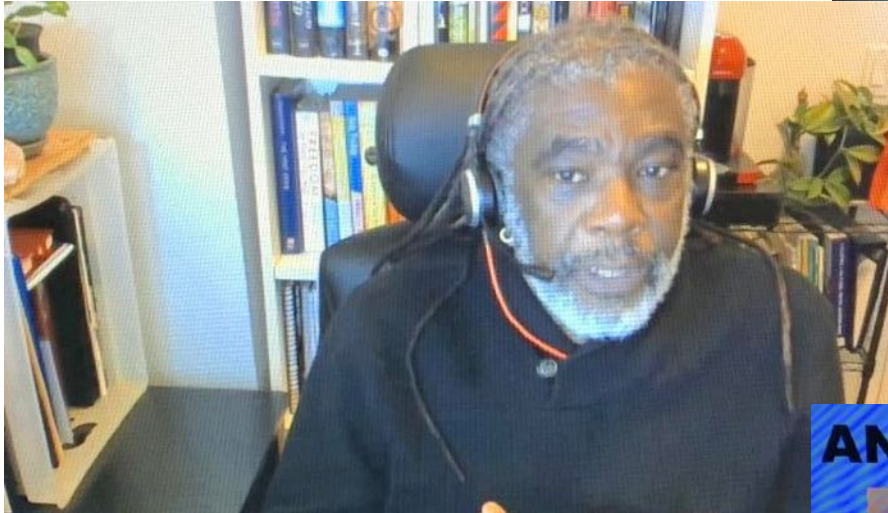
1.  
In you there is a refuge, in you we find our  
peace. When all we know is chaos  
may our trust in you increase.



Singing together



Rev. Takouhi led Opening Worship



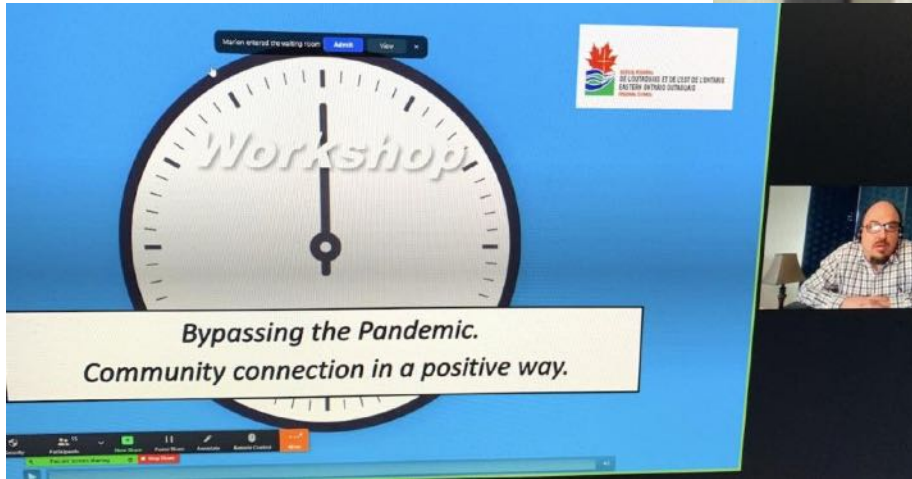
Rev. Michael Blair offered inspiring words



Rev. Rosemary Lambie talked about Annual Meetings

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“Steps to Becoming an Affirming Ministry”



**Phrases Overheard at the  
2021 EOORC Winter Meeting**

- Can everyone hear me?
- You're muted!
- Please turn off your mic
- Put it in the 'chat'
- I can't hear you
- I will share my screen
- Can everyone see this?
- Thank you!



“Cultivating Calm”

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