



EOORC News

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

EDITOR'S NOTE

SAVE THE DATE! Please note on your calendars that the **EOORC Virtual Annual Meeting** will be held May 7th (p.m.) and May 8th (a.m.). More information will be shared soon.

There is still time to [submit](#) your Easter services to Upcoming Events. See what's going on in the EOORC [here](#).

Wishing you a blessed Holy Week and happy Easter Sunday. Stay healthy and hopeful!

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QUICK LINKS

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ANNUAL DECLARATION FOR MINISTRY PERSONNEL

 by Karen Valley, Minister for the Office of Vocation

It's no joke! 2021 annual declarations open April 1st until June 30th. Also no joke: if you make your declaration (about whether you've had criminal charges in the last year or not) each year, you never have to get a police records check again! Plus, it's free and only takes a few minutes, by logging in to www.churchhub.ca (Just remember to use Chrome or Edge as your browser; do not use Safari). Need help accessing ChurchHub? Please contact ministry@united-church.ca

DÉCLARATION ANNUELLE POUR LES PASTEURS ET PASTEURS

Ce n'est pas une farce! Les déclarations annuelles 2021 sont ouvertes du 1er avril au 30 juin. Et ce n'est pas une blague non plus – Si vous produisez tous les ans une déclaration de vérification de vos antécédents judiciaires (que vous ayez fait l'objet ou non d'accusations criminelles au cours de la dernière année), vous n'aurez plus jamais besoin de faire vérifier votre casier judiciaire. De plus, le formulaire est gratuit et n'est pas long à remplir. Il suffit d'ouvrir une session sur www.churchhub.ca (en utilisant le navigateur Chrome ou Edge, mais pas Safari).

Veillez essayer d'accéder au formulaire de déclaration annuelle 2021 en utilisant le portail CarrefourÉglise (ChurchHub). Toutefois, notez que nous avons eu quelques difficultés techniques et il arrive parfois que le formulaire ne soit pas fonctionnel. Si vous éprouvez des difficultés, veuillez nous en faire part en écrivant à ministry@united-church.ca pour obtenir de l'aide.

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**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 the Gospel of Mark Ecologically.

[More Information](#) for all three workshops

**UPCOMING WORKSHOP FROM
PASTORAL RELATIONS**

1. Healthy Church, Happy Church: Bridges and Roadblocks to Good Communication. [More Information](#)
2. Congregational Pastoral Care Team: A Zoom Conversation.

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.

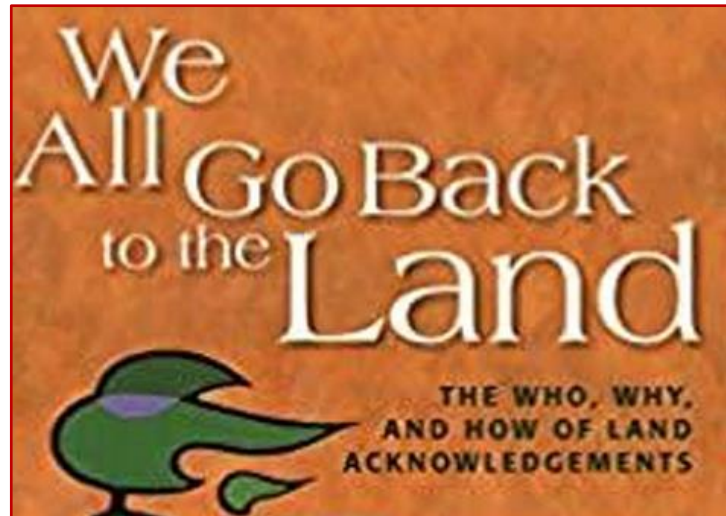
[More information](#)

MUSIC MATTERS APRIL 22-24, 2021

Musicians in Transformation –

an online opportunity to gather and learn together!

Come one, come all! Our annual gathering for Music United will be online this year due to the pandemic. Join us for workshops, worship, a cross-Canada hymn festival, and our Annual General Meeting. Program details below, and registration is through [Eventbrite](#). We're suggesting a contribution of \$50 for the event, with options to pay less or more, according to your circumstance. Once you have registered, you will be sent a Zoom link to attend. See you on Zoom! [More information.](#)

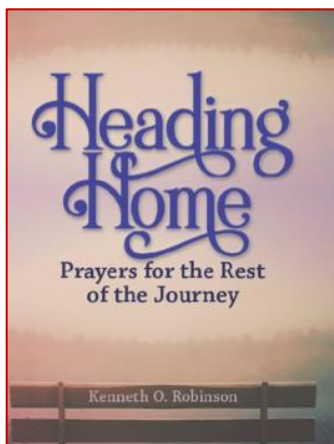


GLEBE UNITED CHURCH AND THE EOORC

present a workshop on land acknowledgments,

April 7, 2021

[More information and to register](#)



New book of prayers written by EOORC Member, Ken Robinson. Order your copy [here](#).



THE ROCK

CAMP LAU-REN NEWSLETTER

The Spring 2021 issue of *The Rock* is now [available](#).

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DISCERNING THE PATH AHEAD: CHOOSING BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH

This [video](#) is a recording of the March 24, 2021 Zoom workshop, which includes looking at the positive traits of a congregation that lead to new life, and the negative traits that lead to decline. Also in the Zoom video is an overview of various options that Communities of Faith have that might enable them to continue local ministry despite declining numbers and revenue. Communities of Faith are encouraged to contact [Rev. Whit Strong](#) if they want to talk more specifically about their particular situation.

There is hope...

- if we are willing to think in new ways
- if we are willing to embrace new ideas
- if we are willing to trust in God
- if we let the Spirit support us in all that we do Christ's people



REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM MUNSTER UNITED CHURCH

The City of Ottawa has contacted our Church (Munster United) regarding the possible need for a backflow valve on the municipal water supply line. There is a risk assessment to be done by a Professional Engineer or a plumber with certain qualifications. (Backflow@ottawa.ca)

In order to respond to this, I would need access to a CSA Standard to review criteria, but it costs \$184 and is not available at the library. Have other Churches been contacted about this? Most of those that I have spoken to were not aware of the program.

If anyone can help us to quickly complete the request, please contact Rorry Harding: rorry.harding@gmail.com



REV DR KEN MICKLETHWAITE

We are sad to announce the death of Rev. Dr. Ken Micklethwaite at the age of 102 in Ottawa on March 15, 2021. Ken was ordained into the Methodist Church of England in 1949, and ministered to St. Anne's in Bristol and the Manchester Central Mission, before emigrating to Canada to become a United Church minister. He served the congregations of Crossfield and Madden in Alberta, St. Paul's in Brandon, Manitoba., MacKay in Ottawa (Minister Emeritus) and Olivet in Hamilton, Ontario. His favourite hymn, "Great is Thy Faithfulness" was sung at his funeral. In June 2019, Rev. Micklethwaite was featured in the [Ottawa Citizen](#), when at age 100 he participated in D-Day commemoration.



FREE CHAIRS

City View United Church has 35 office chairs in great condition, looking for a new home.

Interested? Contact the church office
Monday to Friday 9 a.m. – noon AND 1 – 4 p.m. on
Wednesdays and Thursdays

Mary Lynne Harvey, Church Administrator
City View United Church Tel: 613-224-1021, Ext. 21
cvuc@bellnet.ca

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NEWS FROM THE GENERAL COUNCIL OFFICE



e-ssentials

The [March 23](#) issue and the [March 30](#) issue of *Essentials* is available and offers an invitation to Moderator Richard Bott's Good Friday Service and his Easter Message.



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

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click on icons



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