



# EOORC News

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

### EDITOR'S NOTE

Registration for the EOORC 2021 Annual Meeting is open until Wednesday May 5<sup>th</sup> and we invite all clergy and lay representatives with voting rights to join us at this online meeting.

If you're a member of the EOORC but don't have voting rights, you can still attend! Go [here](#) for more information. See you at the meeting!

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### QUICK LINKS

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- [Nomination Forms](#)

**EOORC** Online  
**2021 Annual Meeting**  
*"Rooted in Love"*  
Friday May 7, 2 - 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday May 8, 9:30 - noon

[MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER](#)

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Wednesday May 5<sup>th</sup>!

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## EOORC UCW ANNUAL MEETING



### “Embracing Change”

Wednesday May 5, 2021

9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Via ZOOM

Please register with Carolle Dallas Arbuckle

at [cdallas@ripnet.com](mailto:cdallas@ripnet.com)

no later than April 28 2021, for the Zoom link



### HAVE YOU ELECTED YOUR LAY REPS? GO TO CHURCHHUB!

If your Pastoral Charge and Communities of Faith have elected Lay Representatives for this year, please go to [ChurchHub](https://ChurchHub.com) and update your records.

It's important to keep this information up to date in ChurchHub because that is where we go to find contacts for Communities of Faith. Also, Lay Rep information will be collected from ChurchHub for the *EOORC Directory of Pastoral Charges and Lay Representatives* which will be updated later this year.



### BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH

#### Rain Barrel Fundraising Sale

Proceeds to FAMSAC food cupboard.

[More information](#)



### UPDATE ON THE UNITED WE STAND VETERANS' HOUSE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

At the recent Multifaith Housing Initiative's 2021 Annual General Meeting, our United We Stand Campaign was mentioned in glowing terms during the "Year in Review" portion of the agenda. EOORC has raised \$83,807 to date and we still have 2 and a half more months to meet our \$150,000 goal. Remember, the Commissionaires Ottawa will match all our donations up to \$150,000.

Veterans' House is slowly filling up: 20 tenants to date with 15 applicants in the process of applying. COVID has presented a number of challenges to 'rent up'. Still, people are being housed. The tenants are talking about holding a barbeque to thank people who have made their housing possible.

Lastly, the federal and provincial governments recently announced their investment of \$1.5M in Veterans' House. MHI now expects to cross the finish line to raise the full \$11.5M by the end of June 2021 – providing all expected pledges come in, and ongoing smaller campaigns are successful. To see the latest news about Veterans' House, visit [here](#) for a video tour of the premises and see some of our quilts!



# ChurchHub

## LOOKING FOR HELP TO COMPLETE YOUR 2021 ANNUAL DECLARATION?

The Office of Vocation Ministers are hosting several sessions over the coming weeks to provide assistance and walk you through the process.

These sessions will be on Zoom on the following dates:

Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm

Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm

Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm

Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm

Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 1 pm

Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm

Remember to have the date of your most current police records check handy and be [logged in](#) to our ChurchHub account.

It's free and only takes a few minutes by logging in to 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](mailto:ministry@united-church.ca)

## Stewardship Training and Support for your Community of Faith Called to Be the Church: The Journey

The road to better stewardship and increased generosity does not have to be stormy!  
*Called to Be the Church: The Journey* can help you increase revenue in order to better fulfil your Mission!

Module 1 is set to launch in the EOORC on **Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

**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 and achievable next steps.



## ATLANTIC SCHOOL of THEOLOGY

You are invited to participate in a research project on BI-VOCATIONAL MINISTRY & PART-TIME MINISTRY in the United Church of Canada. If you are in one of these groups of clergy: ORDAINED, DIACONAL, DESIGNATED LAY MINISTER (Including retirees and candidates in each stream) AND YOU ARE

- A. In full-time call or appointment and have another activity/occupation that uses 7-10 hours per week on average (paid or unpaid) **OR**
- B. Are in part-time appointment or call (including shared ministries where the individual has calls/appointments in two or more separate communities of faith). Go to this [link](#) to learn more and complete a survey.

This is an independent research project not associated with the United Church General Council office or any department or body. All data gathered will be randomized, securely stored, and destroyed following the project. The survey is being managed by Narrative Research of Halifax under the highest industry standards. Survey questions were approved by the Research Ethics Board of the Atlantic School of Theology. The results will be shared in a variety of locations without identifying participants.



## CENTRE FOR CHRISTIAN STUDIES

*Imagine Church Differently*

**CCS Fridays** are online conversations to help people of faith respond to emerging issues in local contexts. **Each session is from 12:00 to 1:00 CT** and in the form of a Zoom workshop. There will be a presentation that will be recorded for future viewing, plus opportunities to engage with the ideas in small groups. **Sessions are open to all and are free but you must [register](#).**

**Join in on April 30 for “How It Ends”, a reading by playwright Debbie Patterson.** “How It Ends” is an immersive, interactive dance/theatre piece, produced in Winnipeg in 2019. It explores end-of-life issues, seen through the lens of disability. Playwright Debbie Patterson uses her lived experience of a progressive, debilitating, incurable illness to provide a new understanding of what makes life worth living, the value of suffering and the pleasure of surrendering control.



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### UNITED THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE VIRTUAL CONVOCATION

Wednesday May 5, 2021. 2:00 p.m.

*Cliquez ici pour lire cette invitation en français*

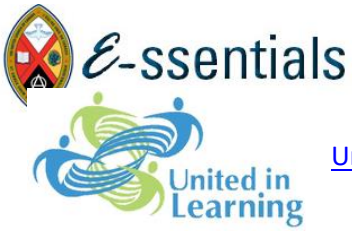
Click [here](#) to register.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information about joining the meeting.

**K.D. Miller** will receive the **Doctor of Divinity (honoris causa)** and will address Convocation

## NEWS FROM THE GENERAL COUNCIL OFFICE

The [April 20<sup>th</sup>](#) and [April 27<sup>th</sup>](#) issues of *Essentials* are now available.



[United-in-Learning](#) is offering the monthly course, *Congregational Finances During the Pandemic*



### GIFTS FOR FAMILIES THIS MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day is filled with so many emotions for many people. Why not mark it with a special gift to the Mission & Service of the United Church for programs that support and strengthen families in need? Watch the [video](#).

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

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