



EOORC News

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The bi-weekly newsletter of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council

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What We Say and How We Say It

A message from the EOORC Executive

With a new year just beginning, we feel this is a good time to remind EOORC members of the importance of communicating with each other in the manner that befits a Christian community. When speaking at meetings, worship services, on the phone, in emails and surveys, honest and respectful communication will always help us achieve our goals more effectively. It is particularly important to be mindful of what we say when so much of what we do at this time is virtual or electronic, and, as such, seems faceless and even anonymous.

The United Church of Canada has adopted **Holy Manners** as a way to effectively support communication within our faith community. *Holy Manners* remind us that we are called into community with God at the centre. It describes healthy ways to speak with each other so that love and respect are first and foremost in our minds. Some of the *Holy Manners* are:

- keep God at the centre of everything we do,
- each speak for ourselves,
- speak for a purpose,
- separate people from problems,
- welcome the conflict of ideas,
- honour the decisions of the body, and
- commit to holding one another to account when we do not keep our holy manners

Holy Manners can be found on p. 192 of the [2022 Manual](#). Please take a few moments to prayerfully reflect on them and consider how we can be a healthy and loving community during these difficult times. Thank you.

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Save The Date Many Gifts, One Spirit

Winter Informational Meeting –
Saturday, February 26, 2022, 9:00 a.m. – noon
Registration will open next week

Investing Through the EOORC

ONE WORKSHOP, THREE DIFFERENT TIMES
January 26th and 27th

The Finance Team and the EOORC Executive have created a vehicle for communities of faith to invest using the Region's consolidated investment fund that has had an excellent rate of return (far better than GIC's) [More information.](#)

EOORC Stewardship Update -- January 2022

God's Mission Our Gifts

Stewardship Team Approves New Mandate

We are not alone. We live in God's world.

The Stewardship Team recognizes *stewardship as a call to partnership*—partnership in ministry with God, our families, our communities, and our world to care for God's creation and all those who inhabit it.

We are called to be the church.

We acknowledge the need *to establish and develop healthy relationships* as the most important part of living out our mission as followers of Jesus. These relationships inspire our generosity and respect, not only toward our neighbours, but also toward creation. Living out our call to mission requires recognizing and sharing our God-given gifts of time, talent, treasure, tissue, and terrain. We give generously because we have received abundantly.

Read the entire Stewardship Update [here](#).



Wonderful News from the Multi-Faith Housing Initiative

Friends, never doubt dreams can come true! We are so excited to reach out to you about our latest affordable housing project and partnership with Dream, a socially and environmentally-focused developer from Toronto. As some of you may have heard on the news today, the National

Commission (NCC) announced that the [Dream LeBreton proposal has been selected to develop the Library Parcel at LeBreton Flats](#) -- and Dream is partnering with Multifaith Housing Initiative! This announcement may come as a surprise to many of you because our board and staff were required to keep all details confidential until the NCC announced the winning bid today.

We know everyone will be excited to support and apply to MHI's next affordable housing project. The building is anticipated to be **ready in 2025** with **move-ins beginning in 2026**, so it will take time before we are able to accept applications.

[Listen](#) to Executive Director Suzanne Le's interview on ALL IN A DAY on CBC Radio.

Read more about the project on [IN THE NEWS](#)

At this time, we wish to thank you, our wonderful supporters, for bringing MHI to this point in our journey as an organization. Who would have thought 20 years ago, that today we would be partnering with a Toronto developer to build a major affordable housing at the historic LeBreton Flats? Thank you for your belief in our mission to provide safe, affordable housing in inclusive communities. It is because of our supporters that we are able to take major strides forward to help bring homelessness to an end in Ottawa.

Best wishes,
MHI staff

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Multi-Faith Housing Initiative Annual Membership

EOORC is a member of MHI and all congregations in the region may join. Organizations, not individuals, are able to become members. Membership is renewed annually beginning in January. The Membership Fee of \$100 can be sent by cheque to Multifaitth Housing Initiative, 404 McArthur Ave, #206, Ottawa, ON K1K 1G8. Please note Membership Fee and the name of your congregation on the Memo line. Payment can also be made on-line by downloading membership [forms](#).

The Annual Membership Fee covers the ongoing costs incurred throughout the year for all five locations: Blake House, the Haven, Kent House, Somerset Gardens, and Veterans' House: the Andy Carswell Building. This is in comparison to the funds raised by the Tulipathon in May where 100% of the proceeds go to rent subsidies.

Membership provides a tangible and visible support for the organization in its mission to provide safe, affordable, well-maintained housing in inclusive communities for those most vulnerable to homelessness. Members receive quarterly updates on MHI and its activities and gives voting privileges to a congregational representative at the AGM.

If you would like a speaker to come and give a presentation with a Q&A, this can be arranged by contacting **Sahada Alolo**, com.engagement@multifaithhousing.ca.

Thank You for your interest and support.
Dianne Cardin, Rev. (retired)
EOOR Liaison to MHI and MHI Patron



THE ROCK

Camp Lau-Ren
[Winter Newsletter 2022](#)
Is now available

The Montreal School of Theology seeks a PROGRAM DIRECTOR for a summer Christian service-learning program for young people between the ages of 18 and 25. [More information](#)

News from the General Council Office



E-ssentials

The January 18th issue of [Essentials](#) and the January 25th issue of [Essentials](#) are now available.



The January 17th issue of [United-In-Learning](#) is available.



Applications are now being accepted by the **Ontario Business Costs Rebate Program**. Eligible businesses required to close or reduce capacity due to the current public health measures put in place to blunt the spread of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 can [apply](#) for the new [Ontario Business Costs Rebate Program](#) starting today.

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