

EOORC News

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

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

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Many Gifts, One Spirit

Please join us to the 2022 Winter Meeting to be held on February 26, 2022, 9:00 a.m. – noon

This meeting will be a time for listening, learning and reflection. You will hear from a variety of people with gifts to share, guided by God's loving spirit. They offer support and strive for harmony for the people and communities in the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council.

MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTER

EOORC MEMBERS WHO NEED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

If you want to attend the meeting but lack the technical ability and/or technology to sign in to Zoom from your home, please contact Anita at: ajansman@united-church.ca or phone 1-800-268-3781 Ext. 6149. Efforts will be made to set you up in a location in your area to ensure you can be there.

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A Call To Healing In Ottawa from First United Church By Sending Light and Healing Energy For A Peaceful End to the Truckers' Protest — We invite all people who seek peace in downtown Ottawa to participate in a collective action initiated by the Healing Pathway group of First United Church, Ottawa, to offer distance light, healing energy and/or prayer to this crisis. Read more here: A Call To Offer Healing in Ottawa



The Private Refugee Sponsor Network (Ontario) is offering a no cost, two-hour online training for sponsors in smaller communities around post-arrival issues.

Register HERE.

For more information contact Barbara Sheffield: b.sheffield@rogers.com



Paid summer internship opportunity for social-justice-minded young adults! The Montreal Mission Internship is a 9-week program for people aged 18 to 25 organised by the Montreal School of Theology. Interns will work at a service organization in Montreal that aligns with their interests and participate in weekly group meetings to learn from one another and reflect on their experiences. More information and apply: HERE.

Wanted - VJs to broadcast Glebe-St. James' (GSJ) Sunday morning Service on-line

Glebe-St. James United Church operates a three-person AV team to produce a live YouTube video stream every Sunday morning. At the present time, we need some additional volunteers to help operate the audio system and be cross-trained on the other positions. Some rudimentary knowledge and hands on experience in audio-video systems would be an asset but is not necessary.

More Information.



CCS Fridays continue in 2022, starting on Friday, February 11 with "Painting Canadian Lives", an online discussion of art and history and learning with artist Kellen Hatanaka. More information on the CCS website. CCS Fridays start at noon Winnipeg time.

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MacKay United Church is Standing Strong Through the Pandemic

Eleanor Dunn tells the story about the ways in which McKay United Church is adjusting throughout the pandemic in its effort to serve the community.

In a recent Globe and Mail article, Marina Glogovac, President and CEO of CanadaHelps, noted the while Canadians are generous in times of crisis, it's hard to keep that going through almost two years of pandemic.

"Sustaining that generosity through a calamity that is now pushing two years is much harder to do," she writes.

How has MacKay United Church fared during this time of sickness, lockdowns, stress and anxiety? While church doors have been closed — apart from a short break from August, 2021 to Christmas Eve, MacKay has adopted new technology to allow it to stream services on its YouTube channel and Facebook page. Since no one has been sitting in the pews for most of the past two years, the ritual of the collection plate has gone by the board. **Read the entire story** here.

News from the General Council Office

General Council 44 is starting this Sunday, February 13th! Here are some ways you can get involved and stay connected.

- 1. From Facebook to YouTube, we have many ways for people to **participate** throughout these next several months of GC44! These options are outlined here.
- 2. If people want to **register to attend online as a visitor**, they can do so <u>here</u>.
- 3. Worship resources for congregations can be found on our website here.
- 4. The latest **General Council news** will be on the home page of our <u>website</u>.

Black History Month Resources. February is Black History Month in Canada, a time to honour the historical and present contributions of peoples of African descent. This could also be a time for congregations to make a commitment to becoming more culturally sensitive, racially inclusive, and justice-conscious.



The February 1st issue of <u>Essentials</u> and the February 8th issuse of <u>Essentials</u> are now available.



The January 31st issue, which includes Winter Programing, of <u>United-In-Learning</u> is available.

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