



EOORC News

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

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

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GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE

We are eager to support your vision!

Once again, the Vision and Transformation Leadership Team of the EOORC is accepting **Grant applications until midnight March 31, 2022**. (The second granting cycle is in the fall with a deadline of October 31, 2022).

Vision and Transformation grants are designed to support Communities of Faith who are seeking to engage in new mission/ministry projects to enhance their presence in the community as well as those discerning their future. Applications are open to a variety of demographic and program areas to facilitate creativity in the local Community of Faith.

Access [information](#) on the fund and [application](#) form

Send questions and completed applications to: visionandtransformationeoorc@gmail.com

As we will not be holding Application Preparation Workshops for this granting cycle, you are welcome and encouraged to reach out to:

Rev. Cindy Casey, Kanata United Church
(cindycasey@kuc.ca 613-697-3541)

Pastor Deb Poirier, Christ Church United
(debbiepoirier@sympatico.ca 613-448-2725)

Reminder about Issuing T4 Slips

Pastoral Charges need to issue a T4A to anyone to whom they have paid \$500 or more in the last calendar year, but that reimbursement for travel IS NOT TO BE INCLUDED in the reported T4A amount.

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Launch of the Housing Matters Network

The Housing Matters Working Team introduced this new network to the attendees at the recent Winter Regional meeting on February 26, 2022.

Our purpose is to provide opportunities for pastoral charges to share ideas about ways to address housing sustainability in their ministry. A complex topic that covers many challenges, we presented two such projects:

- o Rev. David Sherwin, Carleton Place Zion-Memorial United Church, spoke about forming an ecumenical coalition in Carleton Place and provided details about their first project - building a 'tiny house' to add living space in a tight housing market.
- o Luane Doyle presented the 'Surfer Pack Project' which started in Williamstown. The youth of that church saw a way to help their community. They create 'Surfer Packs' for couch surfing youth.

Learn more about each of these projects by viewing our Winter Meeting Presentation [HERE](#).



Doing Ministry Differently!

The newly launched Housing Matters Network invites you to participate in our first, EOORC wide, conversation about housing. As we all know, housing is a complex interplay of many areas of life – affordable housing, transportation, food sustainability, helping folks stay in their homes, supporting homeless youth, etc.

We invite you to join us on either **Thursday, March 17th (from 7:00 to 8:30pm)** OR **Wednesday, March 23rd (from 4:30 to 6:00pm)** to engage with, be inspired by and share the ways ministry is and can be making a difference in our communities when it comes to Housing Matters!

[Click here to register for the March 17th \(7:00 - 8:30pm\) session](#)

[Click here to register for the March 23rd \(4:30 - 6:00pm\) session](#)

Want to share information on a project at these discussions?
Please contact Sue Smarkala at sue.smarkala@gmail.com prior to the gathering



Many Gifts, One Spirit

The 2022 Winter Meeting held on February 26th was a success. If you attended but haven't yet filled out the evaluation, you still can. If you didn't attend and wish to see some of the presentations, they are available. The evaluation and documents can be found [HERE](#).

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Monday March 21, 2022 at 7 p.m.

Gather to reflect, learn, pray and act for the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.
Hear from the Anti-racism and Equity Lead, Adele Halliday.

Questions?

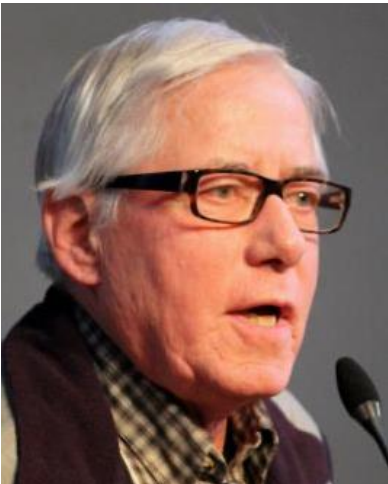
Contact: [Alcris Limongi](#) or [Jenni Leslie](#).

Zoom link [HERE](#)



Welcome Kristy Drost, Camp Director, Camp Awesome

Kristy Drost grew up in rural Eastern Ontario. Her first summer job was working at an overnight United Church camp near Ottawa. It was at camp that she discovered her love for the outdoors and working with children. After graduating from Fleming College, Kristy moved to Southwestern Ontario where she met her husband and started a family. Over the past 15 years, she has been working in outdoor education and camping including directing a year-round children's camp and designing outdoor experiential learning programs at a private school. Now that Kristy has returned home to Eastern Ontario with her family, she is excited to continue sharing her passion and skills as the Director of Camp Awesome. Kristy's email address is: kristy.drost@gmail.com



Rev. Dr. William Phipps

The United Church of Canada grieves the death of the Very Rev. Dr. William Phipps, the denomination's 36th Moderator who faithfully served in this role from 1997 to 2000. Rev. Phipps died on March 4, 2022. A fierce champion for economic and ecological justice, Rev. Phipps was originally trained as a lawyer before becoming an ordained minister. Full [obituary](#).



Rev. Neil Baxter

It is with sadness that we share the news of the death of Rev. Neil Baxter. Ordained in 1972, Rev. Baxter served the United Church in Cumberland, Kenmore, Manotick and Russell. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, March 10th at the Rockland United Church. Visitation will be at the Rockland United Church beginning at 10am, followed by a celebration of his life at 12 Noon. Condolences may be left on the website of the [Theo Brunet & Sons Funeral Home](#).

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Mackay United Church: More Than Just Another Church

By Eleanor Dunn

Mackay United Church’s sanctuary is not just place for worship and prayer. It is also a recording studio, favored by Ottawa musicians for its acoustics.

The latest to use the facility is world-renowned, award-winning guitarist, Roddy Ellias, who makes his home in Ottawa. It’s one more surprise collaboration from the church’s Kindness of Jazz work which is supported by the United Church of Canada and its Eastern Ontario/Outaouais Regional Council.

Last September, Roddy Ellias assembled a “super group” of Canadian and American musicians to lay down tracks for “Not This Room”, a collection reflecting the pandemic experience. A major Canada Council grant made it possible. [Read full story.](#)

News from the General Council Office

The United Church of Canada Survey

The United Church of Canada is conducting a research survey to better understand the opinions and perceptions of our community on a variety of topics, including our communications. Your feedback and insights will be critical in helping The United Church of Canada and we would very much appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey. Take the survey in [English](#). Take the survey in [French](#).

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The March 8th edition of [E-ssentials](#) is now available and offers information about the Ukrainian Appeal.

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