



**CONSEIL RÉGIONAL  
DE L'OUTAOUAIS ET DE L'EST DE L'ONTARIO  
EASTERN ONTARIO OUTAOUAIS  
REGIONAL COUNCIL**

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Dear EOORC Friends,

The past few weeks we have found ourselves reeling from the news of what is occurring in Ukraine. For many of us the question has been, “How can we help?”

Without doubt the response to such a question will evolve over the next several months. In the meantime, we want to assure you that your Eastern Ontario-Outaouais Regional Executive and Communities of Faith from a variety of geographic points are seeking ways to answer that very important question, “**How can we help?**”

We want to ensure that the EOORC can respond from Addison to Arnprior; Chelsea to Chesterville; Denbigh to Deep River; Mallorytown to Merrickville; Rideau Ferry to Roebuck as well as from downtown Ottawa or its many suburbs!

To facilitate our response--including partnering with sister churches beyond our own United Church--and to create opportunities for everyone to participate in their unique way, we are creating a space on our EOORC website [HERE](#).

You will find links to various resources and organizations to find out:

- How to join in advocating for Ukraine, offering support for those seeking refuge, or for the ongoing support and care of **all** refugees-- not only from Ukraine, but the many other places in the world where the reaching hand of love, care, peace, justice, and hope is so desperately needed.
- Where Communities of Faith are holding fundraising events or financial campaign to help support humanitarian efforts through established networks: This site will provide a space for Communities of Faith to share their event information and be a way for other Communities of Faith, whose volunteer, leadership, or facility resources may be limited, to participate.
- What is needed to lend support:
- Ways to support Ukrainian Churches in with the Region as they lead the efforts for the Ukrainian people.

This is an opportunity to seek new partnerships within the United Church Eastern Ontario-Outaouais Region to identify ways in which we can provide support for the people of Ukraine, whether at home, in neighbouring countries, or here in our Region. **If you would like to contribute information to the site, please email us at: [oorcukraineresponse@gmail.com](mailto:oorcukraineresponse@gmail.com)**

In addition to the creative, unique, and responsive ways that unfolding across the region, there are a number of Canadian organizations available to receive financial donations for humanitarian efforts. These include The United Church of Canada, which is in working in partnership with ACT Alliance and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. UCC has joined the Humanitarian Coalition to call on Canadians to show tangible support for the people of Ukraine by providing people with urgently needed shelter, clean water, food, and medical attention. Contributions may be made [HERE](#)

My friends, I know for many of you, this has been particularly challenging, and often the helplessness that occurs can be quite destabilizing. Please know we will continue to walk together, work together, and pray together as a Church and Communities of Faith that are committed to respond to the world, seeking a deepening understanding of how our faith speaks to us in this time and place.

And in doing so, let us remember that:

Peace is harder to achieve than war; Grace is harder to extend than anger;  
Justice is harder to live than imagine; Love is harder to nurture than hate;  
and Hope is harder to keep alive than despair.

In Faith & Friendship,  
Rev Cindy M. Casey, Ukraine Initiative Lead  
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