

Closing Worship EOORC Annual Meeting May 28, 2022

- Youth reflection on the theme (video 8);
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- Installation of President (Rev. Rosemary Lambie, Rev, Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro)
- Covenanting with the new Executive, Leadership Teams, new LLWLs (Sue Hutton)
- Youth reflection on the theme (video 9)

Call to Worship:

Prayer:

Scripture:

SLIDE 9 - WE CELEBRATE WITH THANKSGIVING IN MEMORIAM – Whit and Rosemary

Executive Minister:

We remember the members of the Order of Ministry of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council who have died in the last year. They shared passion for the Gospel. They loved, with heart, soul and mind, their God and their neighbors. They are missed by dear hearts and held in the peace of Christ.

Pastoral Relations Minister:

We remember: Rev. Neil Baxter and Rev. Carol Delisle.

PRAYER - Pastoral Relations Minister:

Merciful God, support us all the day long of this troublous and glorious life until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your tender mercy, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We place our hope in God. We sing of a life beyond life

and a future good beyond imagining: a new heaven and a new earth, the end of sorrow, pain, and tears, Christ's return and life with God, the making new of all things.

We yearn for the coming of that future, even while participating in eternal life now. Amen

CELEBRATION OF THE MINISTRIES OF THOSE RETIRING

Executive Minister:

Long before we came to this moment, God has been at work and play, moving through the life of The United Church of Canada and through the lives of our retirees.

Through the movement of God's Spirit, each of our retirees have walked paths that have brought them to this time in their live, and on this day - a moment where we have come together to celebrate Christ's ministry in and through them.

With stories that are different and stories that are similar, all of them are, faithful to God's call. Some think they are nearing the end of a long path while opening another, some feel they are just beginning. God's Spirit is active in each of them. Join us in a celebration of their ministries.

President of the Regional Council:

God is glorified by the faithful lives of God's people.

The Church of Jesus Christ is equipped for its ministry by the faithful service of its leaders. Today, the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council recognizes, with gratitude, those persons who are retiring from active ministry this year.

All: We give thanks for their service among us, and pray that God's spirit will continue to guide and sustain them.

Pastoral Relations Minister:

Here is the name of our Minister who is retiring: Rev. Wendy MacLean.

PRAYER - Pastoral Relations Minister:

Creator God, Holy One, God of Covenant Love,

We offer you praise and thanksgiving for remembered times when we have shared the life of faith.

We thank you for moments we have shared with these your ministers in Worship, in learning, in laughter, in tears, in prayer and in service. We pray that they will know with a sure and certain hope the sustenance of your continuing guidance as they move into retirement. And we pray, bless us all in the insights we have received and the relationships we have built.

May we always follow your hope for us and for a world in which your vision will prevail. In the strong name of Jesus we pray. Amen

I have included the information here below that was taken from the **report book (2022)**. Not sure how you wanted to present it (i.e. make slides with name and photos, or simply refer folks to the report book page numbers:

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Retiree Rev. Wendy Jean MacLean 8

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Rev. Carol Delisle 9

Rev. Neil Baxtor 10

Slide 12-15 Covenanting with new staff Peter Bartlett (Kristy Drost not available)

Slide 16 Licensing of new LLWL

CELEBRATING WITH THANKSGIVING - THE LICENSED LAY WORSHIP LEADERS /
CÉLÉBRER AVEC REMERCIEMENT - DU PERSONNEL CÉLÉBRANT LAÏQUE AGRÉÉ

PASTORAL RELATIONS MINISTER – Rev. Whitman Strong

Lay ministry has been a priority of The United Church of Canada. Over the years, many people have participated in the training programs that the church has offered and have enriched the church's on-going ministry in their communities. Today, some of them will reaffirm their willingness to be in an accountable relationship under supervision, with the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council as they continue their ministries.

Lynn McCaw
Ruth Pentinga
Laura Webb

QUESTIONS AND PROMISES / QUESTIONS ET ENGAGEMENTS

These church members come now to re-affirm their commitment to lay ministry within the Regional Council and Communities of Faith. In order that we may renew our covenant with them, we ask them the following questions:

Do you believe that in offering yourself as a licensed lay worship leader, you are responding to the will and call of God?

Response / Réponse: **Yes, I do. / Oui, je le crois.**

Do you promise to keep your commitment of continuing your ministry, of continuing your study, and of supporting the work of lay ministry in your Community of Faith and the Regional Council?

Response / Réponse: **Yes, I do. / Oui, je m’y engage.**

Do you accept the oversight of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council and promise to share in the work of our Regional Council as it responds to the needs of others?

Response / Réponse: **Yes, I do. / Oui, je l’accepte et je m’y engage.**

To all: Do you, the members of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council offer your continued support of the ministries of these members?

Response / Réponse: **Yes, we do. / Oui, nous le ferons.**

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and by the authority of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council, I recognize your commitment as Licensed Lay Worship Leaders in this Regional Council.

Au nom de Jésus Christ notre Seigneur et par l’autorité du Conseil régional de l’Est de l’Ontario et de l’Outaouais, je reconnais votre engagement en tant personnel célébrant laïque agréé de ce conseil régional.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING / PRIÈRE D’ACTION DE GRÂCE – Rev. Whitman Strong

Let us pray: Gracious God, you have called us
to share in Christ’s ministry.
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon
us as we commit ourselves
to work together in Christ’s name. **Amen.**

Installation of Incoming-President/ Installation du Présidente

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Executive Minister / *Ministre exécutive*:

We present to you, Susan Hutton whom this Regional Council has elected to preside over its life and work until such time as her successor comes to office, that she may be installed in the office of president.

Past-President / *Présidente-ancienne*:

Susan you are here at the call of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council of The United Church of Canada. Are you ready to answer this call?

Incoming-President / *Nouveau Présidente*: I am ready and willing.

Past-President / *Présidente-ancienne*:

Dear Friends in Christ, do you believe that Susan, by the grace of God, is worthy to be installed as our President?

All: We believe she is worthy. Glory be to God.

Past-President / *Présidente-ancienne*:

May the God who has given us the will to do these things give us the power and grace to perform them.

All: Amen

**Promise of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council /
*L'engagement du Conseil régional***

(To the members of the Regional Council / Aux membres du Conseil régional)

Past-President / *Présidente-ancienne*:

Will you, the members of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council, support and encourage Susan with your prayer and work?

Members: We will.

Past-President / *Présidente-ancienne*:

Let us pray...

Gracious God, Whose spirit has ever blessed the church,

With varieties of gifts for the work of ministry,

We thank you that you have blessed us

With gifts that enrich our life together

And strengthen our witness and service in the world.

Especially we thank you for the particular gifts that your servant, Bronwen, brings to the office of President of the Regional Council.

By your grace, enable her to exercise this ministry with wisdom and humour, courage and compassion, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Laying on of Hands / *Imposition des mains*

(Together with those appointed, lay on hands and pray

Past-President / *Présidente-ancienne*:

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon your servant, Susan, that she may minister faithfully in the office of Incoming-President of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council.

All: Amen

Presentation of Symbols / Présentation des symboles

Past-President / Présidente-ancienne:

Receive this stole. Exercise your ministry as Incoming-President of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council of The United Church of Canada.

Executive Minister/ Ministre exécutive:

Receive this gavel. Guide us with a firm but gentle hand.

Pastoral Relations Ministers / Responsable des relations pastorales:

Receive this Talking Stick. Encourage us to speak and listening respectfully.

Program Assistant to the Executive Minister / Adjoint de programme à la ministre exécutive:

Receive this Manual. Know the wisdom and foundations of our past will guide you.

Past-President/ Présidente-ancienne:

May the God who has given us the will to do these things give us the power and grace to perform them.

People: Amen

Greet your new President! / Accueillez votre nouveau Présidente!

SUNG ACCLAMATION ♪ Halle, Halle (VU 958) CHANT D'ACCLAMATION ♪ Halle, Halle (VU 958)

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

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**New President addresses the Regional Council /
Le nouveau Présidente s'adresse au Conseil régional**

President /Présidente: ...

**Slide 29 Covenanting with Regional Council Executive/
Alliance avec l'exécutif du conseil régional**

President /Présidente:

Friends, do you believe you are called to exercise your spiritual gifts, to serve this Regional Council, and The United Church of Canada, as a member of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive?

Executive Members: We do

President /Présidente:

Will you faithfully perform the duties of your office within the polity of The United Church of Canada?

Executive Members: We will

**Slide 32 Covenanting with Leadership Teams /
Alliance avec les membres des Équipe de direction**

President /Présidente:

Friends, Do you believe you are called to exercise your spiritual gifts, to serve this Regional Council, and The United Church of Canada, as Leadership Teams of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council?

Response: We do

Réponse : Oui

President /Présidente:

Will you faithfully perform the duties of your office within the polity of The United Church of Canada?

Response: We will

Slide 35 Promises of the Regional Council / L'engagement du Conseil régional

President /Présidente:

Will you, the members of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council, support and encourage the Chairs and members of the Executive, and of Leadership Teams?

Members: We will

President /Présidente:

Let us pray - God of Love, we thank you for the many gifts offered in your service by these leaders among us. We ask for your blessings, that we will always seek your guidance and counsel, knowing that in serving others, they will find life and wholeness.

We give thanks, that even when it feels like a desert; we know we are never alone, even as we head for the promised land.

We give thanks that we go with God, the Source of Love, Jesus, the Love Incarnate, and the Holy Spirit, Love's promise and comfort.

Amen.

Members: Amen

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