



# EOORC News

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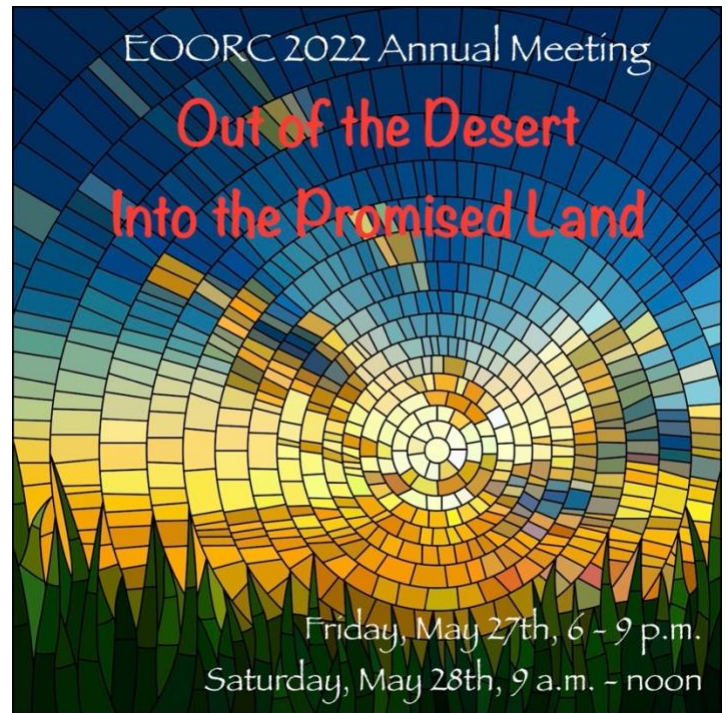
The bi-weekly newsletter of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council

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Thanks to everyone who attended the 2022 EOORC Annual Meeting last week. Judging by the comments we received so far, the two-session gathering was a success. Please take a few minutes to fill out the [EVALUATION](#).

Copies of documents, presentations and video links can be found [HERE](#).

Thanks again and let's hope next year we can meet in person at the 2023 Annual Meeting.

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## FLAMES OF JOY AND JUSTICE:

A Celebration of the United Church's Commitment to be an Anti-Racist Church and Community.

**Date:** Saturday, June 4, 2022

**Time:** 9:30 am to 12 noon

**Location:** An Online Event via Zoom

More Information and Register [HERE](#)

**Guest Speaker: Dr. Brian Carwana**  
Director  
Encounter World Religions Centre  
Guelph ON



**Sponsored by:**  
The East Central Ontario  
Regional Council's  
Anti-Racism, Interfaith and  
Intercultural Forum in partner-  
ship with the Indigenous Jus-  
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ships Forum.



## Jazz and Spirituality Workshop Music, Improvisation, and Life

The Tom Reynolds Trio with Peter Woods



**Where:** **MacKay United Church**  
39 Dufferin Rd (corner of MacKay St)

**When:** **Tues, June 14<sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm**

**Cost:** Free Will Offering

[More Information](#)

**About the Jazz Workshop:** The Tom Reynolds Trio regularly performs at St Andrew's United Church in Toronto and have been featured guests in many other venues. They will perform several pieces during this workshop and will lead discussion on how jazz and spirituality can be linked to provide a spiritually meaningful experience and a life that exudes spiritual vitality. Please join us for this rare opportunity to experience great jazz music that is spiritually uplifting! For more info on this trio visit their webpage at :

[tomreynoldstrio.com](http://tomreynoldstrio.com)

For Workshop details see [mackayunited.ca](http://mackayunited.ca) or call the MacKay Office 613-749-8727

## Pastoral Relationships

# thriving with Equity

## Research Project

### Pastoral Relationships Thriving with Equity Research Project

Are you **Ministry Personnel** who identifies as: Indigenous, racialized, Deaf, speak English as an additional language, Francophone, disabled, Two-Spirit, LGBTQIA+, non-binary or female, in other words **Equity-seeking**? Or, are you a member of M&P, Board or Elders of a Community of Faith which is in a Pastoral Relationship with someone who identifies as Equity-seeking? The Pastoral Relationships Thriving with Equity Research Project wants to hear from you.

What are your experiences in the pastoral relationship?

#### Ways to participate:

- Online survey - on your own time, at your own pace, private and confidential
- Online focus groups - sign up for a set time with others with whom you might identify in some way or arrange something for your group
- One-on-one interviews - for Equity-seeking Ministry Personnel

Participate and find information by following this [link](#).

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Summer Newsletter #19  
of the  
United Church Rural Ministry Network  
is now [available](#).



### Housing Matters conversations continue...

On May 18, a Zoom session was attended by 25 interested people. Cathy Ashby, Executive Director of the House of Lazarus, presented, *A Rural Housing Crisis ... Really?*

Over the past two years, the housing crisis has become a focal point at the House of Lazarus as people come through their doors with no place to live.

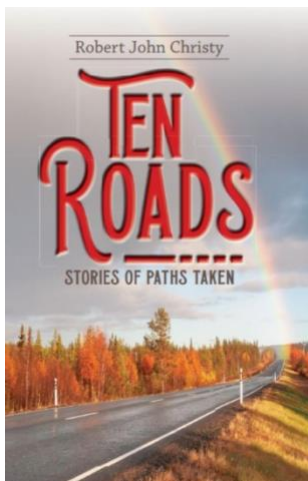
Attendees gained insight into the housing crisis in rural Eastern Ontario. During her presentation, Cathy explored the scope of the housing crisis, how the pandemic has impacted housing, hidden homelessness in the rural areas, community resources, and projects. She highlighted the numerous projects run by the House of Lazarus, several new ones which help to address the housing issue including their Places for People Dundas County project.

House of Lazarus, with support from the United Church of Canada's Mission and Service, is a non-profit organization that works with the community to ensure that people have the basics of life. Their food bank and many outreach programs offer food, clothing, household goods, furniture and housing supports to those in need. The Linking Hands program is a voice for people living in poverty. For more information visit their [website](#).

We will be posting Cathy's presentation shortly. Links to additional information on the EOORC website including the Housing Matters network link will also be available.

Our next conversations are targeted for October, to present information from United Property Resource Corp./Kindred Works with questions and answers, and November, a panel discussion with churches' lived experience in repurposing their building. If you would like to receive info from Housing Matters, send an email to [oorchousingmatters@gmail.ca](mailto:oorchousingmatters@gmail.ca) and we will add you to our email list.

## New Books



### *Ten Roads: Stories of Paths Taken* by Robert John Christy

On the day we are born, we start a journey along a road...our life. Like many roads, as we all know, it's condition will vary over time...smooth sailing with sunshine and calm breezes; potholes; washouts; steep climbs; and, hopefully, through wonderful scenic landscapes.

[Order Information](#)



### *On Small Wings*

by Wendy Jean MacLean

Winner of the Inaugural Don Gutteridge Poetry Award  
The book of poetry gives the reader an opportunity to reflect and contemplate on the wonders of life.

Contact: Wendy Jean MacLean:

[wendymac55@hotmail.com](mailto:wendymac55@hotmail.com) or 613 340 4973

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## News from the General Council Office



**E-ssentials**

The [May 24<sup>th</sup>](#) edition and the [May 31<sup>st</sup>](#) edition of *E-ssentials* are now available.



The [May 26<sup>th</sup>](#) issue of *United-In-Learning* is available.

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