

## Stewardship Team Meeting Report May 2022

The EOORC Stewardship Team met via Zoom on May 12, 2022. In order to raise awareness of Stewardship / Mission and Service activities in the Region, each member of the team is taking turns to issue a report as part of the EOORC Newsletter. It also gives folks in the EOORC a chance to get to know each person in the team a little better. As a reminder here is the current team makeup:

Carolyn Ruda, Chair

Roger Janes, Stewardship and Gifts Officer

Dave Charles, Gananoque

Charlotte Hoy, Addison

Carolle Dallas-Arbuckle, UCW Rep

Nancy Hazen, Nepean

Ray Lebeau, Rockland

Paul Sales, Orleans

With the EOORC Directory being updated over the next month or so you should be able to contact any of the Stewardship Team members via our email or phone numbers listed there.

I (Dave Charles) joined the team in January as I have a great passion for Mission and Service serving as both the M&S Enthusiast for Grace United Church in Gananoque and prior to that as M&S Enthusiast for Four Rivers Presbytery. At Grace UC we feel privileged to have Rev Takouhi as our spiritual leader especially as she shares our compassion for Outreach...as she often states, we are all ministers she just happens to be the paid clergy at Grace United Church. Recently we have started a Community Kitchen at our church connecting with the Gananoque and Area Food Access Network (G&AFAN). Our recent 3 events have had 14 participants and taught participants how to shop, prepare, and cook on a tight budget. G&AFAN also supports Community Gardens and a Food Forest (think

fruit trees). Food Access, Living Income, and Affordable Housing fit well inside the priorities of the United Church of Canada. The Stewardship Team would love to hear and share your stories.

## God's Mission Our Gifts

At several of our meetings we discussed the need to better communicate how you can communicate stories of service to you Communities of Faith. For many years we used Minutes For Mission booklets and newsletters which we understand from feedback are hard to find. The new term for these stories and videos is called "Your Generosity Matters". Links to these stories are published through God's Mission Our Gifts. If you are not receiving this resource, you can sign up under this link: <https://united-church.ca/e-newsletters>. If you wish to see all of the Your Generosity Matters go directly to Stories of Our Mission: <https://united-church.ca/landing-page-theme/stories-our-mission>. If you need help getting any of this information, please contact any of us on the Stewardship Team. All of us know that navigating the web to find United Church resources can be frustrating. We are here to help.



New sessions of Called to Be The Church are coming up in the next six months. Watch the EOORC Newsletter for workshop registration. Roger Janes and I will be discussing the workshop and our experiences applying it at the EOORC Annual Meeting May 27 and 28 via Zoom.



## 80<sup>TH</sup> SUMMER EVENT



### CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF UCW



August 13-14, 2022  
Cornwall, Ontario

Many Stewardship activities will be highlighted at the upcoming EOORC UCW in Cornwall. Registration will be highlighted in EOORC newsletters. Contact Stewardship Team member Carolle Dallas-Arbuckle ([cdallas@ripnet.com](mailto:cdallas@ripnet.com)) for details.



### Ukrainian Refugee Support

The Gananoque Refugee Settlement Group (GRSG) has established apartments to house 3 Ukrainian families over the next few weeks. The GRSG ([ganrefuge@gmail.com](mailto:ganrefuge@gmail.com)) has settled over 20 displaced families from around the

world over the past ten years. Please advise of The Stewardship Team of activities or ways we can help your communities.

The Stewardship Team is here to help you through communicating activities and opportunities in your Communities of Faith. We would love to hear from you. Contact any team member or our chair Carolyn Ruda ([carolynruda@gmail.com](mailto:carolynruda@gmail.com)).