



# EOORC News

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

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

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### EOORC 2022 Fall Meeting *Re-Membering Beloved Community*

Saturday, November 5, 2022  
Bells Corners United Church  
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

[REGISTER](#) BY OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup>

If you are interested in being a Steward at the Fall Meeting, please contact Wayne Harris, as soon as possible, at [wayneharris.FRP@gmail.com](mailto:wayneharris.FRP@gmail.com) or 613- 264 6110.

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## M&P Committee Workshop Saturday, October 22, 2022 (9 a.m. – 12 Noon)

This workshop is open to  
M&P Committee members and  
Ministry Personnel.

**Pre-registration is required [HERE](#).**  
After registering, you will receive a  
confirmation email containing  
information about joining the  
Zoom workshop.

**Four Rivers Area Presbyterial  
United Church Women  
Fall Rally**  
Wednesday, October 19th, 2022  
[More Information](#)

## Have you heard about Vision and Transformation grants?

As members of the Vision and Transformation Leadership Team, we certainly have. Twice a year we receive and recommend grant applications from a variety of communities of faith which include all forms of ministry in our region. Grant recommendations are then approved at the next executive meeting of EOORC.

Grants approved from the March 31<sup>st</sup> submissions include the purchase of musical instruments for YAYA led youth events, the Calvin and Wesley Ecospirit workshop, a drive-in movie theatre for Portland, an opening of the Stone Turtle Story at Knox, and a sound walk that provides conversations about spirituality at Mackay. Sometimes working partnerships develop as between Calvin and Wesley. Did you already receive a grant? How did it work out? We would love to hear your story. Please share it with us.

**Not certain if your visioning process to discern your future or project qualifies?  
Come see us at our two-part grant writing workshop to be offered on October  
13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> and learn more. Register by e-mail to:  
[visionandtransformationeorc@gmail.com](mailto:visionandtransformationeorc@gmail.com)**



Click [HERE](#) to express  
your appreciation for  
Rev. Rosemary Lambie  
upon her retirement

## Woodwark Student Bursary

The Woodwark Student Bursary Fund was established in 1976 by the Reverend Ken Woodwark and his wife Ida in memory of their parents George and Emma Woodwark and George and Katie McDowell. Reverend Woodwark was a Minister at Woodroffe United Church in Ottawa.

### OBJECTIVE

- To provide awards of money (approximately \$1000 per year but could be more or less depending on the number of successful applicants) to one or more candidates who are undertaking full-time studies directed toward full-time service in the United Church of Canada.
- Consideration shall not be limited to candidates for the ordained ministry of the Church.
- Any candidate whose objective is full-time service in the United Church of Canada will be considered.
- Preference will be given to those candidates from the Ottawa area or from Eastern Ontario.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested students should send a letter of interest accompanied by a CV to:  
Treasurer Woodroffe United Church 207 Woodroffe Avenue Ottawa, ON K2A 3V1  
[treasurer@woodroffeunited.org](mailto:treasurer@woodroffeunited.org)  
**Deadline for applications is Nov. 15, 2022**

# Ottawa Chinese United Church celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the UCC

By Barbara Reynolds



Ottawa Chinese United Church (OCUC), the only ethnic ministry congregation in EOORC is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a member of The United Church of Canada. A special worship service will be held on **Sunday, October 23, 2022**.

OCUC has a long history reaching back to the beginning of the twentieth century. In 1903 Mr. J.A. Rose opened the first Chinese Sunday School on Sparks Street. It continued to grow and by 1920 moved to a larger location on O'Connor Street.

From the little Sunday School class, the Chinese Mission and Christian Association was formed in 1921. The mission had a congenial relationship with Chalmers United Church during this infancy period. Financial assistance from Miss A. Pinhey enabled it to move to a new location on Lisgar Street. It was in these premises that the Chinese Community first found its centre for various activities.

Teacher evangelists helped the Mission grow, particularly during the 1950s as changes in federal immigration allowed relatives of Chinese Canadian citizens to come to Canada. With good foresight, the United Church seconded Miss Winnifred Harris to serve with the Association, following her many years as a Missionary to China.

In 1962 the Mission and Association formally joined The United Church of Canada under the leadership of the Rev. Samuel Choo with Miss Evelyn Richer, a former missionary to China and later Mrs. Margaret Cheung assisting.

With an increase in membership, the congregation outgrew its Lisgar Street facilities and moved into the church hall of First United Church on Kent Street. Continual growth resulted in the purchase in 1984 of the Centre Gospel Tabernacle at 600 Bank Street, at a cost of \$449,000. The building was then upgraded at a further cost of over \$150,000, maintaining a seating capacity of over 500. With this large facility, OCUC often hosts evangelical events for the Ottawa Association of Chinese Churches.

While most of the services and programs are offered in Mandarin, the church offers some English worship and study activities. OCUC believes that disciple training and spiritual growth are key for a healthy church and it encourages all members and seekers to participate in various Bible studies, prayer meetings and Sunday School. OCUC reaches out to newly-arrived Chinese persons, especially students, offering them a spiritual home, support in learning about a new country, and a caring community. May God bless Ottawa Chinese United Church on this momentous occasion!

Ministers and Pastoral Co-workers since 1962 include:

- 1962 - 1967 Rev Samuel Choo, Miss Ricker, Miss Cheung
- 1967 - 1972 Rev Steven Choo, Miss K. Wu
- 1973 - 1982 Rev Wing H. Mak, Miss N. Chen, Mr. Alex Yeung
- 1982 - 1989 Pastor William Wan, Mr. Victor Chow and Miss Nancy Chen
- 1989 - 1995 Rev Wing H. Mak
- 1996 – 1997 Rev T.K. Ng
- 1995 - 2004 Pastor Rod Bennett
- 2006 - 2009 Rev Wilson Chan
- 2010 - 2016 Rev James Chang
- 2018 - 2019 Pastor Yu Tu
- 2020 - now Pastor Xu Liu

[VIEW A PICTORIAL HISTORY OF THE OCUC](#)

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## News from the General Council Office



**E-ssentials**

The [September 27<sup>th</sup>](#) edition of *E-ssentials* is available. This issue addresses Orange Shirt Day and the [October 4<sup>th</sup>](#) edition of *E-ssentials* is now available.

## Living into Right Relations

The [September 28<sup>th</sup>](#) edition of *Living into Right Relations* is now available. This issue discusses Orange Shirt Day 2022.



The [September 27<sup>th</sup>](#) edition of *United In Learning* is now available.

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