



# EOORC News

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

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### A Note from the Editor

Christmas Greetings! Though this is the final newsletter of 2022, you can still [submit](#) events until Friday, December 22, 2022. The next *EOORC News* will come out on Wednesday, January 11, 2023.

As we enter into the last days of 2022, I would like to thank the readers and contributors of *EOORC News* for your continued interest and support. I wish you all a soulful Advent and a Christmas filled with wonder and beauty. See you in 2023!

*Anita*

### Save The Dates!

Thursday, January 26, 2023, 7 p.m.

Rev. Teresa Burnett-Cole will speak about

#### The Gifts of Indigenous Worship for Settler Churches

This is an online meeting.

Rev. Teresa Burnett-Cole is the Indigenous Representative on the Executive of EOORC. She is also the Indigenous representative on the General Council Executive and service as liaison with the National Indigenous Council.

Tuesday, February 7, 2023, 10:00-11:30 am

Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 10:00-11:30 am

#### Antiracism and the United Church of Canada

This is a two-session online meeting.

More information about both of the events coming in January!

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**Reverend DR. Walter Oskar Wilhelm von Boetticher  
1936 – 2022**

The families of Reverend DR. Walter Oskar Wilhelm von Boetticher are saddened to announce his passing on November, 17, 2022 at the age of 86. His wife Jane (Wilson) was by his side. Officially ordained to the United Church of Canada in 1966, Walter continued a life of service in Saskatchewan, Verona Ontario, Baltimore Ontario, Bridgenorth Ontario with a final charge in Renfrew Ontario retiring in 1996.

[See full obituary.](#)



**The Rev. Hugh A. A. Rose  
1929 – 2022**

The Rev. Hugh rose died suddenly and peacefully on December 2, 2022 in Ottawa with Sheila by his side, as they were throughout their 61 years of marriage. Hugh’s calling and profession included a half-century as a United Church minister in pulpits in St. Adele, Smiths Falls, Toronto, St. Catharines, and Regina.

[See full obituary.](#)



**Rev. Stanley Parkhouse  
1923 – 2022**

Stan died peacefully on Thursday, December 8th, with his family at his side, in Rideau Veteran's Residence at Perley Health. Ordained by the United Church of Canada in 1951, he served the Levack, Ontario Pastoral Charge until 1953, when he re-enlisted and entered the Chaplaincy. For the next 28 years, Stan and Jean served congregations in Winnipeg, Zweibrucken (Germany), North Bay, Comox, Marville (France), Lahr (Germany), Halifax, and Ottawa.

[See full obituary.](#)

# THE SHIFTING LANDSCAPE OF FAITH IN CANADA

**Presentation and Discussion of Cardus 2022  
Why the Faith? National Tour with Faith Leaders**

**“Why the Faith” Event Resources**  
*(shared by Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly)*

A recent event entitled “Why the Faith” showcased the latest research about Canadians’ approach to faith and included a robust conversation about the impacts this has on public life and faith institutions.

The following resources may be of interest to communities of faith throughout our regional council as they explore how Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship and Daring Justice are being lived out.

[Slides](#) [Video](#) [Research](#)

**Upper Ottawa Valley Parish Nursing Initiative  
announces approved grants**

The Upper Ottawa Valley Parish Nursing Initiative (UOVPI) is happy to announce that they have received two grants totalling \$38,000. The United Church of Canada (UCC) Foundation’s ‘Seeds of Hope’ granting program has approved a grant of \$18,000 and an ‘Embracing the Spirit’ grant of \$20,000 has been received from the EDGE: A Network for Ministry Development, a Part of The United Church of Canada. See full press release:

[Final Media Release – UOVPI Dec. 6, 2022](#)

**Stewardship Update – December 2022**

Roger Janes’ latest stewardship report can be found [HERE](#). It includes a link to his article in [Broadview Magazine](#), *Every Day Can Be Like Christmas*.



### Camp Lau-Ren Hires New Executive Director

On Nov. 13, 2022, the Camp Lau-Ren Board approved the recommendation of the Executive Director hiring committee and welcomed Steve McCulloch as Camp Lau-Ren's new Executive Director. Steve has a long history with Camp Lau-Ren that started in 1988. He has been a counsellor, summer staff member, Leader, Camp Director and Board member. For the last nine years he has been Chair of the Camp Lau-Ren Board. On December 1, 2022 he took over as Executive Director.

### Authors Among Us at MacKay United Church

Curiosity did it -- plus a chat with a historian friend -- which put Alan Bowker on the road to writing a book about the men from MacKay United Church who signed up to join the Canadian Forces fighting in Europe in World War 1.

Alan Bowker is member of the MacKay United Church congregation. He's a retired diplomat who represented Canada in overseas postings. And he was interested in learning more about the members of the congregation whose names are on the memorial plaques hanging on the walls of MacKay's sanctuary.

Back in 2014, following a Sunday service, Mr. Bowker chatted with historian Tim Cook, who is also a member of MacKay UC and who is the published author of books detailing Canada's military history. Instead of just reading out the names of those who died, on Remembrance Sunday, Mr. Bowker asked, is there some way is there some way they could be brought to life as real people ? Mr. Cook told him about on-line access to the attestation papers of the McKay men who had fallen in World War 1.

Alan Bowker's journey into the past began. Service files, the circumstances of death register, Commonwealth Graves information was all there and more. The following year, Alan and his wife Carolyn travelled to Europe and visited the burial sites of all of the 19 MacKay men who fell.

Every year since embarking on this project, Alan Bowker has related a story about one or more of the fallen as part of the Remembrance Sunday service. His research has brought the men and their families to life. A book based on his research is in the offing, with publication hopefully this year (2023).

Alan Bowker is not the only author in MacKay's congregation. Sharon Cook is the co-author with Margaret Carson of *The Castleton Massacre* -- a true story of a mass murder which occurred in Castleton, Ontario in the early 1960s, in which a United Church Minister killed a female member of his family. The book was listed in the Canadian non-fiction section of the Globe & Mail's 100 best books in 2022.



### The Healing Pathway Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council is hosting a Phase 1 Training Course

January 20 -21, 2023, Beth Donovan Hospice, Kemptville

[More information](#)



### Ottawa School of Theology and Spirituality

[Register for 2023](#)

ALL COURSES ARE BY ZOOM

Monday 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Four 5-week sessions

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## EMMANUEL COLLEGE OF VICTORIA UNIVERSITY IN THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Living in Transformative Change, Sunday, January 15, 2023, 2 – 4 p.m.

Michael Blair, General Secretary, The United Church of Canada and Mary Rowe, President and CEO, Canadian Urban Institute

Join us for a conversation about making institutional change in times of rapid cultural change. Mary and Michael will speak from their experiences of success through partnering, piloting, and persevering. Rob will draw out our learnings and pose our questions. Participate on Zoom or in person at Emmanuel College, Room 108. [More Information](#)



Merry Christmas from Old Hay Bay Church. In this season of sharing the Board has a special gift for you. We are sharing some of the [Christmas memories](#) from the diaries of the church.

## News from the General Council Office



### E-ssentials

The [December 6<sup>th</sup>](#) edition includes a Christmas message from Moderator Carmen Landsdowne.

The [December 13<sup>th</sup>](#) edition of *E-ssentials* is available. It includes a new music video, The Giver by Mia McClain. We invite you to use this original song as part of your Advent worship. You can find the sheet music on all of our [Advent worship pages](#).



[Christmas Greetings](#) from The Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne and The Rev. Michael Blair

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