



EOORC News

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

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Checking In With The Rural Church

January 19, 2023 @ 1 pm (EST)

Cost \$5

[Register for "Checking in with the Rural Church".](#)

Facilitated by Rev. Dr. Peter Bartlett, Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council, Regional Minister Supporting Visioning with Communities of Faith, Clusters, and Social Justice and Outreach Networks.

This Zoom Workshop is an opportunity for you to share your experiences and/or concerns with the Rural Church. This Zoom Workshop will be an open forum, with participants leading the discussions. Join us and share what's happening in your Rural Church.

Sign up today as the workshop is less than 10 days away. When registered you will receive an email confirmation and reminders - the morning of the workshop and also an hour before the workshop.

As you register for this and our next workshops, we are asking for your "Regional Council", "Province", and Ministry (Lay, Clergy, Other). These are all from dropdown menus. This information helps us to know who we are serving.

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Credit: The United Church of Canada

EOORC'S Righting Relations Network
is hosting
AN EVENING WITH REV. TERESA BURNETT-COLE

Teresa will speak on the topic: **The Gifts of Indigenous Worship for Settler Churches**

Please join us on
January 26, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Via Zoom

Rev. Burnett-Cole is the Indigenous Representative on the EOORC Executive, the Indigenous Representative on General Council Executive and serves as liaison with the National Indigenous Council, United Church of Canada, She is the Coordinating Minister at Glebe-St. James United Church in Ottawa.

You must register for the event [HERE](#) for this Zoom meeting. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

This is the inaugural event for the Righting Relations Network. We intend to be a hub for sharing resources, ideas, questions and the co-ordination of learning opportunities regarding Righting Relations.

We can be contacted at: rightingrelationsnetwork@gmail.com



2023 EOORC Communications Survey

It's time once again to have a look at communications in the EOORC.
Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey.
You can find it on the [EOORC Home Page](#).



**United Church Rural
Ministry Network**

www.UCRMN.ca

"Connecting rural stories
with rural people across Canada"

January 2023 Newsletter #23
of the
United Church Rural Ministry Network
is now [available](#).

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Office of / Bureau de la vocation

As we celebrate a New Year, we wish for you continued grace and fortitude to continue in your service to Christ and all those around you through the ministry of the Church.

We'd like to advise you that the 2023 Annual Declaration for ministry personnel is now open, until May 19, 2023. It's free and only takes a few minutes. Log in to churchhub.ca (Remember that Chrome or Edge are preferred browsers for ChurchHub; Safari is not optimal)

If you make your Annual Declaration (about whether you've had criminal charges in the last year or not) each year, you do not need to get a new police records check!

Need help accessing ChurchHub? Please contact ministry@united-church.ca

Bonne et heureuse année! Alors que nous célébrons le Nouvel An, nous vous souhaitons le soutien de la grâce et la force d'âme pour persévérer au service du Christ et de toutes les personnes qui vous entourent par le ministère de l'Église.

Nous souhaitons également vous informer que la période pour les déclarations annuelles 2023 du personnel ministériel est maintenant amorcée et qu'elle se déroulera jusqu'au 19 mai 2023. C'est gratuit et cela ne prend que quelques minutes. Il vous suffit de vous connecter à CarrefourÉglise. (Nous vous rappelons que les navigateurs à privilégier pour se connecter à CarrefourÉglise sont Chrome et Edge, et que le navigateur Safari n'est pas optimal.)

Si vous faites chaque année votre déclaration annuelle (indiquant si vous avez ou non fait l'objet d'accusations criminelles au cours de la dernière année), vous n'avez pas besoin d'obtenir une nouvelle attestation de vérification de vos antécédents judiciaires!

Vous avez besoin d'aide pour accéder à CarrefourÉglise? Veuillez envoyer un courriel à l'adresse ministry@united-church.ca.



CCS Fridays

The next CCS Friday presentation will be on Friday, January 20, 2023 at noon (Winnipeg time) when we will have an online discussion of the Universal or Cosmic Christ. Our special guest, Min-Goo Kang, will tell his own story of finding his path to God through the lens of Taoism.

[More Information](#)



**MONTREAL
DIO**

SÉMINAIRE DIOCÉSAIN DE MONTRÉAL 1873

French for Ministry Intensive

A Week-long Intensive Course in Montreal

Monday, May 8th to Friday May 12th, 2023,

9:30am to 4:30pm (to 3:30pm on Friday)

[More Information](#)

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News from MacKay United *by Eleanor Dunn*

Bake Sale Brings Big Bucks



MacKay United Church's UCW group was broke thanks to the pandemic. When COVID shut everything down back in 2020, the group divested itself of the small fund it had, making donations to organizations in the community. Prior to COVID, MacKay's UCW raised its funds through financial contributions from members at in-person meetings, pie sales, and its big money-maker, the annual church bazaar usually held in November.

There are approximately 20 members in MacKay's UCW unit, mostly older women who are proud to say that while age has maybe weakened them a little bit, they can still do a job -- such as setting up a funeral reception with the silver tea services and china cups and saucers -- when it's required. The group held itself together during the pandemic, with regular monthly meetings keeping members in touch via Zoom. Online meetings continue in order to accommodate those who are shut-ins, and those who are still not comfortable meeting in person due to threats of pandemic resurgence.

But a plan is afoot to reclaim space in the church's Memorial Hall which was once known as the *Ladies' Parlour*, and refurbish it to be used for in-person UCW meetings.

What to do about the money situation? MacKay's UCW group had always prided itself on its mission and service. When it had money, it was able to do such things as furnish a room in one of Cornerstone's shelters for women, or contribute to programs for indigenous at the Wabano Centre. UCW members wanted to get back to giving back. But how?

An unexpected opportunity arose in December. The *Christmas at MacKay* concert usually brought an audience which filled the sanctuary with standing room only. People attending the concert gave free will donations, which went to organizations chosen through the church's mission and service committee. The reception following the concert was, for the first time, organized by the UCW unit. Could we add a UCW fundraiser to the reception?

Let's have a bake sale! UCW chair Wendy Peters sent out the call! The baking commenced! Expectations were not high -- we might raise a couple of hundred dollars -- if lucky, maybe we'd make \$500, which would be wonderful. As the baking came into the Memorial Hall where tables were being loaded with goodies prior to the regular service on Sunday, December 19, it was suggested that the sale be opened up to congregation members following the service. People were in a buying mood and over \$200 was raised during *Talking Time*. UCW members who worked the tables were elated. Perhaps, with the evening sale, we might make \$500 after all.

By the end of the evening, the tables were basically picked clean, with only a few unsold items left. We had to wait until the following Tuesday to get the official financial tally from Wendy Peters. Over \$1,200 for the UCW to use for its mission and service work.

Plans are already being discussed for the 2023 Christmas bake sale.



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Antiracism and the United Church of Canada:

Sponsored by Antler River Watershed, Horseshoe Falls, and Western Ontario Regional Councils

This workshop is open to anyone who is ready to engage in honest conversation about racism in the United Church of Canada.

Part 1: Antiracism Workshop with Selam Debs*

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

- Antiracism language & the framework in building an antiracist lens
- Rooting your awareness in understanding 'Canada's' colonial history
- The impacts of unconscious bias, systemic racism & White supremacy
- The first steps in developing an antiracist workplace or congregation

*[Selam Debs](#) is a Black Ethiopian queer Anti-Racism Coach, Consultant & Trainer specializing in anti-Black racism, equity, inclusion and implicit bias awareness.



Part 2: Antiracism, You and The UCC with Rev. Alcris Limongi

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

- A questionnaire will be sent out after Part 1, to help focus your learnings from the workshop with Selam
- In Part 2, Alcris will invite you to integrate what you learned from Part 1, and apply it in your personal journey and in your United Church context.

*[Alcris Limongi](#) is part of the Center for Christian Studies in Winnipeg team as Program Staff/Educator. In the past she has been the Racial Justice, Gender Justice and Sexual Minorities Program Coordinator at the General Council Office, and she has served in congregational ministry.



For more information and to register
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If you have any questions about this program
please contact Thérèse Samuel at tsamuel@united-church.ca

News from the General Council Office



E-ssentials

The [January 10th](#) edition is now available. There is an invitation to join Michael Blair in presentation called, *Living in Transformative Change*.

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