



EOORC News

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

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

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REV. DAVID GLENN TIMPSON

It is with deepest sadness that we share the passing of Rev. David Glenn Timpson on Saturday, February 18, 2023, in his 56th year. Adored son of the late Alvin and Donna Timpson. Best friend and beloved husband of Rev. Brenda Timpson. David loved his work within the United Church of Canada. His career included ministry at 12 churches as well as working in the church's Conference and Region supporting hundreds of churches and their clergy over the years. He was a gifted and caring minister. Read full [obituary](#).

Help us shape a future worth getting excited about!

The Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council is embarking upon a strategic planning process to embody the vision adopted by the General Council (Bold Discipleship, Deep Spirituality, Daring Justice). The goal is to create a strategic operational plan by the end of 2023 that will set some clear goals and objectives for the Regional Council to live out this vision. We are seeking a team of eight people whose work is expected to be completed by the end of 2023. The working group **Setting Our Sights** will be shepherding the process, do active listening, discern, draft, consult and refine the plan for adoption by the Regional Council. If you are interested in joining this team, please signal your interest before March 5th, describing your passion and gifts for this role, through the Nominations Team. The Nominations Committee will be looking for a diversity of representation including geographic, urban and rural, large and small ministry experience.

For online fillable expression of interest form, visit [HERE](#). For copy of expression of interest form to download, visit [HERE](#).

You, or someone you know in your congregation, may be interested in joining the **Setting Our Sights** Working Group, please pass along!

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2023 EOORC Online Winter Meeting

Don't forget to
[REGISTER HERE](#)

Building Stronger Communities Through Deeper Connections

*How we build deep relationships with
one another and welcome those who
reach out for the first time*

Saturday, March 4, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

FROM THE VISION AND TRANSFORMATION LEADERSHIP TEAM

It's that time again! **The deadline for the next submission for Vision and Transformation is March 31, 2023.** As members of the Vision and Transformation Leadership Team, we hope you have heard about the grants we offer. 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 October 31st submissions include the Rural United Ministry Cooperative visioning process, a rented bus for the EOORC Music United group, a Rainbow worship series at Trinity St. Andrews in Renfrew for the LGBTQ2+ community and their allies, a youth leader for Emmanuel United and a pastoral care nurse for Rideau Pastoral Charge

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 Thursday March 2nd and 16th from 7:00 – 8:30 pm and learn more and sharpen your grant writing skills. Register by e-mail to: visionandtransformationeoorc@gmail.com

ATTENTION CHURCH TREASURERS

Any employee of your Pastoral Charge who earns more than \$500 annually must be issued a T4A. When issuing a T4A to LLWLs, only include the basic daily rate. Do NOT include amounts paid for travel. Here is the [link](#) concerning T4As.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Please send one electronic copy of your completed 2022 Annual Report to Rev. Whit Strong: wstrong@united-church.ca

If you need a summary of EOORC's activities last year for your annual report, please contact Anita at ajansmsan@united-church.ca. I can provide a one-page summary, though it is recommended that you also include information about your Community of Faith's involvement with the EOORC.



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Are you concerned about Ottawa's affordable housing crisis and the people affected by it? Join us in making affordable housing a reality by volunteering with Multifith Housing Initiative! Volunteers are always welcome for a variety of activities. You can contribute a little or a lot -- we appreciate every bit of help you can give. Currently, we are seeking individuals from all backgrounds to round-out our eight volunteer committees. You can learn more about the types of MHI committees and submit your volunteer application [HERE](#).

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MEET NIKKI NEL, CAMP AWESOME DIRECTOR

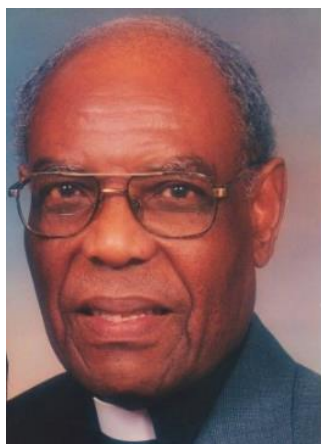
I am excited to be the new Director for Camp Awesome for the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council of The United Church of Canada. I have a long history with the United Church. I began attending Southampton United Church in the fall of 1981 when we moved to Canada from South Africa. While living in Southampton, ON, I attended Silver Lake United Church Camp in Kincardine which was the beginning of a lifelong love of church camp.

In my youth, I participated in and was a member of the Renfrew Presbytery Youth Council, the Bay of Quinte Youth and Young Adults Committee. I attended the Youth Forum at the 33rd General Council and then went as a youth delegate to 35th General Council in Fergus in 1994. My dedication to the church and young people is demonstrated in my commitment to Camp Lau-ren.

I began attending First United Church in Ottawa the Fall of 1995. I was hired by them in the Fall of 2019 to help lead the children's program at and now work as their Intergenerational Coordinator. I feel blessed and honoured to be entrusted with walking on the faith journey with many at First.

My faith in God has never faltered, since I declared to my preschool teacher who made a comment about me playing by myself that "I am playing with God." Through my struggles and my joys, church and my faith have been my one constant. I have held firm that my Loving Creator God has been, is and will always be with me.

Nikki can be reached at: nnel@united-church.ca



REV. RAWLIER QUAMMIE

Passed away on February 4th at the age of 90, peacefully in his home with his beloved wife Hazel by his side. He joined the ministry of the United Church of Canada in 1975 and served in London, Bay of Quinte, Montreal and Ottawa, and Hamilton Conferences, retiring in 1997. Read full [obituary](#).



REV. IRVINE JOHNSTON

Passed away on February 11th with family members by his side at the age of 98. He devoted his entire life to the United Church of Canada. His first charge was Inverness, followed by Ormstown, and Shawville, Quebec then Trinity United Church in Napanee, St. Andrews in Sault Ste. Marie, and Cookes- Portsmouth in Kingston before retiring back to Napanee. Read full [obituary](#).

NEW PARISH NURSE IN UPPER OTTAWA VALLEY

The Upper Ottawa Valley Parish Nurse Initiative (UOVPI) Health Council is excited to introduce Melissa Jardine-Ridley, BScN, RN, CCHNC as a full time Parish Nurse with the designation of Lay Minister with the United Church of Canada (UCC). UCC Parish nurses are qualified as Registered Nurses and spiritual caregivers. Melissa is a Registered Nurse as well as a Holistic Nurse and Nurse coach trained in using a holistic approach to care which includes spirituality as one of the main pillars of wellbeing. Rev. Tiina Cote, Minister for Calvin United Church says, "We are truly blessed to have Melissa Jardine-Ridley become part of this exciting time of creating a collaborative healthcare ministry."

VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATE MINISTER FORMS

The deadline for submitting the VAM form is July 1, 2023. Visit [HERE](#) to obtain the form. Forms are to be sent to Joel Miller, Program Assistant to Executive Minister, via email jmiller@united-church.ca or by regular mail to 225 50th avenue, Lachine, Québec, H8T 2T7. Telephone inquiries accepted at 1.800.268.3781, extension 6152. *Additional information: [See Policy for Voluntary Associate Ministers](#) (p. 38-39)*

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We'd like to advise ministry personnel that the 2023 Annual Declaration is now open until May 19, 2023. **It's free and only takes a few minutes.** Log into ChurchHub.ca to make your Annual Declaration about whether you've had criminal charges in the last year or not. Also, please note, if you make your Annual Declaration each year, you do not need to get a new police records check!

(Remember that Chrome or Edge are the preferred browsers for ChurchHub; Safari is not optimal.)

News from the General Council Office



E-ssentials

The [February 14th](#) issue of *E-ssentials* discusses Faithful Footprints: Net Zero with Zero Dollars

The [February 20th](#) issue of *E-ssentials* discusses the situation in Turkey and Syria and presents a new blog, *Black History Month Blog: I Am Black?*



The [February 13th](#) edition of *United In Learning* is now available and offers Online LLWL Training Unit 2: Preaching

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