



EOORC News

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

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

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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.

ANNUAL REPORTS

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.

EOORC News is a bi-weekly newsletter that provides information Communities of Faith of the EOORC, published every second Wednesday. If you want an item placed in the newsletter, please send it to ajansman@united-church.ca by 12 noon on Tuesday the week of publication. If you do not wish to receive this weekly newsletter, please send me to the same address above.

Office of / Bureau de la vocation

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.)

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

Merrickville United Church Holds its Last Worship Together

On Sunday, February 5, 2023, Merrickville United Church held a celebration service to commemorate the families that have attended over the years. Congregants were invited to share their memories, and join in a potluck lunch that followed the service. Rev. Dianne Cardin led in worship and the Merrickville choir alongside choir members from Trinity United Church in Smiths Falls joined in singing and sharing music.

About the closure of Merrickville UC, Rev. Christopher Ryan, Pastoral Charge Supervisor says, "As this familiar era of MUC's ministry and witness draws to a conclusion, we pray that a new and enduring witness will emerge with the assistance of Kindred Works. We celebrate what was and anticipate what will be with the full assurance that God's Spirit will continue to move. We also pray that the individual witness of Merrickville's Faithful Folk will continue, spiritual gifts will be exercised and pastoral care will be received within the fellowship of surrounding Faith Communities."

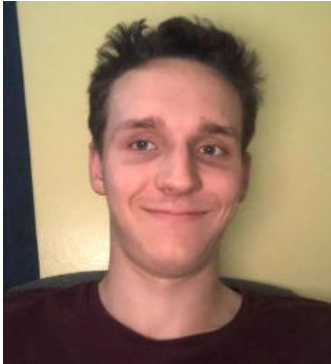


Got Questions?



On Thursday, February 16th, communications staff, Judy Coffin (Nakonha:ka Regional Council) Karen Wilson (ECORC) and I will be conducting a video interview with our new Executive Minister, Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly. We are asking members of our Regional Councils for input. Is there a question you would like to ask Rev. Éric?

We will choose questions from each of the three regions and try to get in as many as possible in a one-hour interview. The video will be posted on the EOORC [YouTube channel](#) and will be promoted in the newsletter and on Facebook. Note that not all questions may be answered in the interview, but will be shared with Éric. Please submit your questions by Monday, February 13th to ajansman@united-church.ca. Thanks! Anita



MEET KIERAN BODNAR – A VOICE FROM OUR YOUTH

Kieran Bodnar is a long-time member of the United Church of Canada; his home church is Glen Cairn United Church in Kanata. Most recently, he's been involved with the 44th General Council as part of the Youth Forum and is currently studying at Queen's University.

Over the next months, Kieran will be contributing to *EOORC News* with his own newsletter called, *Feeding the Flock: A Weekly Perspective on Sustainable Living*.

You can read the first edition of Feeding the Flock [HERE](#).

IN THE NEWS

Tyre Nichols' death: How do you process something so brutal?

Rev. Anthony Bailey (*Parkdale United Church, Ottawa*) contributed to the Ontario Today program that aired on [January 31, 2023](#).

Thou shall change church signs during Covid -Hygenesis 24:7

EOORC member, Gordon Johnson (*Centretown United Church, Ottawa*) shared this [episode](#) of the radio program, *Under the Covers* with us. It's an interesting and fun look at the wit and power of outdoor signs that churches use.

Have you heard or seen something in recent media that you would like to share with the rest of the EOORC? Send the information to ajansman@united-church.ca



2023 EOORC Communications Survey

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”

February 2023 Newsletter #24
of the
United Church Rural Ministry Network
is now [available](#).

THE SIX T's OF STEWARDSHIP

EOORC Stewardship Team members share their "Why I Give Of My Time" stories

The regional Stewardship Team will be sharing with you what the six T's in Stewardship mean to them. In a previous newsletter we shared our thoughts on Treasure. This newsletter are thoughts on why they give of their **Time**. In future newsletters we will be sharing our thoughts on Talent, Tissue, Terrain and Testimony.

"The greatest gift you can give someone is your time." Rick Warren

Here are the Stewardship Teams reasons for giving of their time.

Dave Charles During my training on time management during my "working" life I learned to spend my time on what is important to me. I also learned that life without service is a life without fulfillment. I spend my time on church, community, family, and friends because it fills me with purpose and satisfaction. God directs in book of Matthew "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" and to "love your neighbour as yourself".

Nancy Hazen Why I give my time to my church, community, family and friends? Firstly, I had the example of my mom and dad, who volunteered and helped people. I volunteer my time today to things that I enjoy doing, be it several groups at my church, volunteering with the Ottawa Humane Society Auxiliary, dog sitting for family or my friend or driving two of my friends for groceries, appointments. I also have gotten involved with EOOR Region 12 through Stewardship and UCW. I want to do these things that I enjoy doing while I am still able to participate.

Ray LeBeau Many, many years ago, there was a Ralph Waldo Emerson quote at the bottom of the page in a Reader's Digest. It read: "For Every Minute You Are Angry, You Lose Sixty Seconds of Happiness." This quote begged the question: how do I want to spend my time? For me, Ephesians 5:15-17 sums it up very nicely. This Scripture lesson states that I should be very careful how I live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity. I should not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. In Luke 10 'The Parable of the Good Samaritan', the Lord's will is that we all be like the Good Samaritan and **love our neighbours as ourselves**.

Carolle Dallas Arbuckle The plain truth is that I get more than I put in. I have been volunteering within my community, church, family since I was in my mid twenty when I moved to Vernon and there was no playground for children. Joining the community association to help build a playground, started the journey of fellowship and belonging. When I give my time I belong and also I am never alone. Short sentence, I give my time because God has showed me time and time again that I receive more than I give.

Paul Sales The gift of time is precious, and I am called to give as much of my own as I can to help lift up the lives of others.

Carolyn Ruda Why I give freely of my time to others you could say it has been a lifelong thing for me. I was born two months premature, and the doctor told my parents that they could take me home but not get too attached to me because I would not live. I always felt that because I was given this wonderful gift of life I should freely share my time with others.

Speaking of giving freely of your time did you know that you can book a meeting with your local stewardship support staff

- Wondering which module is best for your community of faith?
- Just want answers to your stewardship questions?
- Want someone to bounce ideas off of?
- Not even sure where to start?

Book 30 minutes with your local Stewardship Support staff person Roger Janes to get started on your stewardship journey. Phone: [1-800-268-3781](tel:1-800-268-3781) Ext. 2072 Email: RJanes@united-church.ca

OTTAWA PASTORAL CARE TRAINING PROGRAM

SERVING OTTAWA AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS

As 2022 fades behind us and we look forward to the new year, we are pleased to announce our programs for spring 2023. Check our [website](#) for program details including registration and payment information.

News from the General Council Office



Lent begins Ash Wednesday, February 22! Get ready with the new 2023 Lenten devotional, *Good Courage: Daily Reflections on Hope*, from the United Church Publishing House. This book offers honest testimonies from people who have had the courage to follow their hearts, to hope against hope, and to faithfully work toward a better world. Edited by Alydia Smith, the new Lenten devotional includes daily scripture, reflections, study questions, and prayers for individuals or groups. Get your copy today from the [United Church Bookstore](#). Available in print and as an ebook.



E-ssentials

The [January 31st](#) issue of E-ssentials promotes **Black History Month**. The [February 7th](#) issue of E-ssentials discusses the situation in Turkey and Syria.

Living into Right Relations

The [January 25th](#) issue of Living into Right Relations is available. It offers a prayer for missing children and their communities



United in Learning

Distance learning for church leaders

The [January 30th](#) edition is now available and shows how you can join the Lenten study from the book, *Good Courage* (noted above).



The United Church of Canada

A new job posting at the General Council Office may be of interest to some in the EOORC: **Director of Growth and Ministry**. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

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