



EOORC Online Winter Meeting, March 4, 2023 Agenda

Building Stronger Communities Through Deeper Connection

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

9:00 a.m. Welcome (Pastor Susan Hutton, EOORC President)

Introductions ([Rev. Dr. Peter Bartlett](#))

Land acknowledgement – ([Rev. Dr. Teresa Burnett-Cole](#))

Theme scripture: 1 Corinthians 12 (Rev. Susan Hutton)

Hymn: Come in, come in and sit down ([Pat Mayberry](#))

9:15 a.m. Theological reflection on the day ([Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly](#))

9:30 a.m. The Stranger: The friend we don't know yet ([Rev. Dr. Frank Emanuel](#))

- BIG PICTURE: Who are the people who reach out to us? Why do we think they did that?
- PRACTICAL: How we welcome the person who expresses an initial interest in our ministry for the first time (undermining the host/guest dynamic, church as a place for transformation)
 - Coming on too strong versus not showing enough interest
 - Maintaining the link: "You are important to us, you are a part of us"

10:30 a.m. - Break

Hymn: "We are the Family" (Pat Mayberry)

10:40 a.m. The Power of Diversity: Being ready for transformation in the encounter with the 'other' [Dr. Bianca Briciu](#))

- BIG PICTURE: Societal tendencies, social and political bubbles, what role the church can play in this context
- PRACTICAL: Helping the Spirit to work with our diversity
 - Encouraging dialogue and deeper understanding, creating empathy
 - Dealing with conflict as a source of strength

11:40 a.m. – Break

Hymn: "We" (Pat Mayberry)

11:50 a.m.

Our Faith: Going deeper than talking about the weather (Rev. Kimberly Heathⁱ, Wall Street United Church - Brockville)

- BIG PICTURE: Church as unique place for delving into deeper subjects – it's about our faith, our understanding of the divine, the world itself!
- PRACTICAL: Creating trusting space that permits real, vulnerable conversation
 - Lived out in small groups and in full community

12:50 p.m.

Closing words on theme (Rev. Dr. Peter Bartlett)

HYMN: "There is Room for All / Chacun a sa place" (Pat Mayberry)

Wrap up and closing prayer (Rev. Sue Hutton)

¹ Ordained for 23 years, Kimberly has been serving at Wall Street United Church, an active church in Brockville, for 15 years. She is currently finishing up her Doctorate of Ministry in preaching. Kimberly is married and has four children and a niece—currently three teenage girls and one puppy still live at home. When she is not working, studying or driving someone somewhere Kimberly loves sailing in the summer and cross-country skiing and skating in the winter.