



EOORC News

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

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Celebration Of Ministries

Join us as we celebrate the diversity of our ministries and ordain ministers to the ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care.

While ordination is a key aspect of this celebration, we also take the time to celebrate milestones in ministry, retirements and honour those we've lost in the last year. All are welcome!

Saturday, April 15, 2023, 11 a.m.

Rideau Park United Church
2203 Alta Vista Drive, Ottawa

Candidate information will be posted on website when it becomes available

To attend in person, register [HERE](#)
To view online, click [HERE](#)

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United Church Rural Ministry Network

www.UCRMN.ca

“Connecting rural stories with rural people across Canada”

March 2023 Newsletter #25 of the United Church Rural Ministry Network is now [available](#).



In case you missed it...

Support Guaranteed Livable Income in Ottawa

On March 21st an email was sent out to everyone in EOORC, on behalf of Clarke and Ellie Topp, EOORC representatives for the GLI Network. Please have a look at the letter and consider supporting this extremely important cause.

Read the letter [HERE](#).

EOORC LLWL Educational Event

Our next LLWL Educational Event will be on **Saturday, May 6th** at Carsonby United Church (5940 Price of Wales Drive) south of Ottawa. This day-long gathering will focus on **“Being an Affirming/Inclusive Church”**. How do we foster a spirit of inclusiveness in our sermons and our choice of language? How do we encourage the Communities of Faith we serve to be inclusive and Affirming? These are questions that will be addressed. There will also be time during the day to informally reconnect with one another. Lunch will be provided. This event is open to all who are currently EOORC LLWLs, as well as those who are still “in training”. Registration will be required. More information coming soon.

From the desk of
Rev. Whit Strong
Minister for
Pastoral Relations



The Faculty of Theology at Saint Paul University and the All My Relations Circle of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa are co-sponsoring a presentation and discussion by Rev. Dr. Ray Aldred, Director of the Indigenous Studies Program at the Vancouver School of Theology, on the National Indigenous Anglican Church entitled "Self-Determination and Reconciliation?" This talk explores ways to hold together Indigenous spirituality and Christian faith together, and what this can mean for the Church today as it opens itself to reconciliation and decolonization. The event takes place on Thursday, March 23, 2023 from 7 to 9 PM in De Mazenod Chapel (Laframboise Building) at Saint Paul University. This event is free and open to the public. Please register at <https://forms.office.com/r/8r1qBf3P0u>



CENTRE FOR CHRISTIAN STUDIES
Imagine Church Differently

CSS Fridays – Addiction and Faith

Our special guest will be Ed Treat from the Centre of Addiction and Faith. Ed believes churches are poised to make a dent in the opioid crisis because they have locations in tiny rural communities that may not have other local supports like a doctor or social worker available in town. [More information](#)

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Called to Be the Church THE JOURNEY

Step into the spiritual practice of
stewardship!

NEW LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES!

1

Stewardship Best Practices

Four 2-hour sessions to examine
Stewardship Best Practices in order for you
to set goals, create an annual stewardship
plan, and get energized!

Starts week of March 20!

[registration now open!](#)

2

Getting Started in Stewardship

Join United Church people from across
the country to learn some stewardship
first principles.

May 2, 6:30 pm EST

[registration now open!](#)

3

The Congregational Giving Program

Learn how best to utilize the Called to be the
Church materials and develop a plan that will
work for your church with two 2-hour online
sessions

Sessions start mid-May

[registration now open!](#)

4

Bequests & Planned Giving for Your Community of Faith

Explore how to set up and maintain a
Planned Giving Program at your church, with
two 1-hour on-line sessions

Next offered October 2023

For more information on
these and other stewardship
supports, contact
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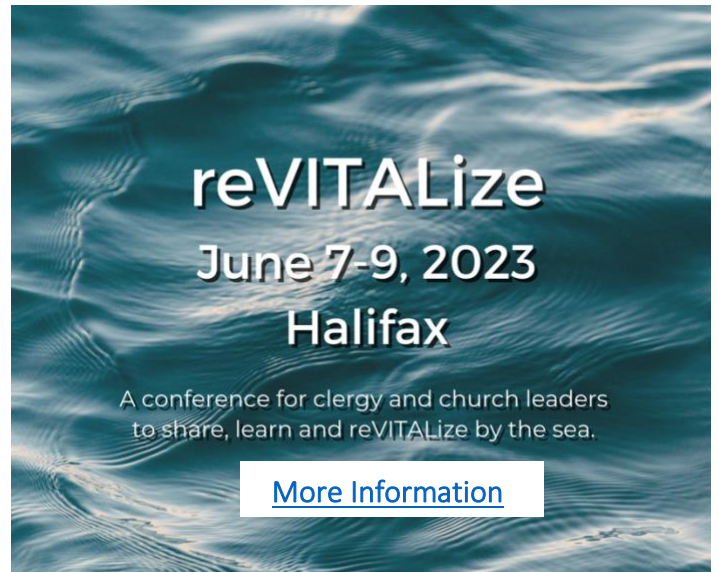
ST. PETER'S SEMINARY

Are you a registered nurse interested in...

- Wholistic healthcare and spiritual health
- Personal growth in your nursing practice
- Learning about parish nursing ministry

St. Peter's Seminary is offering a Summer Intensive Foundations in Parish Nursing.

June 18 – June 24, 2023 [More Information](#)



[More Information](#)



Jean Gilbert 1926-2023

Mrs. Jean Isabelle Gilbert of Brockville died on March 10, 2023, just three months shy of her 97th birthday. Jean was an active member of Wall Street United Church and Bible Club.

Read her [Obituary](#).

SAVE THE DATE!

Turpin's Trail Celtic Band are returning to Zion-Memorial United Church, Carleton Place

Saturday October 14 2023 7:00 PM.

Mark your calendar.

Tickets will be available closer to the event date.

St. Paul's Eastern Memorial Wall at MacKay United by Eleanor Dunn, MacKay United Church



Over the years, a close relationship developed between St. Paul's Eastern United Church in Sandy Hill and MacKay United Church in New Edinburgh. Pulpit exchanges and other activities cemented the relationship so it was logical for MacKay to step in and offer to create a space in its sanctuary for St. Paul's Eastern's memorial plaques when St. Paul's Eastern was closed last year.

Easier said than done, MacKay's Property Committee soon discovered after taking possession of the plaques. They were heavy and there were concerns that the plaster wall in MacKay United's sanctuary which had been chosen to become St. Paul's Eastern wall could not carry the weight.

A sturdy false wall was required. But as MacKay is a historic building, it wasn't just a matter of a few two-by-fours and some

plywood. The false wall had to match the original woodwork in MacKay's sanctuary. A carpenter specializing in matching woodwork in historic buildings was hired and the work commenced.

The result is a spectacular wall on which St. Paul's Eastern memorial plaques have been mounted. There are two World War I plaques — one from Eastern Methodist and one from St. Paul's Presbyterian. The two churches became one — St. Paul's Eastern United — as a result of Church union. There will be a dedication ceremony for the wall in the spring.

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News from the General Council Office

Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization

The 44th General Council has authorized a remit on removing structural barriers so that the Indigenous Church can determine its place and structure within the United Church. The remit requires a vote by every regional council and each pastoral charge's governing body. Information about the remit, as well as voting cards, were sent to every regional council and each pastoral charge on March 10, either through email or Canada Post. Voting will take place **over the course of a year** between **March 15, 2023, and March 31, 2024**. Abstentions are considered a vote against the remit. **NOTE:** *A regional council learning session about the remit may be offered prior to the regional council meeting in June 2023 for those who would like to learn more. Download remit, study guide, and voting sheet, together with the return information and deadline: <https://generalcouncil44.ca/council/remit-1-establishing-autonomous-national-indigenous-organization>*

Leadership Counts

The United Church is blessed to have rich diversity in its leadership. Our diversity makes us more capable of living out God's mission in our world. In sometimes ground-breaking ways, the United Church has affirmed commitments to supporting the full participation of everyone.

To help us more fully live out these commitments we have been collecting data, since November 2021, as part of the [Leadership Counts](#) voluntary survey to learn more about the breadth of identities present among The United Church of Canada's ministry personnel, General Council office and regional council office staff, and members of national committees. This includes racial identities, gender identities, sexual orientations, disabilities, languages, and more.

Individual data can now be viewed and updated: If you have completed the Leadership Counts survey, you can visit [ChurchHub.ca](#) to view or update your identity information at any time through the "My Identity Data" tile. Please check the data shared in the original survey. Watch this new [video tutorial](#) for help navigating the My Identity Data pages on ChurchHub.

You can still participate: If you are a ministry personnel or a member of a national committee and have yet to participate in this project, you can go to [ChurchHub.ca](#) and complete the survey through the My Identity Data tile. Your unique link to complete the survey can be accessed from the My Identity Data tile on ChurchHub. Lay people on national committees who are not yet registered for ChurchHub can contact leadershipcounts@united-church.ca to be enrolled.

Learn More: You can more about this [Leadership Counts project](#), including why it's important for the whole church, and how we keep the data secure and confidential. You can also review two news stories that share some of the results and insights that are emerging.

We are grateful for the more than 1600 individuals who have already taken the time to share some of their identity data. This work is important to the current Strategic Plan being implemented at the General Council Office. The trends that we are noticing and the questions that the responses are raising both shape the work of the Strategic Plan in many areas.



E-ssentials

The [March 21st](#) issue of *E-ssentials* offers “10 More Ways to Work Toward Anti-Racism”.

Living into Right Relations

The [February 23rd](#) edition offers a Response to the Phase One Findings at the Alberni Residential Institution



United in Learning

Distance learning for church leaders

The [March 13th](#) edition of *United In Learning* is now available, offering Webinars for Treasurers, and Mandatory Webinars including, Personal and Professional Boundaries for Church Leaders.

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