



EOORC News

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

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

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Building Stronger Communities

The EOORC Winter Meeting was held on Saturday, March 4, 2023. The online gathering was well attended, with more than 150 people signing on to Zoom to hear presentations on the theme of *Building Stronger Communities*. The three speakers, Rev. Dr. Frank Emanuel, Dr. Bianca Briciu, and Rev. Kimberly Heath offered insight on

this topic from three different perspectives, each complimenting the other. Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly gave us a Reflection that was relatable and on topic with the theme.

Thank you to the people who helped to make this winter meeting a successful one. Everyone played an important role, however, the “tech team” made up of Gary McKay, David Patterson and Karen McLean deserve special mention here. At every single meeting we’ve had since the EOORC began, these three have shown up with an A-game attitude and dedication that ensures everyone can hear and see the meetings.

Presentation documents and videos from each of the presenters are now available on the Winter Meeting [webpage](#). An evaluation form is also posted, so if you attended the meeting and missed the email sent out about filling out an evaluation, please take a few minutes to fill it out.

See you at the Annual Meeting at the Brockville Memorial Centre on May 26 – 27, 2023!

The deadline for the next submission for Vision and Transformation is March 31, 2023.

For more information, e-mail:

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MUSIC MATTERS 2023
 APRIL 21-23, 2023
 MUSIC MATTERS (In-person at Islington United and VIRTUAL)


Musicians in Transformation
 A LEARNING EVENT FOR ALL CHURCH MUSICIANS, SINGERS, PLAYERS, LEADERS, LISTENERS
 with VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS, HYMN FESTIVAL and ONLINE FELLOWSHIP.
 ALL ARE WELCOME!

Registration: \$100 for in-person or 50 for online or give what you can
 CHECK our website for full details, speakers, schedule, etc.

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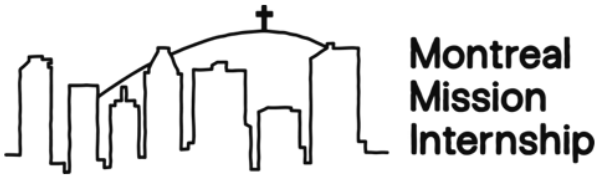
From the desk of
 Rev. Whit Strong
 Minister for
 Pastoral Relations



- I invite you attend any of the important events coming up this spring:
- o Ministry and Personnel Workshop (online) March 18 [More information](#)
 - o Creating a Living Faith Story and Profile (online) March 22 [More information](#)
 - o A Gathering of EOORC Ministry Personnel, Fallowfield United Church, March 23 [More information](#)
 - o Retired or looking toward Retirement? Riverside United Church, April 26 [More information](#)
 - o EOORC LLWL Educational Event. Carsonby United Church, May 6. Registration coming soon.

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.



Called to serve beyond the church walls? Reflecting on the Plight of the Marginalized? Discerning a call from God?
 Montreal Mission Internship, 2023
 May 29th to July 29th
 A summer internship for 18- to 25-year-olds who feel a call to ministry outside the walls of the church.
Serve at a social service organisation in Montreal.
Reflect with other interns during weekly group meetings.
Discern how you are called to participate in God's work.
[More Information.](#)

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“We are not alone.”

These words from *A New Creed* have gained more meaning than ever since the COVID-19 pandemic. Worship delivery has changed; pastoral care has changed; everything has changed—and so has *Called to Be the Church* your United Church giving program.

Introducing **Called to Be the Church: The Journey**—tailored and topical modules with coaching and ongoing support to meet your stewardship needs.

Module 1: Stewardship Best Practices is taking place starting the week of March 20, 2023.

As part of a small group experience with 4 other communities of faith, over four 2-hour classes, plan your next steps to help your community of faith increase revenue in order to better fulfil your church’s purpose. YOU are not alone.

Find out more and register at [United-In-Learning](#)

I would encourage you to sign up as soon as possible as we anticipate available slots filling us fast. My sessions will take place on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday Evenings. Roger Janes rjanes@united-church.ca



Lunch and Learn

“Introducing Canadian Traditions”
March 22nd Online
[More Information](#)

EOORC IN THE NEWS

Rainbow service at Renfrew, Ont. church resets relationship with LGBTQ2S+ community

A first-of-its-kind religious service in the Ottawa Valley is aiming to restore the relationship between the church and the LGBTQ2S+ community. [CTV News, February 25, 2023](#)

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



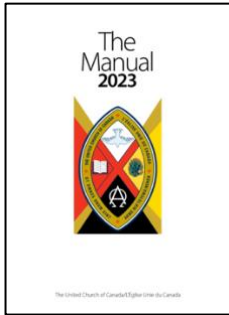
EOORC IS NOW ON INSTAGRAM

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Got a good picture from your congregational activities or something going on in your community within the EOORC? Send it to me and I will post it on the EOORC Instagram page.
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News from the General Council Office



You can now pre-order a printed copy of your new United Church Manual 2023 and have it shipped directly to you. The cost is \$24.95 tax included, shipping will be extra. Contact Leona at lilaundry@united-church.ca or 1-800-268-3781 ext. 6141. Orders are due by March 17, 2023.



E-ssentials

The [March 7th](#) issue of *E-ssentials* offers a PIE Day message from Moderator Lansdowne. The [February 23rd](#) issue offers a "Response to the Phase One Findings at the Alberni Residential Institution"



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

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