



EOORC News

Tuesday June 6, 2023

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

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Editor's Note

Since I'm going on vacation, this week's newsletter is one day early. I will be away beginning today and returning on Wednesday, June 14.

The next newsletter will be on Wednesday, June 21, 2023

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2023 EOORC Annual General Meeting

May 26 – 27, 2023

The first in-person annual meeting since 2019 was a success. Nearly 200 people attended either in person at the Brockville Memorial Centre or by Zoom. Keynote speaker, Rev. Michael Blair gave inspirational presentations, challenging us to look forward with

open minds, to be willing to evolve in these ever-changing times. To be courageous.

Thank you to all the volunteers: the tech team, the registration team, stewards, and members of the Executive for your dedication and commitment to pulling off this large event.

Videos of Rev. Blair's presentations are now available on our [YouTube](#) channel. Presentations, including motions and decisions, are available on the [webpage](#). There are also some photographs from at the event.

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EOORC UCW 81st Summer Event
July 14 – 15, 2023
“Like a Rock”
Body, Mind and Spirit

REGISTRATION AND ROOM RESERVATIONS DEADLINE IS June 14, 2023

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United Church Rural
Ministry Network

www.UCRMN.ca

“Connecting rural stories
with rural people across Canada”

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

STORIES FROM THE HEART

Storytelling Workshops for Church Communities

Professional storyteller Deborah Dunleavy offers sessions for church communities who are experiencing times of discernment. Deborah tells traditional stories to spark conversation, and encourages others to tell personal stories to one another in a compassionate caring setting. Currently Deborah is engaged by Rural United Ministry (R.U.M) and is leading storytelling sessions with the five collectively connected churches.

“By being more intentional about building a ‘relational culture’ in our churches... (*ie: through storytelling*) ...we can be enriched in the discernment of what God is doing amongst us and how God might be calling us to move forward.”

“Stories influence how we see things, how we feel. They can move us and motivate us. A powerful story can change opinions, move hearts, and inspire action.”

- *Heart to Heart: Community Organization and the Power of Storytelling for Churches.*

Deborah Dunleavy is an award-winning Literary Artist with over 30 years of professional experience in creating, producing, and touring her programs both nationally and internationally to Scotland, Ireland, China, and Singapore. Her Canadian storytelling journey has taken her from Labrador to Vancouver Island. In 2019 the Scottish International Storytelling Festival in Edinburgh featured her Storytelling Oratorio "Isobel Gunn."

Deborah lives in rural Eastern Ontario north of Brockville.

Contact her at 613-926-5510 or by email at teller2go@gmail.com Visit her website at www.deborahdunleavy.com



Summer Solstice Indigenous Festival – June 21 – 25

Mādahōki Farm, Ottawa

Free Admission — Free Park and Ride Shuttle

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News from the General Council Office



E-ssentials

The [May 30th](#) edition features a statement on the anti-LGBTQIA+ bill that passed recently in Uganda

Living into Right Relations

The [May 24th](#) issue of Living Into Right Relations is now available and discusses National Indigenous Peoples Day in Canada.



The [June 5th](#) edition of United In Learning is now available.

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