



EOORC News

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

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

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Greetings from the Setting Our Sights Working Group

By Paul Dillman
Chair, Setting Our Sights Working Group



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Setting Our Sights

This is a challenging and intriguing time to be the United Church! There are a lot of questions about future directions.

The Setting Our Sights Working Group was established to facilitate the development of a strategic plan for the regional council that compliments the plan developed by the General Council. At the annual meeting of EOORC in Brockville, we launched the process and we thank those who were there for the richness of discussion. We have compiled the table group responses and now our ready to launch the second phase of the consultation process. We would like to broaden and deepen the consultation as we work towards a strategic plan by the end of this year.

We encourage church leaders from across our entire region to participate as we look to the future and explore ways to live into that future. Church Councils, Board Chairs, Secretaries, Ministry Personnel, Congregational Treasurers, Elders and Stewards, Committee members, Visioning teams, are invited to help shape how our Regional Council and address the challenges we face.

There will be three ways of engaging in August and September:

- In-person meetings
- Zoom meetings
- Online survey

Please visit the [Setting Our Sights](#) webpage to register for one of the events, and to read more about the Setting Our Sights Working Group.

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Bells Corners United Church – Progressive Learning Circle

October 13 -14, 2023

Two Canoes - One River

SPEAKERS:

Rev. Tony Snow

Rev. Dr. Teresa Burnett-Cole



You are invited to an exploration of native spiritualities and the rich history and traditions of Indigenous United Churches with guest speakers, Rev. Tony Snow and Rev. Dr. Teresa Burnett-Cole. [More information.](#)



Let's hear it for
Kitchissippi United Church.
It is now an Affirming
congregation.
Congratulations!

Annual Meeting Interviews

More interviews have been posted. These were conducted by David Clemis during the Annual Meeting.

- [Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly](#)
- [Sue Smarkala, Multifaith Housing](#)
- [Rev. Howard Cain, United Church of Christ](#)



HEALING PATHWAYS – Registration is now open for Phase I Workshop – An Introduction. At Barrhaven United Church, Friday, October 20, 7 pm – 9 pm Saturday, October 21, 9 am – 5 pm Sunday, October 22, 1 pm to 5 pm. Healing Pathway is an experiential spiritual and healing practice that supports well-being and resilience by promoting energetic alignment to all aspects of our being physical, emotional, mental and spiritual. Programs are supported locally and nationally by the Healing Pathway Society. Download pamphlet and registration form: [Healing Pathways Phase 1 – An Introduction](#)

CLERGY LUNCH AT LIAM MAGUIRE'S every second Tuesday of each month at 11:30 AM through the summer and into the fall. For more information, contact Rev. Mike Perrault: ouc.mikeperreault@rogers.com

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BARRY GOODWIN 1943 – 2023

It is with profound sadness and love we share with you the peaceful passing of Barry Goodwin at the Ottawa General Hospital on Sunday, June 18, 2023 with the love of family by his side. Barry was a United Church Minister for over 40 years and with his leadership and preaching skills he was called to share his ministry with many congregations in Quebec and Ontario. Read full [obituary](#).

PASTORAL CHARGES – Submit your vote on Remit 1: Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization

Voting must occur any time before March 2024. If your Communities of Faith need explanation, clarification or guidance on this vote, please email ajansman@united-church.ca and Anita will put you in touch with the right person. Find more resources [HERE](#).

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN -- 2023 Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship

The Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship consists of a mix of workshops, lectures, private and public preaching events, networking and fellowship, led by keynote speakers and other well-known clergy and professors of preaching from across North America. This continuing education opportunity in Toronto can be yours for only \$300 (\$350 with fine-tuned preaching) if you [register by July 31, 2023](#), AND, *this price includes all meals!* [More information](#)

News from the General Council Office



The [July 18th](#) edition is now available and discusses Moderator Lansdowne's urging of the government to lack of housing for refugees.

The [July 11th](#) edition is now available and invites candidates for the Indigenous and Racialized Youth Retreat.

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