



EOORC News

Wednesday, August 30, 2023

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

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SETTING OUR SIGHTS

Sign up for a consultation event!

- **Saturday, September 9 – 10am – 2pm** - Wesley United Church, Pembroke
([REGISTER BY MONDAY SEPTEMBER 4TH](#))
- **Thursday, September 14 – 7 – 9pm** – Zoom Gathering for members of Leadership Teams
- **Saturday, September 16 – 10am -2pm** – Kitchissippi United Church, Ottawa ([REGISTER BY MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH](#))
- **Tuesday, September 19 – 7-9pm** – Zoom Gathering for anyone
- **Saturday, September 23 – 10am – 2pm** – St. Paul's United Church, Perth ([REGISTER BY MONDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH](#))



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Setting Our Sights

Each of these events will follow a similar process of discussion and discernment. If you cannot attend the one closest to you, choose another event. Lunch will be provided at the in-person events.

FILL OUT THE SURVEY

Click [HERE](#) to fill out the survey. A PDF of the survey is available on the [Setting Our Sights](#) webpage.

Visit the [Setting Our Sights](#) webpage to register for one of the events taking place throughout August and September, and to read more about the Setting Our Sights Working Group.

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



LLWLs and Sunday Supply

Many of our pastoral charges are engaging our LLWLs for Sunday leadership. Here is a reminder of the proper compensation for their work:

- \$232 for Sunday Worship leadership
- \$.55/km for travel to and from your pastoral charge
- Have payment ready for the LLWL each Sunday they are with you.
- Provide a T4A tax slip at the end of the year for services rendered, but do not include travel reimbursement on the T4A slip.

If you have any questions, please contact Rev. [Whit Strong](#).

Retired Ministers – Are You Available For Pulpit Supply?

EOORC needs ministers to do occasional pulpit supply, particularly to help out in administering the sacraments. The geographic areas most in need are the western part of EOORC, the areas formerly known as Four Rivers and Upper Valley Presbyteries. Please contact Rev. [Whit Strong](#) if you are available.

Sacraments Elders Training

Communities of Faith who are expecting to be without a called or appointed minister for an extended period of time are invited to consider having a suitable person from within your congregation be trained and licenced as a Sacraments Elder. EOORC is offering a six-session training course (on Zoom) for Sacraments Elders beginning in September. If your pastoral charge has a suitable person to put forward as a potential Sacraments Elder, please contact Rev. [Whit Strong](#) as soon as possible.



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.](#)

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EOORC MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS ECORC EVENT

Is your church contributing to the flourishing of your community? All around the world – from universities to the United Nations, from corporations to community organizations – people are talking about flourishing. Rooted in belonging, flourishing means living with purpose and joy, and bringing bold collaborative solutions to our world’s challenges.

Thursday November 9, Moderator Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne will be keynote speaker at a public workshop as she embarks on a three-year journey to connect with the nation on big questions about how to flourish – in church, among our leadership, and within the broader community. Join the dialogue on this question of flourishing, and how it could influence our future. **NOTE: This day is intended for the public including business leaders, academics, NGOs.** [More Information and Registration](#)

Friday, November 10, Spend a day with the Moderator Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, engaging in reflection and energizing activities towards dream-oriented actions for our churches and communities. **NOTE: This day is intended for leadership of Communities of Faith.** *****FREE***** [More Information and Registration](#)

OTTAWA PASTORAL CARE TRAINING PROGRAM

SERVING OTTAWA AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS

UPCOMING TRAINING

Basic Training Course: 10-week Basic Course in Pastoral Care begins Monday September 18th

Continuing Education Event: Tuesday, November 7th

Visit [website](#) for more information and to register

GLOBAL CLIMATE STRIKE 2023 GRÈVE CLIMATIQUE MONDIALE

**TIME
TO END
FOSSIL
FUELS**

BE THERE!

**Friday • September 15
1:00 pm • Parliament Hill**



FridaysForFutureOttawa.org

**METTONS
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ÉNERGIES
FOSSILES**

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

SOYEZ LÀ!

**Vendredi • 15 septembre
13h00 • la Colline du Parlement**

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MONTH 13: Ensuring a Smooth Transition

Have you prepared those you sponsor to transition fully and smoothly into Canadian life by Month 13? Did you meet your sponsorship goals? What were the successes and what might you have done better? Were there challenges and how did you address them?

Join us to understand how to do a needs assessment, and how to make sure you have covered everything that the newcomers you sponsor need to know for success.

And following the workshop, information-share with other sponsors in breakouts for 30 minutes, if you want to gain more insight into what needs to be accomplished.

Month 13: Ensuring A Smooth Transition

Michelle Ndizeye, Trainer, Ottawa, Eastern & and Northern Ontario Refugee Sponsorship Training Program (RSTP)

When Social Assistance is Needed

Melissa Kersey, Senior Manager, West Social Assistance Service Delivery Branch Government of Ontario

How Did the Transition go?

An interview with **Ashraf**, a privately sponsored newcomer



To register for the workshop send an email to info@refugeesponsornet.ca. Once we hear from you we will send you information on how to access the workshop.

ONLINE WORKSHOP
for private refugee sponsors –
Faith-based,
Community and
Groups of Five

DATE: Sat Sep 23, 2023

TIME: 10 am – 12 noon

PLACE: Online

COST: Free

Register today!

For more information contact Barbara Sheffield: b.sheffield@rogers.com

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News from the General Council Office

PLEASE JOIN US! On Tuesday, September 5, leaders of four major church denominations will join the voices of supporters at Camp Marcedes and Camp Morgan urging provincial political leaders to give the go-ahead to search the Prairie Green Landfill for the remains of two missing Indigenous women, Morgan Harris and Mercedes Myran. Harris has been missing since May 2022, and Myran since March of last year. [More information](#)

Request from Amy Crawford, Team Leader Identity and Mission. The children's Anti-Racism curriculum, *I Am a Changemaker*, is getting closer! We will do a "soft launch" in September. Regional Council staff are encouraged to attend and invite at least one children's ministry leader from their Region(s) to an online event (one will be held September 12 at 7:00 p.m. Eastern and another September 14 at 1:00 p.m. Eastern). The children's ministry leaders who attend are asked to test at least one session with children by the end of November and provide feedback. For their participation, they receive free access to all resources. We encourage you to invite participants from congregations who are already doing anti-racism or intercultural work. All sessions and materials will be accessed through ChurchX and will include a bank of other resources. Contact [Amy Crawford](#).

The United Church of Canada call for Nominations for Fall 2023 is now live on the United Church of Canada website for the following: (*click on titles below to view the full description*)

- [Task Group on Apology to Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ Communities](#)
- [Total Compensation Review Task Group](#)
- [Audit Committee](#)
- [The General Council Executive](#)

Do you feel called to any of the above opportunities? You are encouraged to apply and to share your gifts and talents. **Deadline for nominations is Monday, September 25, 2023.**



E-ssentials The [August 29th](#) edition is now available.



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