



EOORC News

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

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

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Registration is now open for the EOORC Fall Meeting

Visit [HERE](#) for more information



2023 EOORC Fall Meeting

Saturday, November 4, 2023

8:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Woodroffe United Church

207 Woodroffe Ave, Ottawa, ON

SETTING OUR SIGHTS
Down to the last three events
Sign up now!



EOORC
Setting Our Sights

- Thursday, September 14 – 7 – 9pm –
Zoom Gathering for members of Leadership Teams
- 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](#))

Lunch will be provided at the in-person event.

Register on the [Setting Our Sights](#) webpage

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Setting Our Sights Update

The Setting Our Sights strategic planning group is in the midst of facilitating consultations within the region. About 25 people gathered in Cornwall on August 26th and on September 9th in Pembroke, 19 people participated. Two more in-person gatherings are scheduled: Sept 16th at Kitchissippi United in Ottawa and Sept 23rd in Perth. There are also two on-line consultations coming up: September 14th at 7 p.m. for members of Leadership Teams, and on September 19th at 7 p.m. for everyone. Registration information is available on the [EOORC website](#).

There is also an [online survey](#) which covers the questions that are discussed at the consultations. If you have ideas, please find a way to be in touch with the SOS group.

In these consultations, the SOS group is seeking ideas and needs for what the Regional Council needs to focus on in the next few years. As a framework for discussion, the themes of the General Council Strategic Plan are being used: Growth, Justice, Climate, Leadership and Common Good (how can we work together). One theme that has emerged so far is that this is an opportunity for EOORC to define and shape its identity.

In early October the Setting Our Sights group will be meeting to discern what we have heard and to outline our report, which will then be written to be discussed at the November 4th EOORC meeting at Woodroffe United Church.

If you have any questions or comments, please be in touch. Paul Dillman rucrev@rogers.com



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.](#)

Then Let Us Sing! Hymn Festival

Come and Explore the Sampler

October 1, 2023, Orleans United Church 7:00 p.m.

Join livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/@Orleansunitedchurch/streams>

Then Let Us SING! is the new all-digital hymnal and music resource of The United Church of Canada, coming in 2024. Come to our Hymn Festival and sing from the *Sampler!* Join us to learn about and sing selections from this collection of approximately 25 new hymns being considered for the final collection. You will also be encouraged to provide us with your feedback.

Can't make it in person? Join via livestream. Questions? Visit ThenLetUsSing.ca or contact paul.sales93@gmail.com.



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Stewardship Update, September 2023 - Registration is now open for two exciting stewardship courses. Both of these courses are offered on the CHURCHx platform. If you are new to CHURCHx and have questions, please get in touch with Roger Janes (rjanes@united-church.ca). Read complete Stewardship Update [HERE](#).

EOORC Church Extension Committee Annual and Regular Meeting - Wednesday, October 25, 1 p.m. on Zoom

The Church Extension Committee will meet to conduct annual and regular meeting business and consider applications for loans and grants on Wed. Oct 25, 2023. If you wish to apply for a loan or grant, please use this [link](#) to the guidelines for application. If your community of faith wished to make an application, please send it to the secretary by October 11, 2023. Questions? Contact Judy Harms-Potter, Secretary by email at jharms.potter@gmail.com



Multifaith Housing Initiative – Our Newsletter is back!

Our newsletter is designed to help you stay up-to-date with MHI news and information. See the current one [HERE](#).

Got a question? Send us an email at communications@multifaithhousing.ca

See also: [A Big Multifaith Housing Initiative THANK YOU!](#)



Lunch with friends and colleagues!

A small group of clergy have decided to create an opportunity in the west-end of Ottawa for gathering. Recognizing how important it is for us as clergy to intentionally get together, we have chosen the second Wednesday of the month to make this happen. Our first lunch is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 13 at the Cheshire Cat Pub** at 2193 Richardson Side Road (at the corner of Carp Road) We will meet at noon and will reserve a table. If you haven't already, please RSVP to cindycasey@kuc.ca and we will add you to the list. And of course, if you decide last minute you are able to join, please do so - we will always make sure there is space!

Come and Engage!

A seminar sponsored by First, Glebe-St. James, Kitchissippi and Knox United Churches, Ottawa. September 27, 6:00 p.m. **Towards Understanding the Immigrant Cultural Diversity in the Churches of Canada, with Rev. Dr. Junior Smith, Rev. Dr. Teresa Burnett-Cole and Rev. Tony Snow.** [More Information](#)

Mapping the Ground We Stand On! An interactive workshop about the people, place, history and future of Turtle Island/Canada. Saturday, September 23, Julian of Norwich Anglican Church. For youth and Young Adults ages 14 – 25. [More information](#)



United Network for Justice and Peace in Palestine and Israel (UNJPPI) UNJPPI would like to draw churches' attention to the *World Week of Peace in Palestine Israel* from September 16-23, 2023. Resources for this and much more is included in our [September Network News](#)



Ottawa School of Theology and Spirituality 2023 – 2024 Course Flyer is available [HERE](#)

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HEALING PATHWAYS – Healing Pathways 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.

Registration is open for **Phase 1 Workshop – Where Two Or More Gather**. Barrhaven United Church, Friday October 20 – Sunday October 22, 2023

[Download pamphlet and registration form](#)

Registration is open for **Phase 2 Workshop – Where Two Or More Gather**. At Glen Cairn United Church, Friday, September 29 and Saturday, September 30.

[Download pamphlet and registration form](#)

News from the General Council Office

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 and explains *The Flourishing Project*. The [September 12th](#) edition features Orange Shirt Day.



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