



# EOORC News

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

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

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*October is clergy appreciation month*



**REGISTER**

## 2023 EOORC Fall Meeting

Saturday, November 4, 2023

8:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Woodroffe United Church

207 Woodroffe Ave, Ottawa, ON

### Affirm Celebration at the Fall Meeting

Everyone is invited at 2.30 p.m. to the Affirm Celebration. We'll have cupcakes and juice in the lobby, followed by our worship service which will celebrate our becoming an Affirming Ministry. When you've finished your treat and conversation, find your seat and enjoy our service of celebration for this special day. We have worked for two years to grow into this moment. Let us celebrate together and move into a time of acting out our goals turning love beyond word and speech into truth and action. (1 John 3:18)

*For those who can't make it the celebration service recording will be posted on our website.*

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### Book Exchange

At the Fall Meeting, a space will be set up for a free book exchange. Would you like to share books that you've read and found helpful or inspiring? Bring up to five used books on the following topics:

- Devotional
- Bible related
- Christian-themed
- Theological and/or spiritual

Be prepared to take home the books that are left on the table.

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### Vision and Transformation Grants

**THINK ABOUT IT.** The deadline for the next submission for Vision and Transformation is **October 31, 2023**. As members of the Vision and Transformation Leadership Team, we hope you have heard about the grants we offer. Twice a year we receive and recommend grant applications from a variety of communities of faith which include all forms of ministry in our region. Grant recommendations are then approved at the next executive meeting of EOORC.

Grants approved from the March 31<sup>st</sup> submissions included everything from button making to neurodiversity to food insecurity to bus service, and so much more but most importantly new dreams.

Did you already receive a grant? How did it work out? We would love to hear your story. Please share it with us. Not certain if your visioning process to discern your future or project qualifies? Come see us at our two-part grant writing workshop to be offered on Wednesday October 11th and Wednesday October 18th from 7:00 – 8:30 pm and learn more and sharpen your grant writing skills. Register by e-mail to: [visionandtransformationeoorc@gmail.com](mailto:visionandtransformationeoorc@gmail.com)



The Setting Our Sights (SOS) Strategic Planning Working Group spent October 6<sup>th</sup> together at Portland United Church. It was a time of discerning what we had heard through the consultation process as we focus the priorities for the work of Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council (EOORC) for the next few years. The report is now being written and it will be presented at the November 4<sup>th</sup> EOORC meeting.

The report will follow the “Strategic Objective” themes in the General Council Strategic Plan 2023-2025: Growth, Justice, Climate, Leadership, Indigenous Pathways and Common Good. Some of these themes are more connected to the responsibilities of a regional council than others.

The report will be available prior to the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, and the goal for that release will be Wednesday, Oct 25<sup>th</sup>. The SOS Working Group will be holding an information session on the report on Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm on Zoom. (The Zoom details will be shared with the release of the report.) If you have any questions, please contact Paul Dillman at [rucrev@rogers.com](mailto:rucrev@rogers.com)



Christian Council of the Capital Area is sponsoring an online symposium  
“Our Home and Treaty Land”  
featuring  
Rev. Dr. Matthew Anderson and Rev. Dr. Ray Aldred  
[More Information](#)

## THE ROCK

Camp Lau-Ren  
Fall 2023 issue of  
THE ROCK  
is now [available](#)



### United Church Rural Ministry Network

[www.UCRMN.ca](http://www.UCRMN.ca)

“Connecting rural stories  
with rural people across Canada”

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

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



**2024 Minimum Salaries & Reimbursements for Ministry Personnel** The 2024 Minimum Salaries & Reimbursements for Ministry Personnel (Pastoral Relations system), which reflects the Annual Economic Adjustments, is now live on these pages:

- <https://united-church.ca/leadership/church-administration/compensation-and-benefits/ministers-salary-schedule-and-cost-living-groups>
- <https://united-church.ca/handbooks-and-guidelines> under Pastoral Relations

If you have any questions or inquiries, please email: [Ministry@united-church.ca](mailto:Ministry@united-church.ca)

**Ministry & Personnel Committee workshop on Zoom. Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> (9am – 12 noon).** This workshop will cover all the main roles and responsibilities of the M&P Committee. (NOTE: This will be a repeat of the workshop offered in the Fall of 2022 and Spring of 2023.) This will be a general orientation to the work of the M&P Committee for those new to their congregation's committee and who have not participated in this workshop before, and a refresher for current members. Members of M&P Committees and Ministry Personnel are invited to register for this workshop.

**Advance registration is required. Once you register, you will receive an email containing information about joining this zoom workshop. Click [HERE](#) to register.**

#### **Compensation for Pastoral Charge Supervision Policy**

The Community of Faith receiving supervision will be responsible to pay for the supervision. Costs will be \$30 per hour (hours include meeting plus travel time), plus travel reimbursement at the General Council rate to and from the meeting site. All mileage and the hourly rate will be paid to the supervisor by the Community of Faith being supervised. If individuals receiving remuneration do not wish to receive payment, they are free to donate the payments at their discretion, but in no way does this excuse the receiving ministry site from making the payment.

#### **Woodwark Student Bursary**

The Woodwark Student Bursary Fund was established in 1976 by the Reverend Ken Woodwark and his wife Ida in memory of their parents George and Emma Woodwark and George and Katie McDowell. Reverend Woodwark was a Minister at Woodroffe United Church in Ottawa.

#### **OBJECTIVE:**

- To provide awards of money (approximately \$1000 per year but could be more or less depending on the number of successful applicants) to one or more candidates who are undertaking full-time studies directed toward full-time service in the United Church of Canada.
- Consideration shall not be limited to candidates for the ordained ministry of the Church.
- Any candidate whose objective is full-time service in the United Church of Canada will be considered.
- Preference will be given to those candidates from the Ottawa area or from Eastern Ontario.

#### **APPLICATION PROCESS:**

Interested students should send a letter of interest accompanied by a CV to:

Treasurer Woodroffe United Church 207 Woodroffe Avenue Ottawa, ON K2A 3V1, [treasurer@woodroffeunited.org](mailto:treasurer@woodroffeunited.org)

**Deadline for applications is Nov. 15, 2023**



### EOORC Church In The News

Trinity St. Andrew's United Church, Renfrew is featured in this CBC All In A Day story, *People with dementia are making beautiful music in a church in Renfrew, Ontario*. Listen [HERE](#).

Montreal Dio is offering a course that would be useful for LLWLs and others. **Rekindling Fire: A Preaching Workshop**. [More information](#)

The Ottawa Pastoral Care Training Program presents a free information luncheon for Ottawa and surrounding area clergy. Thursday, November 2nd, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 971 Woodroffe, Ottawa. [More information](#).

### Multi-Faith Housing Initiative

Monthly Newsletter is back and better than ever! [October issue](#).

National Housing Day, November 19, 2023, Jean Pigott Place inside Ottawa City Hall from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. [More information](#)

Private Refugee Sponsor Network is offering its last workshop of the year, with a focus on Trauma-informed Care, November 4 at 10:00 am, online at no cost to private refugee sponsors. More information and to register, contact Barbara Sheffield at [b.sheffield@rogers.com](mailto:b.sheffield@rogers.com)

### Centre for Christian Studies. You are invited to join a CCS Friday on Diakonia During Climate Change

Join in on **Friday, October 27, 2023** at noon Central Time for an online discussion of climate change and how to respond as faith-filled individuals and as ministers. [Register](#) to receive a link.

Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship, October 22 -24, 2023. [More information](#)

Toronto United Church Council-- Social Enterprise for Faith Communities delves into the powerful intersection of social entrepreneurship and faith-based values. [More information](#)

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## News from the General Council Office

### Solidarity Circles: A peer network of clergy, faith leaders and organizers interested in the solidarity economy

**Are you passionate about building a more equitable and sustainable future?** You are invited to join the Solidarity Circles — a transformative 9-month leadership training program aimed at empowering individuals to align their institutions and communities with the principles of the Solidarity Economy. Broadly understood, the cooperative and solidarity economy are ways of addressing longstanding economic inequalities within our society, including white supremacy and gender and sex inequities. As part of its commitment to collaborative ministry that engages local communities, the program is a unique partnership between the United Church and the Wendland-Cooke Institute (Vanderbilt University Divinity School). Solidarity Circles are virtual peer-networks for faith leaders, organizers, clergy, and members of the community interested in the cooperative and solidarity economy and its multiple relations to faith. The cost is \$250 USD for the first thirty participants. For more information and to sign up click [HERE](#)

Secure your spot in the upcoming cohort of Solidarity Circles (**beginning in November 2023**). Don't miss this opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals, access valuable educational and practical resources, and become part of a thriving community dedicated to creating transformative economic and ecological ways of life in their communities. We look forward to working with all of you in the fight for justice, solidarity, and labor this November 2023!

Please contact Andrew Richardson (Vocation Minister Atlantic Regions) if you have any questions: [ARichardson@united-church.ca](mailto:ARichardson@united-church.ca)



### E-ssentials

The [October 10<sup>th</sup>](#) edition calls for an immediate ceasefire in Israel and Palestine.

### Living into Right Relations

The [September 27<sup>th</sup>](#) edition offers a Statement on Information Shared by the Stó:lō Nation



The [October 6<sup>th</sup>](#) edition tells how you can register for **40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism Live Events**

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