



EOORC News

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

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

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October is clergy appreciation month!



EOORC
Setting Our Sights

The Setting our Sights (SOS) Strategic Planning Working Group is pleased to offer our [REPORT](#).

We are grateful to all who participated in the consultation process and give thanks for the dedication, vision and wisdom that was shared. This report offers strategic activities under the themes of Growth, Justice, Climate, Leadership, Indigenous Pathways and Common Good for the next two years in the life of EOORC.

The report will be presented for approval at the November 4th meeting of EOORC. **There will be an information session on the report on Monday, October 30th at 7 p.m. on Zoom.** This will be chance to explore and discuss the recommended activity streams and outcomes recommended in the report.

Join Zoom Meeting

Time: Oct 30, 2023 7:00 PM Eastern Time

<https://united-church.zoom.us/j/87570402924>

Meeting ID: 875 7040 2924

Dial by your location

1 855 703 8985 Canada Toll-free

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

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Repayment of CEBA Loan –In anticipation of the repayment of federal Canada Emergency Business Account ‘CEBA’ loan, the United Church has developed a repayment program for UCC congregations who find themselves struggling to fully repay their commercial CEBA loans – which would trigger foregoing the already accounted for forgiveness portion. We have created a loan program to support our congregations through this transition. To take advantage you must respond prior to December 10, 2023.

To provide bridging support, the national office is prepared to facilitate a swap out of the commercial loan and replace it with a UCC loan. In short, UCC would issue loans of \$30,000 or \$40,000 for the express purpose of paying off CEBA. All eligible United Church CEBA loan holders in good standing with UCC are able to take advantage of this loan at an interest rate of 5.0%. First payment comes due February 1st, 2024.

To get started simply complete the loan agreement [UCC – CEBA loan closeout \(2023\)](#) and forward to Maria Pimpinella at mpimpinella@united-church.ca along with a copy of void cheque. It’s that easy!

Personal and Professional Aspects of Order of Ministry Retirement. A gathering for United Church Order of Ministry personnel who are retired or planning to retire in the relatively near future will be held on Wednesday November 22, 2023 at Riverside United Church (3191 Riverside Drive, Ottawa) from noon until about 4:00 pm. Lunch will be provided (the cost of which will be covered by the EOORC). We will explore the issues of personal self-care and professional boundaries in retirement, and the format will primarily be small and large group discussion rather than formal presentations. To register and receive an agenda, please contact Rev. Grant Dillenbeck at gdillenbeck59@gmail.com.

**Covenanting Celebration
Frank Emanuel**

Wednesday, November 8, 7:45 p.m.
Southminster United Church,
15 Alymer Ave, Ottawa, ON
Everyone welcome.



Rev. Dennis Dwyer
August 18, 1936 – October 06, 2023

Our sympathies go out to the family and friends of Rev. Dennis Dwyer, who died peacefully at his residence in Perth, Ontario over the Thanksgiving weekend. [Obituary](#)

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Ministerial Activity in EOORC

1. Rev Dr. Dan Hansen has been appointed to the Lanark-Balderson and the Central Lanark Pastoral Charges effective February 1, 2024
2. Beverly Buckingham (DLM) has been appointed to the Parkdale United (Ottawa) as Pastoral Care Minister
3. Rev Blair Paterson has accepted a call to Christ Church United (Chesterville) effective March 1, 2024
4. Rev Shalk Naude was appointed to the Shawville Pastoral Charge on May 1, 2023
5. Rev Melany Cassidy-Wise is working part-time at St. John's UC (Brockville) in addition to her work with the Rural United Ministries collective
6. Rev Mike Perrault was called to Orleans United Church on May 1, 2023 to work in Team Ministry with Rev Molly Bell
7. Rev Junior Smith has been called to Trinity United (Ottawa) effective October 1, 2023
8. Rev Jim Baldwin is in an appointment with City View United (Ottawa) to cover the maternity leave of Rev Laura Springate
9. Frank Emanuel (Candidate for Ministry) has been appointed to Southminster United (Ottawa) as a SME placement. There will be a Learning Covenant Celebration at Southminster UC on November 8th (7:45pm); everyone is invited
10. Rev Dr. Jessica Hetherington is offering supply ministry at Rothwell United (Ottawa) while they are in the search for a new minister
11. Rev Michelle Robichaud has been called to Stittsville United effective August 1, 2023
12. Rev Minhyuk Hwang was called to the South Stormont Pastoral Charge effective September 1, 2023
13. Rev Jennifer Power has been offering interim ministry at Britannia United (Ottawa) since September 2022
14. Rev Cathy Stewart was called to the Bristol Pastoral Charge following her ordination in 2023
15. Rev Paul Whynacht was called to the Manotick Pastoral Charge following his ordination in 2023

In Memoriam

Since our Spring AGM, a number of ministers in EOORC have passed away:

1. Rev JB Anderson (Andy) McKee – April 7
2. Rev Elizabeth Praamsma – May 27
3. Rev George Clifford – June 3
4. Rev Barry Goodwin – June 18
5. Rev Lois Wilson July 15 (not the former Moderator of the UCC)
6. Rev James Young-Key Min – September 5
7. Rev Dennis Dwyer – October 6

Licensed Lay Worship Leaders

We currently have 49 LLWLs in EOORC. Many of them are very active offering Sunday worship leadership to our Communities of Faith. On an annual basis, each LLWL is relicensed following a request to do so by their governing body. With so many of our smaller Pastoral Charges without called or appointed Ministry Personnel, our LLWLs serve a very important function. In addition to the currently licenced LLWLs, we have five people at various stages of the LLWL training. Anyone expressing an interest in being a LLWL – following a letter of support to the EOORC LLWL Team from their governing body – is interviewed by the EOORC LLWL Team prior to and following their taking the UCC-sponsored online LLWL course.

Sacraments Elders

Sacraments Elders are lay people who have been trained and licenced to preside over the sacraments in their home pastoral charges when their pastoral charge has been – or is expected to be – without called or appointed Ministry personnel for an extended period of time. This licencing does not extend beyond the boundaries of the Sacraments Elder's own pastoral charge. In the event that the pastoral charge acquires a minister through a call or appointment, the Sacraments Elder's licence expires. We currently have four Sacraments Elders licenced and seven more people are in our EOORC-led training program. A licence to perform the sacraments needs to be renewed annually at the request of their respective governing bodies.

Authority to Licence for the Sacraments

Traditionally, the authority to licence people within EOORC to perform the sacraments is held by the Regional Council, normally through its Executive following a request to do so by the Pastoral Relations Commission. Recently, in order to streamline this process the Executive of EOORC has given the Pastoral Relations Commission the authority to licence Diaconal Ministers, Designated Lay Ministers, Candidates for Ministry serving pastoral charges, and Sacraments Elders.

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RELATIONSHIP BUILDING AND RECONCILIATION

Award-winning author and activist Heather Menzies invites you into a conversation about her new book, ***Meeting My Treaty Kin: A Journey Toward Reconciliation***. It's an intimate memoir about the kind of personal work that reconciliation requires, and the promise that listening with respect holds for healing the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

Wednesday, November 1st

7:00 pm

**Boyd Museum
21 Canal Street
Bobcaygeon, ON**

Or join via Zoom at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83980749860?pwd=YmFiSmtaeWhvTnBrOQVlaGV6eVgwdz09>

Please RSVP if you are attending in person: rsmerkley@united-church.ca



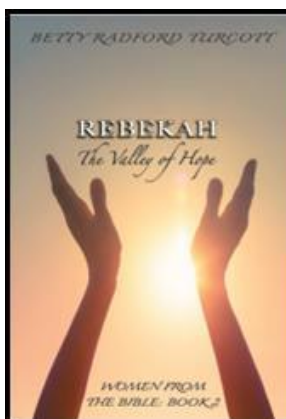
MEETING MY TREATY KIN
A Journey Toward Reconciliation
HEATHER MENZIES



HEATHER MENZIES

is a two-time winner of the Ottawa book Award and an adjunct professor in the School of Indigenous and Canadian Studies at Carleton University.

*Curious about the book?
[Click here for a short reading by Heather Menzies.](#)*



New Book by Betty Radford Turcott

Rebekah: The Valley of Hope follows the biblical story of Rebekah, Sarah's daughter-in-law. Based on the brief glimpse into her life as told in the bible, this fictional story follows her from birth to death. It opens the tent flap into her experiences, and we meet her: daughter, wife, and mother. The story reveals her wisdom and courage, and her passionate love for her husband and her sons. In a world where patriarchy rules, she follows her heart and lives life on her terms.

Copies can be ordered from the author or from Amazon. Betty.turcott@outlook.com

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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

Deadline for applications is Nov. 15, 2023

News from the General Council Office



E-ssentials

The [October 17th](#) and [October 24th](#) edition further discusses the situation in Israel and Palestine.



The [October 23rd](#) edition promotes **40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism Live Events**, which runs every Tuesday until November 28th.

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