



EOORC News

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

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

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

These two EOORC events in 2024 are not to be missed!

EDUCATIONAL GATHERING

Saturday, March 2, 2024

Being Courageous: A Time to Learn

Faire preuve de courage : prendre le temps d'apprendre

This will be an **online event** and will be **educational only**, with no business and voting taking place.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

May 31 and June 1, 2024

Being Courageous: A Time to Act

Faire preuve de courage : prendre le temps d'agir

Location Will be announced in early 2024.

EOORC News in December

There will be one newsletter in the month of December and will appear on Wednesday, December 13th

If you want something published in the newsletter, please send to ajansman@united-church.ca by Tuesday, December 12th at noon.

Upcoming Events

Be sure to submit your Christmas events [HERE](#).

It's easy to do and will ensure that your church events get promoted throughout the EOORC.

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Personal and Professional Aspects of Ordination and Retirement. A gathering for United Church Order of Ministry personnel who are retiring in the relatively near future will be held on Wednesday November 22, 2023 at Riverside United Church (5191 Riverside Drive, Ottawa) from noon until about 4:00 pm.

THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CHURCH TREASURERS — The CRA has backed off a requirement that would have been a lot of extra admin work for many of our congregations, most of our regions, our denomination and especially the Foundation. **Read the article:** [Charities and Giving](#)

FROM THE VISION AND TRANSFORMATION LEADERSHIP TEAM

In this last cycle of grant applications, the Vision and Transformation Team has recommended grants for a soul space project, a video camera project, a hybrid meeting project, a much-needed youth coordinator, a Godly Play pilot learning project, and a vital parish nurse. Some of these projects are part of three multi-year efforts.

Here is some of the feedback we have received from grant recipients:

- “We are welcoming new families into the life of the congregation. This project is providing the capacity to embrace them”
- “Three of the youth were recently baptized... and are embedding themselves in the life of the church.”
- “With our seniors, we have found it is the much-needed advocacy, health assessment, occasional dressings, transportation to doctor’s visits and sharing of information with the consent of the individual to come up with a comprehensive care plan including spiritual needs.”

These projects have brought success and joy to all involved. A big **shout out** to all those who have thought about applying to for a Vision and Transformation grant but haven’t done so yet. We are pleased to recommend grant applications to those communities of faith who want to discern the way forward and to those who have found innovative new ways to pursue their dreams. Be a model to other communities of faith.



MHI will be receiving a family as tenants in our Haven community and they are moving in with literally nothing to start off. If you know of people giving up furniture (not clothes) and other household stuff, we would be happy to receive them for the family. Contact [Sahada Alolo](#), Manager, Community Engagement.

VIRTUAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

receive a certificate in
Ministry of Supervision

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

Jan 1 - Feb 8 of 2024

(5 weeks)

**3 hours each Thursday
noon - 3:00pm ET**

for **clergy** and **lay**
individuals who are interested in
supporting studies and communities for
Supervised Ministry Education (SME),
internships and field education.

PREREQUISITES:

minimum of five years
post-commissioning or ordination,
experience in congregational ministry
leadership **OR** equivalent lay leadership.

Register by visiting [ChurchX.ca](#)

For more information please contact Andrew Richardson (ARichardson@united-church.ca)

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West-Enders Clergy Christmas Lunch Gathering!

Please join us on Wednesday, December 13th at noon at **The Heart and Soul Cafe** in Dunrobin. It is not only more accessible, but they are able to offer us a private room, so the noise level will be more conducive for conversation. The **Heart and Soul Cafe** is approximately 45 minutes from Renfrew, 30 minutes from Kitchissippi, Barhaven and Carleton Place, 25 minutes from Bells Corners and 15 minutes from Kanata.

SOUTH GLOUCESTER UNITED CHURCH FUNDRAISERS

Tourtieres and Preserves will be sold until they run out. Click [HERE](#).

Christmas Online Auction. Opens November 29th and closes December 6th
Click [HERE](#)

Visit [HERE](#) for more information



Reverend Harold Davies turns 100 Years

If you would like to send Reverend Davies a card, send before December 10th to:

Harold Davies,
c/o Dorothy Thomson
2 Perthmore Street
Perth, ON K7H 3P1

CENTRE FOR CHRISTIAN STUDIES

Join a CCS Friday on Dec 8 at 12:00 CT for an online discussion about engaging youth in climate justice. This summer, 15 youth from across the church participated in the United Church of Canada's first ever Climate Motivators program. Each student was sponsored by, and in partnership with, a local community of faith where they worked together on local climate justice or environmental needs.

The motivators connected online and in-person to learn how to be leaders, worship, be in nature, act for change, and influence church policy. Our special guest will be Amy Crawford, team leader for Faith Formation and Mission with the General Council of the United Church of Canada. Amy has just returned from a short sabbatical where she was reviewing and evaluating what happened to the youth and the people they interacted with. She will share some of her insights about getting youth involved in educating about climate change.

CCS Fridays are free. Please register to receive a zoom link, here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZclduiqqTMqHdzVZnAl2bcp5TI2oUuC5d7z#/registration>

COURSE OFFERINGS AT MONTREAL DIO

Perspectives on Medical Assistance in Dying: Ethical, Pastoral, Theological, and Cultural

Medical Assistance in Dying is now part of health care in Canada. This course offers a variety of Christian perspectives on the topic. It will be co-taught by Cory LaBrecque, Erin LeBrun, and Jesse Zink.

Tuesday evenings, January 30th to February 13th, 2024, 7:00pm to 8:30pm

For more information, click [here](#).

God's Spokespeople: Introducing the Prophets of the Old Testament

The prophets of the Old Testament offer some of the most compelling passages in all of Hebrew Scriptures. This course is an introduction to these texts.

Thursday evenings, February 15th to March 14th, 2024, 7:00pm to 8:30pm

For more information, click [here](#).

News from the General Council Office

The United Church of Canada Letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau – Israel – Gaza — A letter signed by The Executive of the 44th General Council, National Indigenous Council, The United Church of Canada was sent out on November 19, 2023 to the Prime Minister:

“This letter is to address the immediate and urgent need to stop genocide...The United Church of Canada has a long history of relationship with churches and partners in the region; for decades, we have joined our voices to theirs, seeking an end to the illegal occupation of Palestine and the blockade of Gaza, and towards a just peace for all, upholding the rights of both Palestinians and Israelis to life and freedom.” **Read the entire letter here: [2023-11-19 – Letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau – Israel – Gaza](#)**



E-ssentials

The [November 21st](#) issue highlights a letter from the United Church of Canada to Prime Minister Trudeau, urging a ceasefire in Israel-Hamas War.



The [November 20th](#) edition promotes a book launch of Called To Act, a collection of responsive prayers

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