



EOORC News

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

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Last Saturday's EOORC Fall Meeting was a great success. Attendees certainly lived up to the meeting theme, *A Time To Listen*.

Paul Dillman, on behalf of the Setting Our Sights Working group, presented the Setting Our Sights Strategic Plan. Following some thoughtful discussion, the

motion to adopt the plan, with an added motion that the EOORC Executive direct continued work on it, was carried.

The financial report was presented by Brian Cornelius and a proposed budget framework was adopted. Nikki Nel gave an excellent talk on Camp Awesome, as did Sue Smarkala on the Multifaith Housing Initiative.

Perhaps the highlight of the event was the EOORC becoming an Affirming Ministry. Éric Hébert-Daly's reflection was inspiring and the cupcakes were delicious!

Thanks to all those who spoke at the podium. Thanks to the wonderful musicians. Thanks to the amazing tech team. Thanks to the stewards, parliamentarians, health care watchers, and equity monitor. A special thanks to Barbara Reynolds, event planner extraordinaire, and her enthusiastic team for helping to smoothly pull off another EOORC event. Well done!

Takouhi D. Petro has posted some photos on the [EOORC Facebook page](#).

Copies of the presentations can be downloaded from the [webpage](#).

If you were an attendee and haven't filled out the evaluation, please do by this Friday. Thanks!

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EOORC Remembers

Many Communities of Faith in EOORC have provided images of commemorative plaques that are displayed in their churches. On November 11, 2023, we honour all those who served, and those who lost their lives, in war. Watch the slide show [HERE](#).



Remembrance Day Story

EOORC's Rev. Dr. Peter Bartlett makes an appearance in this [CTV video](#) about Master Corporal Mark Isfeld. Rev. Lynne Gardiner has a cameo appearance. Read the [text version](#) of the story.

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.

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!



Working towards a Just Peace for Palestine 2023 Advent Worship Resource

The United Network for Justice and Peace in Palestine and Israel (UNJPPI) have created worship materials for advent. Resources include songs, stories and prayers with the message of nonviolence, hope, resilience, peace, human rights and a just resolution to the occupation. Advent worship material and more can be found in UNJPPI's [October newsletter](#)



*****REMINDER*** NATIONAL HOUSING DAY**, November 19, 2023, Jean Pigott Place inside Ottawa City Hall from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. **Will You Join Us in the Joy of Dreaming Big?** [More information](#)

MHI November Newsletter is now [available](#).

 <p>United Church Rural Ministry Network www.UCRMN.ca "Connecting rural stories with rural people across Canada"</p>	<p>November 2023 Newsletter of the United Church Rural Ministry Network is now available.</p>
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EOORC UCW News

By Carolle Dallas-Arbuckle

The Student Gift Program enabled EOORC UCW to grant a total of \$3,000.00 to candidates studying for Ministry. Mark your calendar for next year's deadline: October 15, 2024.

EOORC UCW will be hosting the 65th Anniversary of UCW on July 19 – 23, 2027. Our UCW sisters in our neighbouring regions, Nakonha:ka Regional Council UCW and Bay of ECORC UCW have offered to help us out and we are looking forward to a wonderful celebration with UCW women from across Canada. Our theme is *Hear Our Voice*, and our scripture is *Wisdom's Call in Proverb 8:1* "Does not wisdom call out? Does not understanding raise her voice?"

EOORC UCW's President, Nancy Hazen and Vice President Charlotte Hoy represent our region on the National Executive of UCW. Our National UCW special project for the next four years is *The Healing Fund*, working with Joni Shawana, Program Coordinator, we are raising funds to help families, women and children.

Indigenous Ministry and Justice is important to UCW women and we encourage communities of faith to rise up to the [Remit 1](#), for Indigenous Ministries. Adele Halliday who is the Anti-Racism and Equity Lead at Church office is also on the Remit Committee and sent me these links for Remit information. Here are the relevant links:

- [United Church website](#)
- [General Council 44](#), including all of the background documents
- Remit. NIC 01 : Restructuring of the Indigenous Church [video](#)

Is your Community of Faith planning an exchange or mission trip? Have a look at the Agatha Kaasa Bursary Fund [HERE](#). Funds are available.

News from the General Council Office

Admission Matching Committee Open House

Are you from a church without a minister? Are you a member of a search team and looking for your next ministry personnel? Are you a pastoral relations liaison? Are you interested in knowing more about the admission process and more importantly the matching pilot project this online open house is for you? If so, you are invited to an online Open House with the Admission Matching Task Group. This hour long gathering will happen through Zoom on Sunday November 19th at 4 pm EST.

The Admission Matching Committee's work is part of a pilot project to bridge the gap between Ministers who are available and excited to work in The United Church of Canada and Communities of Faith who need a minister. This Open House will include an introduction to the Admission Matching pilot program, stories from people with experience of Admission ministry, an overview of the Admission process, answers to frequently asked questions about admission ministers, and some time for any questions you might have. It will be particularly useful to people from congregations without a minister, pastoral relations liaisons, and advocates for equity, diversity, and inclusion within The United Church of Canada.

To register for this free program, please send your name, location, email, and reason for registering to Beverly at btyhurst@united-church.ca.

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E-ssentials

The [November 7th](#) issue offers a Prayer for People of Courage. The [October 31st](#) issue announces the Canadian Government matching donations for Gaza and the West Bank.



The [November 6th](#) edition promotes **40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism Live Events**, which runs every Tuesday until November 28th. It also lists new course offerings for clergy.

Living into Right Relations

The [October 25th](#) edition is now available and discusses the program, 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism.

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