



EOORC News

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

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Faithful Footprints – What Could Your Community of Faith Do with an Eco-Grant?

A message from your Growth Animator, Tori Mullin

Feeling the heat? Think “green” this summer!

On June 4, the United Church celebrated achieving 502 engagements in the Faithful Footprints program. This represents approximately 20% of all United Church communities of faith, with ***an almost 24% reduction in national Greenhouse Gas emissions!*** When we think Growth strategies, we may not immediately think of our creation care commitments, but ***our future as a church is directly connected to environmental sustainability.*** If your church hasn't reached out to Stephen Collette at Faithful Footprints yet, I encouraged you to do so. You can learn more about the program, as well as grants available to United Churches looking to complete energy efficiency and decarbonization building projects. Learn about your neighbouring churches' efforts to “go green” and the positive financial and environmental impact this has caused.

Stephen Collette: scollette@faithcommongood.org | 705-930-1011

As always, your Growth Animator can be reached at tmullin@united-church.ca or by booking a time to chat at [Book time with Tori.](#)

Checking Your Church Calendars

Jeremy Mackenzie and the group Diagonal are launching a cross-Canada tour in Ottawa on July 6th at an unnamed location. This group is racist, anti-semitic and white supremacist. Ottawa peace and anti-racism activists are asking all churches in or near the city to check their rental calendars to make sure that they have not unknowingly rented space to this group.

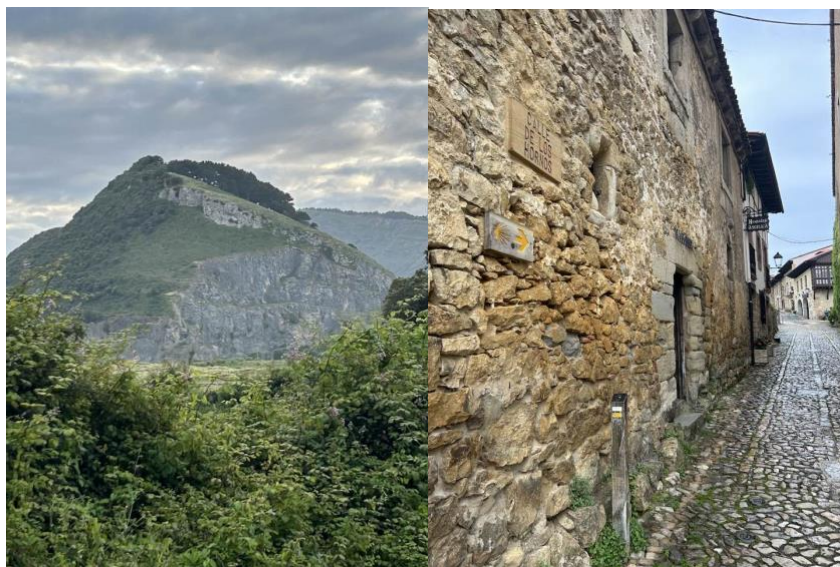
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Sabbatical Update – Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly

Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly is on Sabbatical, walking the Camino del Norte and the Camino Primitivo pilgrimage routes in Spain. Éric's husband Scott shared this update about Éric:

“Éric had a challenging start when he learned first hand the difference between a Gatineau hill and a Spanish mountain range. But he persevered and is now making good time and finding his stride both physically and spiritually. In fact, he’s a week ahead of schedule and will be embarking on a side trip starting tomorrow! He will be taking a journey known as the Lebaniego which cuts off south from the trail he’s been following. Apparently the destination at the end of this sidebar is a very significant pilgrimage site on its own. All this to say that Eric is not only doing well, he’s thriving! He’s in good shape and in good health.”

Here are a couple photos Éric took on his pilgrimage route:



We continue to hold Éric in our prayers during his Sabbatical.

Need to reach the Executive Minister before Éric's return in September?

Rev. Darren Liepold is our acting Executive Minister in June and July.

Phone: [1-800-268-3781](tel:1-800-268-3781) Ext. 6116

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Newsletter Summer Schedule

Over the summer months, the EOORC News will have a different schedule. Here are the publication dates. If you have an item to submit to the newsletter, please send it to Natalie Matkovsky (nmatkovsky@united-church.ca) by noon on the day before the newsletter is published.

July 10th

August 7th

September 4th

After this, we will return to our usual schedule of the EOORC News being published once every two weeks.

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Videos from the AGM

Did you hear a presentation you loved at the AGM? Would you like to share it with your church council or with a friend?

Several of the presentations from the AGM are now online. You can find them [here](#). More will be online in the coming weeks. Thank you to David Patterson for his work in getting these videos online!

Video of the Week: Mitchell Anderson shares [Ten Tips for Growth](#).

Moderator's Flourishing Event + Worship at Glebe-St. James (Corrected Date)



Moderator **Carmen Lansdowne** will be travelling across Canada in 2024, having conversations about flourishing – how we can move from languishing to flourishing – in our churches and for our communities. The Moderator will be in Ottawa on Saturday September 14th. You are invited to join her for this conversation. Find out more and register [here](#).

You are also invited to Worship with the Moderator on Sunday September 15th at Glebe-St. James United Church. In a previous edition of EOORC news, we had said June 15th. Sorry for the mistake! You can find more information about the worship service [here](#).

Jazz Festival Season Connects with Churches in Ottawa & Montreal

@field.notesmusic played in June at MacKay/New Edinburgh as part of the @ottawajazz [#homegrown](#) series. We were also at MacKay for a Sunday morning celebration on June 23rd, acknowledging all the ways music and spiritually foster wonder. It's one of the ways MacKay Church gives thanks for the Ottawa jazz scene and @ottawajazz

On June 30th, @field.notesmusic heads to Montreal to lead a similar jazz celebration at Ste. Catherine street's St. James United Church. It's blocks away from @montrealjazzfestival and we will be bringing our wonder story to the edge of that historic festival.

Thanks to Ottawa's MacKay Church and Montreal's St. James Church for sharing resources and visions. Also thanks to @uccanfoundation for enabling this work, including our recent recording session at MacKay. These photos are from that session in late May, and will eventually be released as part of the Wonder Project. [#deepbolddaring](#) And always thankful for the photography @_curtisperry



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Annual Theology Conference

You are invited to the Annual Theology Conference! This is a chance for learning and connection. The theme is *What if...? Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship, Daring Justice*.

Join us in person (at Bell's Corners United Church in Ottawa) or via Zoom. We will hear from theme speakers Murray Pruden and Bishop Bruce Myers, with workshops led by Paul Sales, Greg Smith-Young, Lynne Gardiner, and Mitchell Anderson.

Mark your calendars for October 21st and 22nd!

Voices United + Good News Bibles

Melville Eganville United Church of Canada has 100 Voices United hymn books, ready to be given to any church in need of them. We also have about 24 Good News Bibles.

Please contact Lillian Jeannotte 613-625-2658.

Book Drop-Off

St. Paul's United Church in Carp is holding a book fair in August. Do you have gently used books, DVDs, CDs or vinyl records to donate? We are accepting donations in June and July. For more information:

<https://eoorc.ca/event/carp-book-fair/>

Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship

Registration is now open for the Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship in October 2024. You can find more information and registration [here](#).

News from the General Council Office



Living into Right Relations

The [June 25th](#) issue shares 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism, a call for French-speakers for occasional ministry candidate interviews, and more.

The [June 18th](#) issue shares the Moderator's message for National Indigenous Peoples Day.

The [June 26th](#) issue talks about searching the Prairie Green landfill, and more.

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