



EOORC News

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

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Welcome Rev. Mary Royal-Duczek!

Rev. Mary Royal-Duczek is the new *Community of Faith and Network Support Minister* with EOORC.

Mary works with Communities of Faith to strengthen their visioning and renewal work. She also supports Networks in the region. Mary was ordained in 2007 and has served congregations in Alberta and Ontario. She lives in Almonte with her husband and daughter. You can reach Mary at mroyal-duczek@united-church.ca.



Video – Residential Schools Presentation

The Rev. Dr. Jamie Scott gave a presentation at EOORC's AGM about the United Church of Canada's involvement in Residential Schools. Many people commented that they had learned so much in this presentation.

The presentation is now available online [here](#). It would make a great resource for congregations. You could share it with a study group or other church group, or send the link to a friend. The video is less than 20 minutes long, and the audio quality is good. Thanks to Jamie Scott for the presentation!

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Refugee Sponsorship



Did you know there is a network supporting the congregations who are working with refugees in EOORC? The Refugee network is made up of congregations and interfaith groups who bring a variety of experiences to the ministry of welcoming refugees. The work ranges from preparing applications and facilitating co-sponsorships, to fundraising and volunteering to help refugees settle in. The network's primary goal is supporting churches and volunteers through education, by sharing their wisdom and experience.

Save the date for our fall learning and sharing session on **Saturday October 26**. If you are interested in receiving our mailings, contact: tomschwarzkopf@outlook.com.



EOORC Fall Meeting, Carbon Emissions + Carpooling

Save-the-date: Saturday October 5th!

Our fall meeting will take place at Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church in Renfrew. More details and registration will be available later in the summer. We hope to see you there! A Zoom option will be available.

As you start thinking ahead to the meeting, we encourage you to consider **carpooling**.

At the AGM, *65% of in-person attendees drove to the meeting on their own*. (Another 26% carpooled, and 12% took public transit or walked/biked). According to the reporting from our registration forms, and excluding electric cars, a total of *16 387 km* were driven to make the AGM possible. This is likely an artificially low number, as not everyone answered the question about travel plans.

According to an online calculator, with an average mid-sized car as a model, this would have produced *3.02 tonnes of carbon emissions*.

We would love to reduce this number for the Fall Meeting! Carpooling would be a great way to do this – as well as to make new friends or chat with old friends. Resources will be available in the coming months. In the meantime – why not reach out to a friend or a neighbouring congregation to plan your travel?

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General Council 45 – Proposals and Commissioners

Do you have a proposal for GC 45 which you would like EOORC to consider? Please send it to Joel Miller by September 15th. (jmiller@united-church.ca)

Are you feeling called to be a commissioner at GC 45? Please visit the “[Opportunities to Serve/Nominations](#)” page for more information about becoming a commissioner. You can also find an Expression of Interest form to complete. These forms must be submitted by September 15th.

Moderator’s Flourishing Event



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](#).

Sabbatical - Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly

Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly is on Sabbatical, walking the Camino del Norte and the Camino Primitivo pilgrimage routes in Spain.

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

Email: Dliepold@united-church.ca

Rev. Dan Hayward is our acting Executive minister in August and until September 15th.

Phone: [1-800-268-3781](tel:1-800-268-3781) Ext. 6150

Email: dhayward@united-church.ca

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.

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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Montreal Dio Launches Uniquely Flexible Pathways to United Church Testamur



Whether you wish to study in-person or remotely, whether you have prior theological education or no previous degree, Montreal Dio has a program that can get you there. [Click here](#) to learn more!

Licentiate in Ministry: Congregational and community based preparation for ministry. This program can be done almost entirely remotely in English or in French and requires no previous undergraduate degree. It is designed to be completed in three years of full-time study (part-time options available).

Studies for United Church Testamur: A highly customizable program for students with prior theological education seeking to fill the gaps in their credentials for ordination in the United Church. This program can be completed almost entirely remotely, in English or in French.

Iskotew Lodge – Summer Calendar

Iskotew Lodge is an Indigenous healing and wellness lodge affiliated with Health Canada. They have virtual and in-person events. The summer calendar is now available. To receive the summer calendar of events or to learn more, you can email iskotew@sac-isc.gc.ca.

Old Hay Bay Church - Pilgrimage



Photo taken 1928

Old Hay Bay Church welcomes you to the Pilgrimage of exploration at 2 pm & the Annual Pilgrimage at 3 pm Sunday, August 25, 2024.

Liturgist: Rev. Aaron Miechkota

Guest Speaker: Rev. Paul Reed

Guest Singers: Valerie Nunn & Gordon Burnett

Refreshments to follow

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The Summer 2024 Newsletter of the United Church Rural Ministry Network is now [available](#).

News from the General Council Office



The [July 9th](#) issue shares a beautiful video from Rendez-Vous. The [July 2nd](#) issue invites solidarity with Human Rights defenders in the Philippines.



The [United in Learning newsletter](#) has lots of updates on Fall Programming.

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