



# EOORC News

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

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### Interview with a Mystery Guest

Over the past few months, many EOORC communities of faith have received a visit from a “Mystery Guest.” The Mystery Guest appears as a visitor in your community of faith. This special visitor can give you feedback about his/her/their experience at your community of faith.

EOORC Communications Assistant Natalie Matkovsky sat down with one of our Mystery Guests to hear their experiences. *What is it like to visit a new church? What is one surprising area where churches could improve their welcome?* You can read the whole interview [here](#).

A Short Extract from the Interview:

**Natalie: When you visit a new church for the first time, what does that feel like?**

*Mystery Guest: It is a bit unsettling. There is so much you don’t know – little things but they are important. I visited five churches this summer, and in four cases it was difficult for me to determine which door I should use to enter the building. It is awkward to wander around the building, trying different locked doors.*

*It is hard entering a new community of faith as a visitor. I am very social and a “church person.” Imagine what it must be like if it is your first Sunday ever attending a church...or your first Sunday in a very long time!*

Read the whole interview [here](#).

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## Capital Pride 2024

EOORC will be participating in the 2024 Capital Pride Parade! Many congregations are participating in the parade. If your congregation is not participating, please consider joining the regional group. EOORC will have a small vehicle and a banner. We will have things to hand out, and if folks need a break, they can sit in the back of the truck which will have two or three places. The parade will be on August 25th from 1 pm to 4 pm. When travelling to the parade, we suggest taking public transportation if possible; parking will be scarce. We have not yet received our time and exact location for marshalling; if you would like to participate in the parade, please contact Bronwen Harman ([bharman@xplornet.ca](mailto:bharman@xplornet.ca)) so that we can give you the details as they become available.

## List of Bursaries

"Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council is looking for information about Bursaries that people can apply for. We would like to have a list available. If your Church or organization has a Bursary please let Susan Hutton ([suehuttoneoorc@gmail.com](mailto:suehuttoneoorc@gmail.com)) know so the list can be compiled and circulated.

## A New Setting of The Lord's Prayer

Pat Mayberry has written a new setting of The Lord's Prayer. You can listen to her brother Tom Mayberry singing it here:

<https://youtu.be/qXBuzwYrRq8?si=9jELfAeYdrhtDJQ>

If you are interested in using it for worship, you can find it the score by scrolling through at this link alphabetically till you see the title The Lord's

Prayer. <https://sites.google.com/view/musicbydavidwkai/home/pat-mayberry-music>

## 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 15<sup>th</sup>. ([jmiller@united-church.ca](mailto:jmiller@united-church.ca)) You can read the guide to creating a proposal [here](#). (Si vous voulez cette information en français, vous pouvez écrire à Joel Miller.)

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 15<sup>th</sup>.

You are  
**GOD'S  
BELOVED**  
COFFEE TIME

SUNDAYS @ 9AM (STARTING AUG 11TH)

**WHERE?**  
KITCHISSIPPI UNITED CHURCH  
630 ISLAND PARK DRIVE

**WHO?**  
You are a LGBTQ+ Christian refugee, seeking friends and a supportive church community, you are invited to coffee time and our Affirming Christian church service. Kitchissippi is an open and Affirming church. You will be reminded that you are beloved by God.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**  
REV DANIEL (343)-630-2218      REV JENNI (613)-407-4068

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The United Church of Canada Foundation is thrilled to announce three fantastic new grant programs launching this fall!

- 1. United, We Trust-Based Grant Program (Funding Available Annually):** This program offers a powerful boost to existing work at United Church organizations and partners who wouldn't qualify for traditional grants. Up to \$100,000 will be awarded annually to support impactful initiatives.
- 2. Centennial Granting Fund (up to \$5,000):** Celebrating the upcoming United Church of Canada Centennial, this program provides grants to support special events and activities commemorating this historic milestone!
- 3. Promotion Project Fund (up to \$10,000):** Thanks to a generous donor, this program offers grants to congregations seeking to enhance their marketing efforts, attract new members, and promote their ministries.

Ready to learn more and apply? Visit the [Foundation website for details!](#)

#### Moderator's Flourishing Event



*\*New Location – Emmanuel United Church Ottawa\**

**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 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 until September 15<sup>th</sup>. Need to reach the Executive Minister before Éric's return in September?

Rev. Dan Hayward is our acting Executive minister in August and until September 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Phone: [1-800-268-3781](tel:1-800-268-3781) Ext. 6150 Email: [dhayward@united-church.ca](mailto:dhayward@united-church.ca)

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## Newsletter Summer Schedule

Over the summer months, the EOORC News will have a different schedule. The next newsletter will be published on September 4<sup>th</sup>. If you have an item to submit to the newsletter, please send it to Natalie Matkovsky ([nmatkovsky@united-church.ca](mailto:nmatkovsky@united-church.ca)) by noon on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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

## Hymn Books Available

After a recent amalgamation with North Gower United Church, Carsonby United Church has a surplus of hymn books to share. They have Voices United (25 with music and 10 with just the words) as well as six of the older red hymn books. If interested, please contact [nmatkovsky@united-church.ca](mailto:nmatkovsky@united-church.ca) to be put in touch with those coordinating this. The cost would be whatever a church is able/willing to donate.

## The United Church of Canada Foundation's Fall 2024 grant round is now open!

Seeds of Hope grants support unique and innovative ventures that are ready to make an impact in our United Church and beyond. We are excited to learn what you're up to!

The Joint Grants Committee is now welcoming applications for new, unique projects which are:

- Providing innovative seniors' ministry
- Celebrating and encouraging children and youth
- Addressing environmental and social justice issues
- Looking at new ways to provide ministry and support during transition periods
- Facilitating experiencing faith and spirituality

Also granting this round are the **Rowntree Scholarship, Alvin Dixon Memorial Bursary, Promotion Project Fund, Centennial Granting Fund** and **United, we.**

Seeds of Hope applications are due October 15, 2024; other deadlines vary, so please check the terms before you apply. Learn more: <http://unitedchurchfoundation.ca/grants/seeds-of-hope/>

## Centennial Celebrations

Save-the-date: **EOORC's 2025 AGM** will be on May 30 and 31, 2025! During this meeting, we are planning to dedicate one day to celebrations of the United Church of Canada's Centennial.

Did you know that the United Church of Canada has a special **Centennial Newsletter**? You can subscribe [here](#).

**Is your church community planning something special to commemorate the Centennial?** The United Church of Canada would love to hear about it! [Submit your event details](#) on our brand new [Centennial event map!](#) Not only will your event be showcased on the [Events page of the United Church website](#), but it will also be shared with your Regional Council staff. We can't wait to see the amazing ways you'll be celebrating 100 years of faith.

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## Reminder – Survey for Ministry Personnel

Ministry Personnel are invited to respond to a survey about future clergy gatherings in our region. Please respond to the survey by September 6<sup>th</sup>. You can find the survey [here](#).

## “To Boldly Welcome Young People”: Blog Post by Growth Animator Tori Mullin

Rev. Tori Mullin reflects on their experiences at Rendez-Vous 2024, including some helpful learnings from young people about how we can all welcome young people in our communities of faith. <https://united-church.ca/blogs/round-table/boldly-welcome-young-people>

## Social Media – Free Workshops

Is your Community of Faith hoping to begin or grow your social media engagement? ChurchX has some helpful recorded webinars which are available for free and at your own pace. You can check them out [here](#).

## Affirm United – PIE Day Song Contest

Read all about it [here!](#)



## Carleton Memorial United Church – Walk for M&S

Carleton Memorial United Church is entering their 75<sup>th</sup> year – congratulations to the congregation on this important milestone! As part of their celebrations, they are hosting a Walk for M&S (Mission and Service Fund) on Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup>. The walk begins at 8:30 and they invite anyone interested to join them!

More details: <https://eoorc.ca/event/walk-for-mission-and-service/>

## Senior’s Active Living Centres Grant

Is your community of faith interested in providing programs to seniors? The Ontario Government has a special program to help. The government will cover 80% of the cost. For the first time, this program is now available to churches. Applications are due on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024. You can find out more [here](#).

Webinars for those interested in applying are available:

Tuesday, August 27, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. (English) [Register here](#).


Tuesday, August 27, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (French) [Register here](#).

## Online Open-Enrollment Courses with Montreal Dio

Looking to grow in faith and learn in community? Montreal Dio is offering some great online classes which are open to all. You can learn more [here](#).

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The 2024 **CARP**




**BOOK FAIR**

St. Paul's United Church  
3760 CARP ROAD - CARP VILLAGE

**SIX DAYS: AUGUST 15–17  
and AUGUST 22–24**

THURSDAY–FRIDAY: 3PM–8PM  
SATURDAY: 8AM–2PM



FOR UPDATES VISIT:  
<https://www.stpauls-dunrobin.ca>

## Healing Pathway Workshops

### Phase Two: Healing from the Heart

Friday, September 13th 9:00 am – 5:30 pm Saturday,  
September 14th 9:00 am – 5:30 pm

Learn more [here](#).

### Phase One: An Introduction

Friday, November 8, 2024 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Saturday,  
November 9, 2024 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Learn more [here](#).

## UNJPPI Conference

The United Network for Justice and Peace in Palestine and Israel is presenting a conference entitled *Faith in a Time of Genocide*. It will take place on November 1 and 2 in the GTA. Registration is now open and you can learn more [here](#).

## News from the General Council Office



The [July 9th](#) issue shares a beautiful video from Rendez-Vous

The [July 16th](#) issue presents the United Church of Canada's first Strategic Plan Report.

The [July 23rd issue](#) has tips on how to engage your MP on justice issues.

The [July 30th issue](#) shares about exciting plans for youth at GC 45.

The [August 6th issue](#) has prayers and ideas for support for Jasper.

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