



EOORC News

Sunday, September 8, 2024

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

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What a great day at Capital Pride! Many of Communities of Faith in our region marched in the parade.

EOORC has a new banner! If you would like to borrow it for a Pride Parade or other event, please contact [Natalie Matkovsky](#).



EOORC Fall Meeting

You are invited to the Fall Meeting! It will take place at Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church in Renfrew, on Saturday October 5th.

Registration will be available soon. For more information, please visit our [website](#).

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Strengthening Invitation | United in Prayer

Each Thursday at 12pm EST, the Growth Department prays for and with communities of faith in our shared ministry of Strengthening Invitation. This event will be hosted primarily in English.

Let us know how we can pray for your community of faith.

- Are you planning a special service to invite your neighbours?
- Are you reaching out to your neighbours through an event?
- Are you asking hard or exciting questions about your future?

Join us and pray for others.

Send your prayer request to growth@united-church.ca (you can send a request even if you're not attending) Register to join us [here](#). *Envoyez-nous vos demandes de prieres en francais aussi!*

Disbanding Service for Melville Eganville United Church

Melville Eganville UCC will be having a service of worship for disbanding, Sunday September 15, at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church , 14 Bonnechere St. W. Eganville.ON. beginning with a hymn sing @ 10:15am. Knowing that our siblings in faith, within EOORC, are holding us in prayer that morning would be gift and blessing.

Thank you.

- Margie Patterson, retired UCC ministry personnel and supervising minister

Scam Alert – Please Share with Treasurers, Office Administrators and Other Leaders

The United Church of Canada has posted the following on their social media: We've become aware of a phishing scam currently targeting United Churches. You might receive e-mails, text messages, or phone calls that appear to be legitimate asking for a change of banking information, or personal employee information. Treasurers and others can find tips to protect personal information on our Pastoral Charge Payroll Service page: <https://united-church.ca/.../pastoral-charge-payroll-service>.



LATER IS TOO LATE!

On October 1, Seniors across Canada are gathering in 55 locations to advocate for a world free from fossil fuel destruction. Together, they are addressing the climate emergency and calling for urgent action. A few seniors from EOORC are part of this group. You can visit their website, seniorsforclimate.org, for more information and to register for their September 11 webinar where Dr. David Suzuki, Dr. Courtney Howard, and Amber Bennett will lead in an exploration of how we can influence the course of climate change.



**STEWARDSHIP: MORE THAN A FANCY
WORD FOR FUNDRAISING**

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Save the date
for the
**2024 EOOR UCW's
Leadership Day**



at Trinity United Church
41 Market St N, Smiths Falls, K7A 2E7

Wednesday October 2nd -from 10 am to 2 pm

Cost 15.00 per person

To register, contact Charlotte Oliver Hoy at
charlottehoy22@gmail.com by September 20th

The United Church Women of EOORC are hosting a Leadership Day which is open to all women in our region. The event is \$15, which includes lunch and all materials.

**September 18, 2024—Grassy Narrows River Run Support
Indigenous and Environmental Justice.**

The United Church of Canada (UCC) has officially endorsed the Grassy Narrows River Run being held on **September 18, 2024**. The Climate Justice staff team and Indigenous Ministries and Justice are working collaboratively to support the grassroots people organizing the [Grassy Narrows River Run](#). We are inviting all UCC folks across Turtle Island to join with them on their path to achieve mercury justice and freedom! How can your UCC community/congregation support the River Run? Amplify their social media, Invite your community of faith, family and friends to join the people of Grassy Narrows on September 18, 2024 at noon in Toronto, Pray, Ring church bells, Donate and Advocate. You can find further details by reading the recent [River Run news post](#) and/or contacting justice@united-church.ca.

Sunday Pulpit Supply

If your Community of Faith is needing pulpit supply, please consider the use of our trained and experienced **Licensed Lay Worship Leaders**. To receive a current list of the LLWLs, please contact [Whit Strong](#) or [Natalie Matkovsky](#). [Licensed Lay Worship Leaders - Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council \(eoorc.ca\)](#)

Invitations from St. Andrew's College

Contemplative Gathering: We hope you can join us on **Friday, September 20 at 10 a.m.** (Saskatchewan time) for an hour of quiet contemplation and conversation. As we begin a new academic year, we will explore the **Ember Day** theme of **"Birthing Hope and Harvest"**. Please join online here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89040944527?pwd=6Bow6knxVgXVYFNniY1iF5w3Yb57ey.1>

Lifelong Learning at St. Andrew's College: Are you looking for new opportunities to learn at your own pace, in your own space, following the questions and passions which really matter to you? St. Andrew's College Lifelong Learning Pathway offers all the tools you need to go deep in your quest for wisdom and insight. Reasonable tuition subscription, with bursary support available! <https://standrews.ca/lifelong-learning-pathway/>

Refugee Sponsorship Online Event

Note: This event is an online event by a network beyond our region. There is another event which is in-person and planned by an EOORC refugee network. You can find more info about the in-person event [here](#).

You are invited to an online event addressing newcomers' education needs and challenges on Saturday, September 21, 10:00 am. The Private Refugee Support Network connects sponsors and provides training; participating in these events offers an opportunity for private sponsors to share their lived experience. You can find more info [here](#).

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United Church Centennial Grants

The excitement around the United Church of Canada Centennial is growing! We're hearing from many communities of faith who are holding services and activities in celebration; is your group planning something? Don't forget that the Foundation's [Centennial Granting Fund](#) offers funding for these special events, emphasizing the importance of uniting to commemorate the milestone anniversary. Communities of faith and other organizations can apply for grants of up to \$5,000.



The Fall 2024 grant round is open! We've mentioned that it's unlike any other, so we want to draw your attention to some upcoming application deadlines and a few helpful resources!

- [Seeds of Hope](#) applications are due October 15.
- [Rowntree Scholarship](#) applications are due October 15.
- [Alvin Dixon Memorial Bursary](#) applications are due September 15.
- [Promotion Project Fund](#) applications are due October 15. At this time, this is the only scheduled granting opportunity from this fund, so don't miss your chance! Check out the marketing resources we've listed in the fund description to help get you started.
- [Centennial Granting Fund](#) applications are due September 15. Following this, the next application intake will begin immediately and close December 15. As we mentioned about, visit united-church.ca/100years to download the Centennial Toolkit.
- [United, we](#) applications are due October 15. The fund will grant next in Fall 2025.

Ministry & Personnel Committee Workshop

There will be another M&P Committee online workshop on Saturday, November 9, 2024 (9am – 12noon). This workshop is open to M&P Ctte members (both new and current), Council members, and Ministry Personnel. If you have any questions please contact Rev. Whit Strong wstrong@united-church.ca

Pre-registration is required.

<https://united-church.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMucu6qrjlrH9zRqkbFDkXEIBPx3go7aB7O>

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Applications now available: Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund

This grant opportunity might be of interest to some Communities of Faith in EOORC

“The Ministry of Sport is excited to announce applications are now being accepted for the [Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund \(CSRIF\)](#). This new \$200-million, three-year infrastructure fund will support Ontario’s growing communities with new and revitalized local sport and recreation facilities across the province.

The CSRIF is a two-stream, application-based funding program.

- **Stream 1: Repair and Rehabilitation** – Funding between \$150,000 and \$1 million to extend the lifespan of existing community sport and recreation facilities/spaces and improve local programming and accessibility features to meet community need.
 - o Application deadline is Tuesday, October 29, 2024, at 5 p.m. (ET).
- **Stream 2: New Builds/Signature New Builds** – Funding up to \$10 million to invest in new, transformative community sport and recreation infrastructure, including assets that do not currently exist in a community or the replacement of existing assets that have reached the end of their lifespan.
 - Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis until all funding has been allocated. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply early.

More information is available [here](#).

Professional Church Secretaries and Administrators

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! The [2024 PCSA Conference will be held from Sunday, October 27 - Tuesday, October 29](#) at the Cave Spring Camp, 4410 Cave Spring Rd., Beamsville, ON, Canada. This year's conference features a speaker on anti-bullying, an outing to Salem Chapel United Church and Silver Spire United Church, small group discussions on hymn licensing, Google Docs, PowerPoint, recruiting volunteers, and rental practices. The conference also includes a speaker from Affirm United and a speaker from Unifor Unifatih. And of course will include good food, conversation, an opportunity to connect with other church administrators and secretaries, and even a campfire! Please visit the [website](#) for more information and to register!

Rise Above Guest House: Healing Pathway Phase 1 from September 12-14, 2024. Phase 1 is an introduction to the basic concepts of healing hands within the Christian tradition, with an emphasis on learning to be a healing presence and instrument of God’s healing power. More information [here](#).

Autumn Update from The Ottawa Pastoral Care and Training Program

This fall we again offer the Basic Training Course both in-person (afternoons) and online by Zoom (evenings). Both courses begin Monday, September 16, 2024 and run weekly until November 25, 2024 (excluding Thanksgiving Monday). Our Fall 2024 Basic Training Course brochure is available at <https://ottawapastoralcare.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Fall-2024-.Basic-Course-Brochure.pdf>

We are also excited to present a Continuing Education event on Tuesday November 5th from 7- 9pm by Zoom. This session, called *A Pastoral Response to the Challenges of MAiD*, will explore an approach focusing on compassion, empathy and journeying with patients as they search for meaning in their suffering. The presentation will not condone or condemn MAiD as a treatment option. Instead, it will focus on how pastoral care volunteers can journey with patients, listen to their struggle and assist them with their own meaning-making around life and death issues. The session will be led by Roshene Lawson, Clinical Chaplain with Bruyère Continuing Care at St. Vincent Hospital in Ottawa. The program brochure is available at <https://ottawapastoralcare.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Fall-2024.Con-Ed-Brochure.pdf>

News from the General Council Office



The [August 13th](#) issue discusses a recent surge in hate crimes against the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.

The [August 20th](#) issue highlights an open letter from General Secretary Rev. Michael Blair entitled “Quiet Diplomacy Isn’t Working,” and discussing the conflict between Israel and Palestine.

The [August 27th](#) issue encourages us to support the Grassy Narrows River Run.

The [September 3rd](#) issue talks about the Season of Creation and justice initiatives.



The [August 10th](#) edition dives into the artistic and musical heritage of The United Church of Canada.

**Living into
Right Relations**

The [August 28th issue](#) shares the Moderator’s Message for Orange Shirt Day

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