



EOORC News

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

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Roxanne Akhtar won the Volunteer of the Year award this year at Affirm United's AGM. Roxanne is a member of Parkdale United Church and presented at EOORC's AGM. Congratulations, Roxanne!

EOORC Address

EOORC's mailing address is:

Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council
c/o First United Church, 347 Richmond Road, Ottawa, ON K2A 0E7

Please note that this is a mailing address only. Regional staff work from home offices and attend meetings and visit communities of faith throughout the region.

Church Websites

When is the last time your congregation updated its website? We encourage all communities of faith to take a look at their websites. Could a visitor find accurate information about service times, worship locations and other events? If not, it is time to update!

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Good News Story: Renovations at Trinity United Church Kazabazua



Trinity United Church in Kazabazua, Quebec, recently completed a major phase of building renovations. All eight leaking windows were replaced, which will greatly reduce heating costs this winter. The old disused furnace chimneys were restored, and the roof and outdoor walls painted. A new sign was installed on the church, and another will soon be placed near the road. The congregation uses printed signs and social media to share service times and other information with their local community.

The Trinity United Church congregation knows that the church is more than a building. One member of the congregation commented: "If we are having a Halloween event for children and a child spills glitter all over the floor, that is ok – we have vacuums for a reason! The most important thing is welcoming these kids and telling them about God's love." At the same time, a well kept church building can be an important tool in being the Church.

The project was made possible with financial support from the EOORC Church Extension Fund and from Glen Cairn United Church, who generously shared a budget surplus with Trinity Kazabazua. EOORC rep Alan Herbert writes: "Many families have supported the Trinity UC Kazabazua building fund for many years. But our building fund alone was not sufficient for the scope of the work needed. We are very grateful for the financial support received from Glen Cairn United Church and the EOORC Church Extension Fund without which this project would not have been possible."

Do you have a good news story to share? Please contact Natalie Matkovsky at nmatkovsky@united-church.ca.

Connect Ottawa Conference: Together Serving Those in Need for Jesus

Connect Ottawa Conference
Friday, October 18th, 3:00 pm
Carleton - Dominion Chalmers Centre
<https://www.connectottawaconference.ca/>

Connect Ottawa Conference connects churches and organizations to serve the city's most vulnerable people. Attendees will get to meet with Christian-based charities that are working to address poverty issues, addiction, and community issues. The Connect Conference aims to foster collaboration, connect potential volunteers and donors with service organizations, and provide a platform to pray for and with others involved in similar work. This event is sponsored by Dominion-Chalmers United Church.

Camino Reflections

Reflection 2: Encounters: “Walk your own Camino” was a refrain I heard from many folks before I left for Spain. It didn’t take long for me to realize the importance of that. Some people naturally walked faster or slower than my natural pace. Sometimes I would adjust my speed in the interests of engaging with them, but walking at a pace that is not your own is uncomfortable, regardless of whether it is faster or slower.

Reflection by Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly

To continue reading, [please click this link](#).



Preaching Justice: A Preaching Workshop from Montreal Dio

Dr. Cornel West says, “Justice is what love looks like in public.” Our Scriptures vividly illustrate this vision of justice across various circumstances, yet many preachers avoid it, fearing they might be seen as “political” or “controversial.” Jordan Haynie Ware offers a three session course for lay preachers or those looking to renew their preaching.

More information on the [Montreal Dio website](#).

An Invitation from Iskotew Lodge: Honouring Jordan River Anderson, Teaching & Sharing Circle

In Person at the Iskotew Lodge, October 22, 10:30a.m. - 12:00p.m. ET. Join us as we take time to reflect on the legacy of Jordan River Anderson and the lasting impact made with Jordan’s Principle. On this day he would have been 25 years old. For more information or to register for this hybrid event, contact the Iskotew Lodge by email at iskotew@sac-isc.gc.ca or Join via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83504787262?pwd=n3eWqqltrfiTbalDiQnh6VwsizYQb.1>

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ALL WELCOME!

KANATA MUSLIM ASSOCIATION
www.kanatamuslims.ca

ISLAMIC HISTORY MONTH CANADA

GET TO KNOW YOUR MUSLIM NEIGHBOURS!

FAMILY PARK CLEANUP
Let's join hands to care for our earth! Snacks and supplies provided.

Brookshire Park
1035 Klondike Rd
across from South Marsh Pk

Sun, Oct. 6
11 am to 12 pm
Rain Date: Oct. 14

ISLAMIC HERITAGE FALL MARKET
Explore food, art, home decor, clothing + kids fun & more!

Kanata Mosque Parking Lot
351 Sandhill Rd
(near Marsh & Klondike)

Sun, Oct. 20
11 am to 5 pm
Rain Date: Oct. 27

MUSLIMS IN CANADA: YESTERDAY TO TOMORROW

Dr. Sheema Khan
Columnist: The Globe and Mail

Imran Sikander Hashmi
Faith Leader & Former Journalist

Beavertown Library
2500 Campbell Dr.

Mon, Oct. 21
7 pm to 8 pm

Register:
tinyurl.com/4aerxuzm

WIN A DELECTABLE DINNER FOR TWO!

TURKISH KEBAB HOUSE

SCAN HERE

Play our quiz for a chance to WIN Dinner for Two at Turkish Kebab House in Kanata!

kanatamuslims.ca/win

Let's Talk about Dementia

October 20, 12 pm
Glebe-St. James United Church

Please join us for an introduction to dementia presented by The Dementia Society of Ottawa and Renfrew County at Glebe-St. James United Church (650 Lyon), October 20 at 12 pm.

The presentation will address:

- What is Dementia?
- How does Dementia affect us?
- How can dementia affect me, or someone I care about?
- No one should face dementia alone.
- What can I do about dementia?
- Where can I get help?

Everyone is welcome to attend this event. Feel free to bring your lunch. For more information, please contact Rev. Susan Toller (gsj.pastoralcare@gmail.com).

United Church Rural Ministry Network
www.UCRMN.ca
"Connecting rural stories with rural people across Canada"

You can read the October newsletter [here](#).

Dementia Friendly Communities: Why Becoming Dementia Friendly is Important

November 20 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Addison United Church invites you to a learning event. To read more about this event, please visit <https://eoorc.ca/event/dementia-friendly-communities-why-becoming-dementia-friendly-is-important/>

Video License Applications Now Open

Video license applications are now open for annual licenses from January 2025 to December 2025. Many churches benefit from the opportunity to show films and clips during worship and at events, and require a public performance license (or video license) to do it legally. The United Church of Canada offers discounted access to annual licenses from both Audio Ciné Films and Criterion Pictures. To access more information about the licenses, including pricing, please visit: <https://rtps.ca/UCC/Categories/license.php>. If you have not had a chance to register for Buying United, please do so using the code **united** (all lowercase).

Apply here: <https://forms.office.com/r/6u3DdenSF8>
Applications Due by November 6th, 2024

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More information and register [here](#).

Growth-Related Opportunities

Growth Animator Rev. Tori Mullin shares upcoming growth-related events and opportunities. They include a webinar with Egale Canada, a learning opportunity about church and mental illness, and funding to create safer spaces. You can learn more [here](#).

Looking for Copies of More Voices

Does your congregation have extra copies of *More Voices*? Several pastoral charges in our area are looking for more copies of this book, including Kirk Hill United Church, Avonmore-Finch-Martintown Pastoral Charge, and St. Andrew's Cumberland. If you have any extra copies, please contact Natalie Matkovsky (nmatkovsky@united-church.ca).

News from the Wider United Church



The [October 8th edition](#) includes prayers and action for Palestine and Israel, as well as a new book about preaching in the United Church of Canada.

The [October 15th edition](#) includes a special announcement about the Centennial worship service.



The [most recent edition](#) of the Centennial Newsletter shares the United Church of Canada's history working to ensure food security.

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