



EOORC News

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

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Good News Story: Trinity United Church, Ottawa

Trinity United Church (Ottawa) was recently featured in *Broadview* magazine. You can read the article to learn more: ["Want to switch your church to heat pumps? Here's where to start."](#)

Trinity United Church put a lot of planning and thought into making this project happen. It is part of the United Church of Canada's goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 80% nationwide by 2030.

In addition to fundraising, Trinity United Church accessed grants to help make this project possible. One of the grants was from Faithful Footprints. You can learn more at <https://www.faithfulfootprints.org/>

The church building can now be heated and cooled with zero emissions! The congregation took care to do their renovations in a way that was financially responsible as well as environmentally sound, and they engaged the community in the process of this exciting green renovation.



Photo from the Trinity United Church website, by John Comfort

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Honouring the Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey's 25 Years of Ministry with Parkdale United Church

Parkdale United Church recently hosted several special events to mark the retirement of their longtime co-ordinating minister, the Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey. Celebrations of Anthony's ministry were shared in [The Kitchissippi Times](#), [CBC Ottawa](#) and other news outlets. In addition to being a minister at Parkdale United Church, Anthony has engaged with the wider community in important ways.

Woodwark Student Bursary

The Woodwark Student Bursary Fund is currently accepting applications. This fund was established in 1976 by the Reverend Ken Woodwark and his wife Ida in memory of their parents George and Emma Woodwark and George and Katie McDowell. Reverend Woodwark was a Minister at Woodroffe United Church in Ottawa.

The bursary is for full-time students who are preparing for full-time service in the United Church of Canada. You can find more information [here](#). The deadline to apply is November 15th.



The United Church of Canada Total Compensation Review task group invites you to apply to attend a focus group on one of three different questions, which will assist us in the recommendations going forward to the General Council Executive and ultimately the 45th General Council. In order to allow for vigorous and thoughtful discussion, focus groups will be limited to 15 persons each. We'll ensure regional, gender, and ministry status balance to the membership of each group.

Our Zoom-based focus groups will be on November 13 at 2:00 pm ET and 7:00 pm ET. Applications will close on Friday November 1.

Detailed information about the focus groups can be found on the [registration page](#) on CHURCHx.

Video License Applications


Applications due by November 6th, 2024. 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/signin.php>. If you have not had a chance to register for Buying United, please do so using the code united (all lowercase). [Apply here](#).

In the News: Grace United Church, Gananoque

Congratulations to Grace United Church (Gananoque) on their 188th anniversary! As part of the celebrations, the congregation is hosting a community historical event on November 3rd. They spoke with the Cornwall Standard-Freeholder about this event and the church's history. You can read more [here](#).

Youth Forum at General Council 45 (Calgary, Aug. 5-12, 2025) Information Sessions

Please share this invitation with youth (aged 15-25) and youth leaders! They are invited to attend the following information sessions about Youth Forum at GC 45. You can register using one of the Zoom links below.




Find out more!

Youth Forum | 45th General Council


August 5-12, 2025, Calgary, Alberta

*Who can go? what is youth forum?
what will we do? who will be there?
how do I get there? will I be safe? what will we eat?
where will we stay? what is the purpose of the event?*

Attend an Information Session and meet folks across the country and find out more!



Choose one of these sessions!!



OCT 27, Sunday 1:30 PM PST **NOV 2, Saturday, 10:00 AM PST**

**Please note the times listed on the poster are for the Pacific Mountain Time Zone.*

In Ontario and Quebec the sessions times are:

*OCT 27, Sunday from 4:30 PM-5:30 PM Eastern
by [Zoom](https://united-church.zoom.us/j/84283467224) (<https://united-church.zoom.us/j/84283467224>)*

OR

NOV 2, Saturday from 1:00 PM-2:00 PM Eastern

by [Zoom](https://united-church.zoom.us/j/83505308452) (<https://united-church.zoom.us/j/83505308452>)

Youth Forum is for ages 15-25

Children's Ministry Zoom Event Planning Advent and Christmas

Please share this invitation with Sunday School teachers and Children's Ministry leaders in your communities of faith. Several regional councils are partnering to offer a free Zoom event focused around planning for Advent and Christmas. Folks from any regional council are welcome to attend. You just need to register by contacting kdouglas@united-church.ca, shull@united-church.ca, or sreddedn@united-church.ca



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West Central Ontario Regional Council

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ROUNDTABLE:
Advent & Christmas
PLANNING FOR ALL-AGES

Come and share your ideas and hear from others

We are repeating this event in two dates/times. Join the session that works best for you
Monday Nov 4th @ 7:00-8:15pm OR
Wednesday Nov 13th @ 1:00-2:15 pm

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
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National Housing Day: A Call to Action by Multifaith Housing Initiative

We are thrilled to invite you to one of Multifaith Housing Initiative's most significant annual events—National Housing Day, scheduled for Sunday, November 24th, from 3-5 PM. This special occasion will bring together MHI supporters, members, and community partners to reflect on the importance of housing as a human right and to renew our collective commitment to affordable housing.

As one of MHI's three key annual events, alongside Tulipathon (May) and the Annual General Meeting (April), National Housing Day is a time for advocacy, action, and unity. Whether you're a longtime supporter or new to MHI, this event is more than just a gathering—it's an opportunity to celebrate our shared mission, build connections, and hear from inspiring voices in the housing sector.

Expect an engaging lineup of speakers and a welcoming atmosphere where people from all faiths and backgrounds come together for a common cause. We'll look back on our successes, address the challenges still ahead, and explore ways that we can continue making a difference in the lives of those in need of affordable housing.

Join us on November 24th, as we stand united in our belief that everyone deserves a safe and affordable community to call home. Let's make National Housing Day a celebration of hope, solidarity, and action. Learn more at www.multifaithhousing.ca/national-housing-day

Sunday November 24th, 2024, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Sir John A. Macdonald Building, 144 Wellington St, Ottawa

Re-Unis: Celebrate Your Faith and Connect with French-Speaking Youth!



In the spirit of past national events for youth and young adults like "Rendezvous", you are invited to join Francophones and Francophiles from across Canada for an exciting weekend gathering!

Re-Unis will be an event to create connections, build bridges and discover how much we have in common. As our theme, drawn from Ephesians 2:19, promises; we will no longer be strangers! Join us in celebrating the French language in the United Church of Canada and all of the diversity and richness that our ministries in French have to offer.

This is an event for youth (14-18), young adults (18-35) and their leaders. It will take place at Plymouth-Trinity United Church, in Sherbrooke Quebec from November 29 to December 1st, 2024.

Registration is open and can be found here: <https://forms.office.com/r/eh9Se6ayFE>

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Living into Right Relations

The [Oct. 22 edition](#) of Essentials talks about the General Councils decision on justice principles in the conflict in Israel and Palestine.

The [October 29 edition](#) of Essentials shares about 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism...and more!

The October 23 edition of Living into Right Relations is available [here](#) and shares about many justice initiatives.

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