



# EOORC News

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

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### An Event for Ministry Personnel

Guest Speaker: Jesse Zink, Principal of the Dio Theological College in Montreal

This event is for Ministry Personnel. We will have time gather to connect and reconnect with one another, as well to engage and explore what it means to minister in these changing and challenging times.

Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 (9:30am – 3:30pm) Lunch will be provided free of charge.

Location: St. John's United Church, 400 Prescott, Kemptville, ON  
Registration will be available soon.

### Ministry & Personnel Committee Workshop

There will be another M&P Committee online workshop on Saturday, April 5, 2025 (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](mailto:wstrong@united-church.ca) Pre-registration is required. <https://united-church.zoom.us/meeting/register/DCP-H-VDTQyTg0e4U-o5kw>

### Calling all Health Care and First Aiders

On June 15, 2024 we are celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada at the EY Centre in Ottawa and we are expecting approximately 1500 people, so I am looking for help in the First Aid Department. There will be a need to work with the EY Centres staff to ensure that everyone's needs are met. If you are planning to attend and want to share your gifts, please contact Cathy Ryan at 613-272-2026 or [cryan@rideau.net](mailto:cryan@rideau.net)

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### Celebration of Ministries Service – Save-the-Date

EOORC's Celebration of Ministries service will be on September 27<sup>th</sup> at Southminster United Church, Ottawa. At this special worship service, we mark milestones, memorials, ministry retirements and more. If there are candidates to ordain, commission or recognize, that will also take place at this worship service.

### Mount Zion United Pembroke Looking for Cameras/Equipment to spread the Good News!

Mount Zion United is looking to join the growing trend of broadcasting their church services and portions of it.



They are looking to purchase or obtain used cameras, switchers and other hardware. If you are changing your system, or have surplus system equipment available, contact Pastor Dave Henderson at 613-312-4299

### Vision and Transformation Grants

IT'S TIME. The deadline for the next submission for a Vision and Transformation grant is March 31 2025. As members of the Vision and Transformation Leadership Team, we hope that you have heard about the grants we offer. Twice a year we receive and recommend grant applications from a variety of communities of faith which include all forms of ministry in our region. Grant applications are then reviewed and forwarded to the next executive of EOOR for approval.

Grants approved from the October 31st submissions promoted a youth worker, a parish nurse, indigenous programming, arts and wellness for seniors, YAYA worship, and more. What are your dreams? What project would you like to undertake? Or do you simply want to envision?

And if you have a story to tell about your success using an earlier grant, please share it with us. We would love to hear from you.

Please look for us on the EOOR website. We can be found under <https://eoorc.ca/resources/funding-sources/>. Information about the grants and the application form can be found there. Questions can be directed to: [visionandtransformationeoorc@gmail.com](mailto:visionandtransformationeoorc@gmail.com)

### Pilgrimage for the Planet – Join Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly and Others!

**May 10-12**, people from across the ecumenical family are coming together in a "Pilgrimage for the Planet," culminating in a peaceful demonstration in Ottawa to make a spirited call on the federal government to sign onto the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty. It's an initiative spearheaded by the [Eastern Synod Climate Justice Committee](#), an invitation to let climate justice "roll like waters"! (Amos 5:24)

Executive Minister Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly will be joining the group biking from Montreal to Ottawa. Would you be interested in taking part in this pilgrimage too? You are welcome join the group biking from Montreal to Ottawa. There are also many other ways to participate along the route, in Ottawa, or from your own home/community. For more information, click [here](#).

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## “May the Fourth Be With You”

Is your community of faith planning a Star Wars themed service on May 4<sup>th</sup>? Please let us know by writing to Natalie Matkovsky at [nmatkovsky@united-church.ca](mailto:nmatkovsky@united-church.ca). These services may be of interest to people in the wider community, and we would love to help you promote them.



### A Message from General Secretary Rev. Michael Blair

As General Council 44 winds down, I invite you to join an informal, thoughtful national town hall on April 2 at 6:00 p.m. with me, and guests from the General Council Executive – LIVE ONLINE. Our first Cross-Country Check-In in October last year had more than 330 registrants!

This invitation is for you, staff and congregations to join in a discussion about the decisions and dialogue from the GCE meeting – right after it happens. Whether you're a listener or a caller, this check-in is where you can have a conversation with leaders in real time.

We, the General Secretary and members of GCE, are listening. Live. In real time. Everyone is welcome.

[Register on CHURCHx.](#)

### Camp Lau-Ren – Spring Newsletter Now Available

You are invited to read the spring edition of “The Rock,” Camp Lau-Ren’s newsletter. The newsletter shares about upcoming events, camp registration, camper and counsellor stories, and the benefits of summer camp. It is available [here](#).

### Church Extension Fund – Loans and Grants

The Church Extension Committee will be meeting on May 7th, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. via zoom. If your community of Faith wishes to apply for a grant or a loan your application will need to be in by April 25th to secretary, Judy Harms Potter. You can email her at [jharms.potter@gmail.com](mailto:jharms.potter@gmail.com) for more information regarding the Church Extension Committee.

Follow the link to see the requirements for applications: <https://eorc.ca/resources/funding-sources/>

### 2025 Indigenous-Racialized Youth Scholars Program

**ATTENTION:** All GenZs who are members or associated with The United Church of Canada

We are looking for a **NEW** cohort of 6 youths ages 18–26 years old who identify as Indigenous or Racialized, and are interested in participating in a 10-week research program. Do you know a young scholar who would like to participate in the program? Details [here](#).

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## Stewardship News from Rev. Roger Janes

### Our Latest Stewardship Blog

My colleague, Vicki Nelson, reflects on ways to inspire giving when time seems short in supply in this month's blog: [Making the Time to Inspire a Community of Giving](#)

### Mission and Service

The 2025 Mission and Service Goal Setting form is [here](#).

Are you a Mission and Service Enthusiast/Volunteer. Please let us know so we can add you to our e-mail list and send you regular updates and resources!

Questions? Email [Mission and Service](#) or call us at 1-800-465-3771.

### Get Support to Create your Stewardship Campaign!

If your congregation hasn't undertaken a stewardship campaign in a while, consider registering for a 2-week learning module on creating a congregational giving program with Called to be the Church: The Journey. There are 2 opportunities to participate in the online program this Spring - one starting on **April 30<sup>th</sup>** and the other starting on **May 1<sup>st</sup>**. [Learn more and register here](#).

**Bequests and Estate Giving 2025**— Join Jess Smith (United Church Foundation) and I for a two-session webinar on how your community of faith can set up your Planned Legacy Program and inspire and invite planned gifts. **April 24<sup>th</sup>** and **May 8<sup>th</sup>**, 2025 – 2:30 to 3:30 pm (Eastern Time). Register [here](#).

### Stewardship Resource Kits

We now offer a series of *free* Stewardship Resource kits for download:

- Stewardship Starter Kit
- Stewardship Campaign Kit
- Digging Deeper Kit
- Planned Legacy Giving Kit.

To access these materials, just complete an online form. Ready to save or print, and share. Click here: [Stewardship Kits](#)

**A Stewardship Conversation:** Are you looking to grow generosity and involvement in your community of faith? Do you want to learn the best practices needed to effectively reach out and build new relationships with those not yet participating in your church's ministry? Do you want to develop an effective leadership recruitment plan? Why not book a Zoom or telephone call with Roger Janes and start the conversation: [Roger's Booking Page](#).

## News from the Wider United Church

The [March 18<sup>th</sup> edition](#) of E-ssentials talks about the "100 Words of Hope" Campaign, nominations and more!  
The [March 11<sup>th</sup> edition](#) of E-ssentials shares the Moderator's Earth Week message, resources to strengthen invitation in Lent and Easter, and more!

