



EOORC News

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

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Invitation to Covenanting Service

The Osgoode-Kars Pastoral Charge invites you all to celebrate the Covenanting Service with the Rev. Alwin Maben on April 27, 2025 at 11:30 AM at Osgoode-Kars United Church in Osgoode. The Rev. Ed Gratton will preside over the service. A celebratory lunch will follow.

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 for more information regarding the Church Extension Committee.

Events for Ministry Personnel and Retired/Retiring Ministers

April 29th – [Retired and Retiring Clergy Event: Nourishing and Nurturing our Spiritual Lives in Retirement](#)

May 6th - [Christian Witness in a Crisis-Shaped World: An Event for Ministry Personnel](#)

100th Anniversary Event Survey

Reminder- we are asking all Communities of Faith in EOORC to complete the [100th Anniversary Survey - Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council](#) This is not a registration form – it is just to give the planning team some early date on expected attendance at the June 15th event. To learn more about EOORC's Centennial plans, please click [here](#).

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Save the Date: EOORC AGM on Saturday June 14th

The 2025 Annual General Meeting will be held on **Saturday June 14th**. It will take place at the EY Centre near the Ottawa airport, with a Zoom option available. Registration will open in early May. A draft agenda and more information are available [here](#).

Note: an earlier version of this message said that a bus would be going from Arnprior and Chalk River to the AGM. This was incorrect. The bus on that route is for the 100th Anniversary event on Sunday, not the AGM on Saturday.

Training for Equity Support People

This email is to inform you that East Central Ontario Regional Council (your neighbor) is offering some training for people who serve as Equity Support at meetings. You are welcomed to sign up if you are interested (see link for details and registration: <https://ecorcuccan.ca/event/building-bridges-equity-awareness-training-and-information/>).

“The Rock” – Camp Lau-Ren Newsletter

The summer edition of “The Rock” is now available. You can read all the news from Camp Lau-Ren. Please click [here](#).

April Newsletter – The United Church Rural Ministry Network

Please click [here](#) to read the newsletter.

Indigenous Cultural Fair

Zion Memorial United Church in Carleton Place is hosting its fourth annual Indigenous Fair on May 3rd. This free event is also a fundraiser for Art for Aid, a non-profit, volunteer-run project that provides art supplies to remote First Nations, Inuit, and Metis communities in order to enable youth to connect to their culture through art. The event will run from 10am to 3pm, with the opening smudge at 9:30. At the event, Indigenous vendors will display and sell their unique crafts. Lanark Drum Circle will share music and teachings with the heartbeat of the drum to guide listeners. Art for Aid will have a full complement of beautiful fundraising art items for sale this year with 100% of the proceeds going to support their important work. Indigenous food will be available.

There will also be information on Indigenous work such as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, the Moosehide Project, and Legacy of Hope. There will also be hands-on activities for children and youth as well as craft making workshops (registration is required for the workshops and is available on Tickets Please).

The Indigenous Fair is more than a fundraiser. It is an opportunity to explore Indigenous culture close to home. The journey to reconciliation requires learning. Wandering through the vendors' displays, talking with them about their work, taking home a hand-crafted piece will invite each and every visitor to learn more about Indigenous culture and story. As the Truth and Reconciliation Commission reminded Canada, reconciliation requires truth-telling. As the United Church and its people continue the journey to right relations, this event provides an opportunity to learn and to support Indigenous work.

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Pilgrimage for the Planet

It is my great pleasure to announce that official registration to the Pilgrimage for the Planet is now open!

Registration is required if you:

- are wanting to bike the full Montreal-Ottawa bike pilgrimage
- are wanting to serve as a support car driver
- are wanting to serve as a support car driver on the one day, and cycle on the other

REGISTER HERE: <https://forms.gle/DX33hghVoyf23ENF7>

The registration period will last two weeks, **closing on Thursday, April 24th.**

If you are only joining us for the demonstration on May 12th (happening at noon on Parliament Hill), and not biking the full pilgrimage, you do not need to register, but we strongly encourage you to RSVP through this brief form below, helping us to get a better sense of the numbers we are expecting: <https://forms.gle/K5e441YyiJLZx69i7>

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions at all!

Only one month (to the day) until we let climate justice roll. Thanks for keeping our campaign in your prayers!

To the journey,

Étienne

Personal and Professional Boundaries

At its most recent meeting, the General Council Executive adopted a [policy](#) that makes it clear that family members of ministry personnel cannot serve on governing bodies of congregations without having sought the permission of the Regional Council. If you or your congregation requires an exemption from this policy, please contact your Regional Executive Minister at your earliest convenience: ehebertdaly@united-church.ca. The Regional Council Executive will consider such requests that are accompanied with explanations or mitigating circumstances.

In addition, a reminder that there are excellent learning resources regarding boundaries (financial/gifts, retirement issues, social media, etc.) available that are provided by the United Church of Canada: [United in Learning: Boundaries Courses](#).

Rencontre des femmes

À vos calendriers

Les femmes francophones et francophiles sont toutes invitées à une rencontre nationale organisée par l'Église Unie du Canada. Les prières, conférences, ateliers, échanges et discussions seront programmés cette fin de semaine. Plus d'informations : <https://eoorc.ca/event/rencontre-nationale-des-femmes-francophones-et-francophiles-organisee-par-leglise-unie-du-canada/>

Electronics Recycling Day



Parkdale United Church Rummage Sale



A Message from the Multifaith Housing Initiative

Tulipathon is coming up soon! This year's Tulipathon fundraising period runs from April – June 30. We are hopeful that we can count on your support again this year. As always, 100% of all Tulipathon proceeds go toward MHI's rent subsidies program.

You and your family and friends are invited to join us on Sunday, May 25 at Commissioners Park (across from Dow's Lake) as we gather for our Tulipathon 2025 walkathon. This year, we will be offering musical entertainment as well as some fun activities for our younger participants and those who are young at heart.

You can find your team and make a donation, or learn more about the event by clicking the buttons below.

Thank you and we hope to see you in May! To learn more or donate, please click [here](#).

May the Fourth Star Wars Service

South Gloucester United Church is Star Wars Service on May 4th. The service is at 10am. We are asking people to come in costume or bring your Star War treasures. It will be a fun worship service – all are welcome!

News from the Wider United Church

The [April 15th edition](#) of E-ssentials shares the Moderator's Easter message.

The [April 1st edition](#) of E-ssentials talks about advocacy, justice work and the current federal election.

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