



EOORC News

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

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BibleWoolies

Looking for faith-filled content for your kid that isn't weird? We've got you.

Introducing **Biblewoolies**, a free web app made by and for families who want inclusive biblically-based faith resources. Thanks to a grant from the Toronto United Church Council in Fall 2024, we have been able to bring this dream to life. Packed with content to get your family excited about our faith stories, you'll find bible stories, read-aloud videos, printable activity sheets and mini-games aimed at early elementary kids. Plus, there's some pretty cute Woolies to show you around!

- [Explore the web app](#)
- [Watch the one-minute promo video online](#)
- [Download the promo material kit](#)

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« Here from the beginning » Exhibition – A History of Black People in the United Church of Canada Over the Last 100 years.

A travelling exhibition is coming through all regions of Canada in this next year, and the organizers are currently looking for venues for the exhibit. It will be coming through our region in the Spring of 2026 and will usually be in place for one month. If you think you might be willing or able to host the exhibit, or if you know of a perfect location for it, please be in touch with the Regional Executive Minister so that we can ensure that the exhibit finds a place to land in our region! If you have any questions about the exhibit, Éric can get answers or put you in touch with someone who can. ehebertdaly@united-church.ca. For more information: www.herefromthebeginning.ca

Rideau Hill Camp

"Rideau Hill Camp is looking for Camp Chaplains! For many children and teens, summer camp is an important place of friendships, fun and growing in faith. We invite you to be part of this. You would stay in the chaplain's cabin during your week of camp. Please visit <https://rideauhillcamp.com/camps/> and contact jleslie@kitchissippiuc.com with any questions."

Here is what camp looks like this year:

- June 28 - July 4th - Pre-camp for staff
- July 6 - 11th - LIT 16yrs
- July 13 - 18th - Intermediate 12-14yrs
- July 20 - 25th - Junior A 8-12yrs
- July 25 - 27th - Family Camp weekend
- July 29 - 31st - Peewee 6-10yrs
- Aug 5 - 8th - JrJr 7-11yrs
- Aug 10 - 15th - Junior B 8-12yrs
- Aug 17 - 22nd - Senior 13-15yrs

Camp Lau-Ren's Newsletter

The June edition of "The Rock" is now available. You can read it [here](#).



Welcome to Loli Zahinda, Communications Associate

Loli is the Communications Associate at EOORC, where she supports a variety of communications and administrative projects that serve communities of faith across the region. She works with Natalie Matkovsky to maintain EOORC's digital presence, promote regional events—including the United Church of Canada's 100th anniversary celebration—and help develop new communications strategies. With a background in administration and a strong interest in public health and social equity, Loli brings clarity, creativity, and care to her work. She is passionate about making information accessible and amplifying diverse voices. She values collaboration, transparency, and inclusion in all aspects of communication. Outside of her role at EOORC, Loli enjoys reading, watching tv shows, and engaging in meaningful conversations. "Loli will be working with EOORC for eight weeks this summer. EOORC is grateful to have received funding for this summer job from Canada Summer Jobs and the Scrivens-Baillie Fund. We are delighted that Loli will be joining the EOORC staff team this summer."

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Structural change Evaluation Survey

YOUR INPUT is IMPORTANT.

The time has come to evaluate the impact of the restructuring of the United Church from four courts to three councils. Did it accomplish what was intended? As part of the evaluation, a survey has been developed to invite wide participation from across the church. It has been sent via email, using email addresses in ChurchHub, to:

1. All pastoral charges—**to be completed at a meeting of the Board/Council**;
2. All ministry personnel;
3. All regional council staff, Office of Vocation staff, and General Council staff impacted by the change.

The Structural Change Evaluation Steering Group has engaged Credence and Co., a consulting firm, to collect and analyze the data to protect anonymity and prevent bias in reporting.

If you did not receive the survey, please check your junk email. Also please ensure that the correct email address is attached to your ChurchHub profile to ensure you receive reminder emails which will contain the necessary link.

The survey will be open until June 15, 2025. Please make time to respond as a comprehensive and useful evaluation depends on input from across the church.

May 2025 Stewardship Update

Stewardship Learning Event – “How to Grow Involvement, Leadership and Generosity in Today’s Church” We understand well the challenges we face in today’s Community of Faith. Fewer people attending Church, fewer contributors to our ministry, and a smaller and older pool of volunteers and leaders. But does it have to be this way going forward? Can we do something to change the narrative?

Join Roger Janes, our Community of Faith Stewardship Support Staff, for an in-person session to explore some stewardship best practices that could have a significant impact on your future ministry.

- **When:** June 13 th (the day before the EOORC Spring Meeting) starting at 2 pm.
- **Where:** Parkdale United Church, 429 Parkdale Ave., Ottawa
- **Registration:** Free. Please e-mail Roger rjanes@united-church.ca to register.

May is PAR Month: Our Community of Faith Stewardship Staff Team have created some resources for pastoral charges to create their own Pre-Authorized Remittance campaign this month (or whenever)! Resources include a Step-By-Step Guide to creating your Own Par Campaign, A Sample Plan, A PAR Sermon, communication messages, as well as links to other previously shared resources. Keep checking our **PAR Webpage** for details and appropriate links. Any questions, e-mail **Roger Janes**.

Called to Be the Church: The Journey: When you are ready to make good stewardship a core part of your community of faith, we are here to help. Each course has a specific focus, enabling you to set goals, create a plan, and be successful, including both learning and practical elements. Our next course, **Getting Started in Stewardship**, will run on June 19 th .

Mission and Service: A Hundred Years of Service – a great video to view and share!

Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship Registration

Now Open!



Registration is now open for The Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship in October 2025. Rev. Kimberly Heath of EOORC will be preaching at this event. Many special guests will be speaking and leading workshops

Conference - Call for Repentance

A conference on Palestine, Settler Colonialism and the Western Churches will be held at St. Paul's University from Wednesday May 28th-Friday May 30th . This issue of the EOORC News is coming out on May 29th, but you can still register for the last day conference. <https://www.callforrepentanceconference.com/>

Zoom Non-Profit Discount

Does your church use Zoom? Zoom is now offering a 50% discount for non-profit groups. There is an online form to be filled out to prove charitable status. Once approved, the rebate is applied when the account is renewed. <https://www.zoom.com/en/zoom-cares/>

Books Available

Dear friends at the United Church;

I am 81 years old and need to 'down-size.' I have several dozen books on religious subjects that I'd be happy to give away.

These books include, The Interpreter's Bible, all 12 volumes, and the accompanying 4 volume Interpreter's Bible Dictionary. These volumes, produced by a range of top scholars in the 1950s, are in very good condition.

If you know of anyone who might like to have them, please let me know. I'd be happy to deliver them anywhere in the Ottawa area.

- Bill Janzen janzenw@sympatico.ca

PS. I spent most of my career working for Mennonite Central Committee.

Open House at Queenswood United Church

Queenswood United Church, 360 Kennedy Lane East, Orleans, is closing its ministry and holding an OPEN HOUSE to offer FOR FREE remaining church and office furniture, choir music, office supplies, bulletin covers, etc.

- Wednesday, June 11, 10 am – 3 pm
- Thursday, June 12, 10 am – 7 pm
- Friday, June 13, 10 am – 3 pm
- Saturday, June 14, 9 am – 2 pm

<https://eoorc.ca/event/open-house-queenswood-united-church/>

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**AN OPEN INVITATION
TO
SEAWAY VALLEY UNITED CHURCH WOMEN'S
JUNE GATHERING**

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025

Winchester United Church

519 St. Lawrence Street, Winchester Ontario

**REGISTRATION/REFRESHMENTS @ 9:30am
CATERED LUNCH \$15.00**



ENRICHMENT TIME

Fun Times at RHC

Karen Milne, Executive Director

Rideau Hill Camp

Please R.S.V.P. your attendance by June 1, 2025

Kim Baird @ bairdjk4@gmail.com

Louise Shaw @ 613 327 5240 or louise.shaw68@gmail.com

**Eastern Ontario Outaouais Region UCW
In Partnership with Quebec Region UCW
83rd Summer Event
July 25, 26, 27, 2025**



COME BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Ramada Hotel & Conference Centre
805 Brookdale Avenue, Cornwall, ON

REGISTRATION COST \$135.00

Saturday: Program, Lunch, Dinner

Sunday: We are invited to join the congregation at Knox-St. Paul's for Sunday service led by EOOR & QUEBEC UCW with lunch to follow.

Friday Night Program

THE RYTHYM ROOM – DRUMS FOR FUN

Cost \$10pp, payable cash on Friday night

Maximum 30 people

**REGISTRATION AND ROOM RESERVATIONS DEADLINE IS June 20, 2025.
Book your room at the Ramada Hotel by June 13th; after June 13th
hotel rates double. Register for Summer Event by June 20th.**

With a Canada Post Strike possible soon, please email your registration to
Carolle Dallas-Arbuckle cdallas@ripnet.com

For more information: <https://eoorc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Summer-Event-2025-Registration-2.docx>

News from the Wider United Church

The [May edition](#) of the United Church Rural Ministry Network – “Connecting rural stories with rural people across Canada”

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