



# EOORC News

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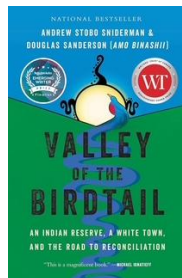
The bi-weekly newsletter of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council

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### A Book Review from the Righting Relations Network

The Valley of the Birdtail: An Indian Reserve, a White Town, and the Road to Reconciliation is a true story written by two authors with outstanding credentials. Andrew Stobo Sniderman is a journalist, Harvard lawyer and Rhodes scholar from Montreal who has served as the human rights policy advisor to the Canadian minister of foreign affairs. Douglas Sanderson (Indigenous name - Amo Binashii) of Beaver Clan from the Opaskwayak Cree Nation teaches Law and Public Policy at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law.

The story they tell is of two contrasting multiple generations living on opposite sides of the valley: one Indigenous on the Waywayseecappo Indian Reserve and the other non-Indigenous in Rosburn, Manitoba. It is a story of racism and reconciliation. It takes you from the depths of despair as you feel how the Indian Act affected and affects individual families to the uplifting hope of an experiment in education that could bring a change to systematic Indigenous racism in Canada.

Yes, it is possible. People need to read this book and think about what they want their Canada to be. *More reviews from the Righting Relations Network [here](#).*

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## An Invitation from the United Network for Justice and Peace in Palestine Israel

Join us on Wednesday, June 18th 4-5:30pm (Eastern)

You are invited to learn about the six proposals related to Palestine that are going to the United Church General Council. This online webinar is for anyone interested in learning whether you are attending the GC meetings, involved in grassroots advocacy or just want to know more about the issues. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82324723808?pwd=vedifzYhL4LNbo4G4F6ZF66LVhzN5.1>

### Justice Proposals for Palestine

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Come learn about proposals that will be considered by the United Church General Council and why they are important. We will explore six proposals related to Palestine. Join us on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82324723808?pwd=vedifzYhL4LNbo4G4F6ZF66LVhzN5.1>



**UNJPPI**  
United Network for Justice and Peace  
in Palestine and Israel

## A Message from Growth Animator Rev. Tori Mullin

Did you know that The United Church of Canada has developed anti-racism resources for all ages? Here are a few of them.

**Becoming an Anti-Racist Church Videos:** This series has 4 videos to help explore the "why", these videos can be played online (YouTube) or downloaded. These are great to use in worship services as part of a series, they can be used as part of a discussion group, or as a devotional before the beginning of a leadership team meeting.

1. [A Church Rooted in Racism](#)
2. [Theology and Faith](#)
3. [Dismantling White Supremacist Culture](#)
4. [Actions in Our Local Churches and Networks](#)

[United in Learning also offers anti-racism webinars](#), these are mandatory for Ministry Personnel but there is also a version for Lay Leaders. The program offers two options for each course, one for white participants and another for Indigenous and Racialized participants. This is helpful because it is interactive! Participants have parts they complete on their own and then 2/5 of the modules are live online gatherings.

Every Fall the churches has a period of time dedicated to exploring anti-racism. The [40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism](#) offer opportunities to dig deeper into what it means to live out our anti-racism commitments. There is a catalogue of content from previous years, and there will be an entirely new series of content available in Fall 2025. Special interest may be some of the recommended books which a group can read together and discuss, with opportunities to join live streamed events with authors and special speakers! Our bookstore, [UCRD](#), offers discounts on the books that will be focused on.

For **children and youth**, there is also a phenomenal curriculum that was developed last year to explore anti-racism with children ages 6-12, called [I Am a Changemaker: Teaching Anti-Racism with Children](#). You can buy the PDF on UCRD's website. It is very adaptable and so would suit the needs of wide variety of congregations. The feedback from churches who have used it has been very positive!

There are also [French language resources](#) available on the Église Unie website.



## The Patrons Program of Multifaith Housing Initiative

### Did You Know?

One of the unique aspects of MHI is its Religious and Civic Patron program. These folks are invited to become patrons of MHI because of their visibility in their communities and their commitment to MHI. Religious patrons represent the Algonquin Indigenous, Baha'i, Christian (Anglican, Baptist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, United), Hindu, Jewish, Muslim and Unitarian faiths. MHI's Civic patrons represent a cross section of City populations – police, community services, the arts and schools. The diversity of these religious patrons reflects MHI's commitment to fostering an inclusive and harmonious approach to addressing community challenges, like affordable housing.

Long standing EOORC Religious Patrons are Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey, Rev. David Sherwin who were joined in the last few years by Rev. Dianne Cardin, Rev. Dr. Teresa Burnett-Cole, Rev. Paul Whynacht and, in January 2025, Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly (Executive Minister of EOORC). Excellent additions to the slate of United Church patron participants, these folks connect the United Church to many faiths within Ottawa.

The Eastern Ottawa Outaouais Region is an active member of MHI through our membership and our patron activity – continuing to be front and centre in its support of affordable housing in Ottawa.

<https://www.multifaithhousing.ca/patrons.html>

### Multifaith Housing Initiative Tulipathon May 25, 2025.

On Sunday May 25 a number of the United Church congregations in EOORC took part in the annual Multifatih Housing Initiative Tulipathon at Commissioners Park in Ottawa. This is an annual event that raises funds so that families that live in MHI affordable housing communities can benefit from lower rents. Taking part were enthusiastic teams from Rideau Park, Emmanuel, Barrhaven, Woodroffe and Kitchissippi United Churches. Read more on the [MHI Blog: Another Successful Tulipathon](#)



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### Book Fair:

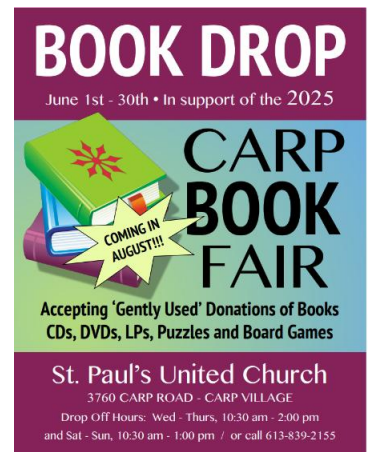


Donate your gently used books and media this June to support the 2025 Carp Book Fair!



Drop off at St. Paul's United Church – help us make August a page-turning success!

- **Book Drop:** June 1-30, 2025
- **Book Fair:** August 14-23, 2025



### The Welcoming Door: Then, Now, and Into the Future An Article by Kurt Asmis

As we celebrate our 100th anniversary on **June 15, 2025**, we remember the spirit of Union in 1925—a vision of Christian cooperation, unity, and witness. It was an act of faith and boldness, grounded in hope that we could do more together than apart. A century later, the world has changed. Canada is more diverse, more global, more questioning—and more spiritually curious than ever. The call now is not only to keep the door open, but to widen it. *To read the full article, click [here](#).*

### UCC Faithful Footprints – BCUC Energy Use Reduction Project

Bells Corners United Church has significantly reduced its energy use and carbon footprint thanks to upgrades made possible through the UCC Faithful Footprints Program. Learn how new insulation, LED lighting, and window improvements are making a lasting impact:

<https://eoorc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/BCUC-EOORC-Detailed-Article.pdf>

## News from the Wider United Church

The [May 29<sup>th</sup> edition](#) of Living into Right Relations Newsletter talks about National Indigenous Peoples Day, and the Gibimishkaadimin youth camping trip

The June edition of the United Church Rural Ministry Network newsletter is now available. You can read it [here](#).

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