



EOORC News

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

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Save-the-Date: Covenanting Services

Saturday, October 25th – We celebrate a covenant between Rev. Eric Pagé, Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church (Renfrew) and EOORC. The 100th Anniversary Quilt will be on display. The service will be at Trinity-St. Andrew's at 1 pm, with light refreshments and fellowship after the service.

Sunday, November 9th – We celebrate the covenant between Rev. Susan Hutton, Knox United Church (Nepean) and EOORC. The service will be at Knox at 1 pm. There will be a celebratory potluck lunch *before* the service.

Hearing Accessibility Sharing Steps and Ideas for Audio Quality

Hearing Accessibility in your Sanctuary: Barrhaven United has recently begun investigating how our sound quality could be improved to better serve those with hearing assisted devices in our sanctuary. We would love to hear the steps your church has taken to improve the audio quality of the spoken word in your sanctuary. Please contact the chair of Worship, Mary Walker-Smith via email at bucworship.chair@gmail.com.

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Invitation – Special 100th Anniversary Service by Navan Vars United Church

On Sunday, September 28th, Navan-Vars United Church is celebrating the 100th Anniversary of The United Church of Canada with a special worship service at Vars United Church, located at the Cumberland Heritage Village Museum. EOORC's 100th Anniversary Quilt will be on display. The service is at 10 am. Lunch and fun activities will follow in the village of Vars. For more details, please see the poster below or contact Navan-Vars United Church (Phone: 613-429-0055 Email: navanvarsunitedchurch@gmail.com)

Sunday, September 28, 2025
10:00 a.m.

Come celebrate the
**100th Anniversary of the
United Church of Canada**



at the iconic
Vars United Church
located at the
Cumberland Heritage Village Museum
2940 Queen Street, Cumberland, ON

**Join us for a Homecoming Service for descendants of original
families, local residents, current congregants of Navan-Vars
United Church, neighbouring churches, and museum visitors**

Everyone is welcome to attend this special service!
The church is wheelchair-accessible
Washrooms are located in a separate building a short walking distance away
Free parking and admission to Museum grounds to attend the church service



**Following the church service, drive to the Village of Vars,
have lunch and take a tour!**

Your destination is **Alcide Trudeau Park, 5717 Rockdale Road, Vars**

12-1 p.m.

- Barbecued Hamburgers & Hotdogs available at the Park
- Bring a lawn chair and visit while you enjoy lunch and wait your turn for the tour

1-3 p.m.

- Wagon-drawn Guided Historical Tours of Vars
- The wagon holds 30 people and the tour is approximately 30 minutes long
- Tours start and end at the Vars Park, where washroom facilities are available

Church service hosted by **Navan-Vars United Church** - <https://www.navan-vars-united.org>
Lunch and tours hosted by **Vars Community Association** - <https://www.vars.ca>
and **Cumberland Township Historical Society** - <https://cths.ca>

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Orange Shirt Sunday and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 28th is Orange Shirt Sunday, and September 30th is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

The [Living into Right Relations](#) newsletter (Reconciliation and Indigenous Justice News from the United Church of Canada) has ideas, events and inspiration to share.

The E-ssentials newsletter shares: In Ottawa, Moderator Kimberly Heath will be participating in the [Remembering the Children: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation event](#) on Parliament Hill on Tuesday September 30th. This 90-minute program is a united effort of the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, the Algonquin Nation, APTN, and CBC/Radio-Canada. It begins at 3:00 p.m. ET and all are welcome. Not near Ottawa? It will also be broadcast live on APTN and on YouTube.

Church Extension Committee – Fall Meeting

The Church Extension Committee of EOORC will be having its fall meeting on Wed. Nov. 12 at 1:00 P.M. via zoom.

If you are interested in applying for a loan or a grant for your community of faith, please go to the EOORC website and use the link below to check-out what the committee does and how to apply.

Link to Church Extension Committee application process: <https://eoorc.ca/resources/funding-sources/>
Deadline For Applications is Nov. 5, 2025.

Thank you, Judy Harms-Potter, Church Extension Secretary

Accessible Meaningful Learning from Your Home

Do you have a driving passion for theological and/or spiritual learning? Are you interested in deepening your knowledge of the Bible? Are you looking for ways to enriching your past training with sources of continuous learning...

Consider Ottawa School of Theology and Spirituality.

The OSTS was founded in 1964 as part of the Ottawa Presbytery of the United Church of Canada to provide theological formation to lay Christians. [Over the years](#), it became an independent Christian institution, pursuing a more ecumenical mission and incorporating a larger interfaith perspective. Today, the OSTS opens its doors to all who have an interest in deepening their understanding of theology and spirituality.

During COVID, the Ottawa School of Theology and Spirituality pivoted to Zoom presentations of classes. With their move to distance learning, their courses are imminently available to everyone in the EOOR – with access to internet. One can regularly attend very interesting classes. No test, no travel, just logon at 7:30pm on a Monday evening to hear all about a topic of your choice. Active participation is optional. And – there are knowledgeable people to discuss course content. Check out your many choices [here](#).

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Looking to live out your land acknowledgement? A congregation in Hamilton, Ontario was inspired to learn how Indigenous ministry students at Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre in Manitoba are showing the broader church a path to reconciliation. The congregation decided to celebrate UCC's 100th anniversary with a gift that supports these students and a hopeful future for our church. They challenge you to do the same! [Learn more.](#)

**Centre 33 Gala - Rainbow Rising: a fundraising gala celebrating 2SLGBTQIA+ children and youth.
RSVP by September 29th**

Centre33 cordially invites you to Rainbow Rising; a fundraising gala celebrating 2SLGBTQIA+ children and youth.

Join us for a memorable evening on October 3rd. Your presence will help us create a safe and inclusive space where every young person is recognized for their authentic self.

Please RSVP by Monday September 29th. More information is available [here](#).



The poster features a light beige background with gold decorative lines and swirls. At the top is the Centre 33 logo, which consists of a heart shape inside a speech bubble, followed by the text "CENTRE 33". Below this is the address "33 LEACOCK DRIVE, KANATA". The main title "Fall Gala 2025" is written in a large, elegant script font. Below it, "Rainbow Rising" is written in a similar script font inside a gold rectangular box. The text "JOIN US FOR AN ELEGANT EVENING OF FINE DINING, WHIMSICAL MOCKTAILS, AND INSPIRATION." is in a smaller, purple, all-caps font. The date and time "OCTOBER 3, 2025, 6:00 PM" are in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below this, the ticket prices "Individual Ticket, \$125" and "Table of 8, \$900" are listed. To the left of the ticket prices is a QR code. To the right of the QR code, the text "a charitable tax receipt of \$100 per ticket will be provided upon request" is written in a cursive font. At the bottom, the text "A fundraising gala celebrating 2SLGBTQIA+ children and youth" is in a purple, sans-serif font. Below this, the contact information "For more information, contact gala@centre33.ca" and the website "CENTRE33.CA/GALA-2025" are provided.

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Educational Bursaries – A Message from the Vision and Transformation Leadership Team

This message is for the Education Bursary as managed by the Vision and Transformation Leadership Team. Are you a student in ministry? Or are you prepared to train as a church organist? Then this message is for you. Bursaries are available for two types of students:

- students in the UCC candidacy pathway and
- potential church organists

To apply for a bursary as a student on the candidacy pathway, you must be registered and attending an approved institution. You also must be a current UCC candidate for ministry. Candidates from EOORC in the Indigenous Church are also eligible.

To apply for the church organist bursary, you must be in a voluntary or paid position in music ministry. You must be engaged with a community of faith within EOORC.

Please refer to the guidelines linked below:

- [Guidelines for Students in Ministry](#)
- [Guidelines for Organists](#) Also find the links to [the form for ministry students](#) and the [form for organists to be completed and submitted to: \[visionandtransformationeoorc@gmail.com\]\(mailto:visionandtransformationeoorc@gmail.com\)](#)

The deadline to apply is September 30th, 2025. Note that bursary income will be reported on a T4A.

If you would prefer a PDF version of any of the above documents, please write to nmatkovsky@united-church.ca.

Concert Series – Wanting to Start Again

[Events](#) at Glebe-St. James United Church (Ottawa), St. Paul's United Church (Carp) & Manotick United Church.



CAFES Ottawa proudly presents DoSi

Concert Series

Wanting to Start Again

A violin-piano concert experience about the complicated feelings of living in a world impacted by climate change and finding hope through community.

DoSi: Maitreyi Muralidharan, violinist, and Tong Wang, pianist

An interactive contemporary music concert inspired by immigrant stories, the climate crisis, and discovering identity, featuring works by Fu-Tong Wong, Nick Bentz, Fazil Say, Joe Hisaishi/ Wesley Chu, and Kevin Lau

Friday 17 Oct • 7–9 pm
Glebe-St. James United Church

Saturday 18 Oct • 7–9 pm
St. Paul's United Church, Carp

Sunday 19 Oct • 1–3 pm
Manotick United Church

Tickets \$15
<https://bit.ly/ClimateConcertSeries>



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National Tree Week: Every September, on the Wednesday of National Forest Week, we come together for National Tree Day—a day to honour the beauty, strength, and vital role of trees in our lives. More than a celebration, it's a call to action! Plant, learn, and make a lasting impact on our environment. This year Tree Canada celebrates its 14th National Tree Day with community planting events in every province. Last year more than 2,300 volunteers helped plant over 8,770 trees and shrubs at 21 events across Canada! We are thrilled to offer so many opportunities once again this year, thanks to the support of our presenting sponsor, BMO. National Tree Day 2025 will be celebrated on Wednesday, September 24th, Saturday, September 27th, and Sunday, September 28th. Find out more on their [website!](#)

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