



EOORC News

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

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

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Covenancing Service

On November 23 at 2pm, First United will celebrate a Covenancing Service with the Rev. Dr. Dorcas Kanana Muketha and EOORC. You are invited to attend this special service and celebrate the ministry of Kanana Muketha and First United Church. First United Church is located at 347 Richmond Road, Ottawa. All are welcome!

M&P Workshop – Saturday November 8th

This workshop is intended for members (new and long-serving) of congregational Ministry & Personnel Committees. Ministry Personnel are also welcome to join. We will cover the roles & responsibilities of the M&P Cttee, as well as issues of salary, vacation, position descriptions, sabbaticals, conflict resolution, annual reviews, and other topics that will come before an M&P Cttee. **Pre-registration is required [here](#).**

Congratulations to Christ United Church – Lyn's Citizen of the Year!

Christ United Church is the Citizen of the Year in Lyn, Ontario. The Lyn and District Community Association recognized the congregation for their spiritual leadership in the community, even without a minister for the past few years. [This article](#) from *The Brockville Recorder and Times* shares about their history and ministry.

We give thanks for the ministry of Lyn United Church, and for the ministry of each and every community of faith in EOORC.

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Then Let Us SING! / Ensemble, chantons! Hymn Festival / Festival des hymnes

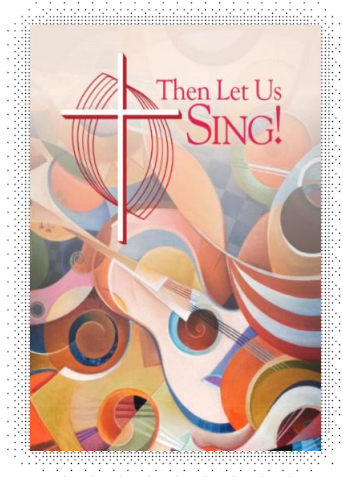
Follow-up

On Friday, October 24th, the *Then Let Us SING!* Development Committee celebrated the Official Launch of this new music resource with a 90-minute Hymn Festival at Orleans United.

Couldn't make it? Curious about what went on?

Check out the link to the recording.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4z5NPrRRmpA&t=635s>



Why should I watch it?

- Hear **23 songs** from *Then Let Us SING!* in just over 90 minutes!
- Music led by **musicians from across Canada**, including David Kai, Bruce Harding, Lloyd MacLean, Josh Zentner-Barrett, Diana Hannaford-Wilcox
- Listen to **Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro** sing TLUS 68 *Abana Alithi* (The Prayer that Jesus Taught) in Arabic, celebrating her Lebanese heritage.
- Hear **Rev. Kim Vidal** sing TLUS 43 *Salamat sa Iyo* (I thank you, O my God) in Tagalog, celebrating her Philippine heritage.
- Discover songs from the new collection about
 - Aging and memory loss—TLUS 33 *God in whose memory no one is lost*
 - Trust through Death—TLUS 99 *I am sending you light*
 - Justice-Seeking—TLUS 124 *Tu nous appelles / Make us a people*
- Join the joyful celebration with the 600+ in-person and online attendees!

When the Closet Door Opens

Workshop with presentation and discussion.
What does it mean to “come out”? How can we offer safety, acceptance, love and support?

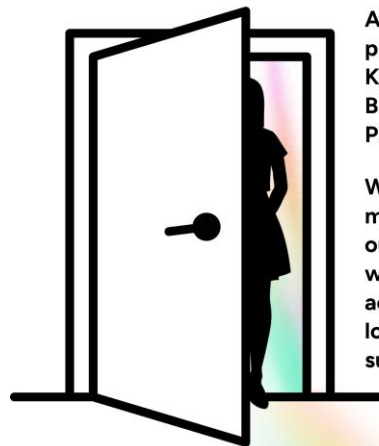
Guest speaker Kimberlee Barter, director of Centre33.

Bells Corners United Church
November 18th from 7 pm to 8:30 pm

Freewill offering in support of Centre 33

There will be snacks!

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A workshop
presented by
Kimberlee Barter,
BSW, AAC, & MSc
Psychology

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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 contact Judy Harms-Potter at churchextensioncommitteeeoorc@gmail.com. The deadline is today, November 5th.

No Changes to Charitable Tax Status for Canadian Churches

In the past year, some communities of faith in our regional council have been concerned about possible changes to charitable status for churches. Karina Gould, chair of the Finance Committee, today went on the public record saying that Canada is **not** considering revoking charitable status for organizations advancing religion. You can read more at: <https://www.catholicregister.org/item/2934-church-charity-status-wont-be-removed-mp-says>

Canada Summer Jobs – Funding and Youth Employment Opportunity

En français [ici!](#)

The annual Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) program Call for Applications **will be launched on November 4, 2025, and will close on December 11, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.**

Don't risk missing the deadline and prepare now to apply for Canada Summer Jobs funding!

Are You Ready?

Not-for-profit employers can receive **a wage subsidy of up to 100% of the current provincial or territorial minimum hourly wage.**

Are you ready to:

- Provide quality work experiences for youth?
- Provide opportunities for youth to develop and improve their skills?
- Respond to national and local priorities to improve access to the labour market for youth who face unique barriers?
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If so, stay tuned for the launch of Canada Summer Jobs 2026 by visiting the [CSJ website!](#)

For more information, please visit the EOORC grants page at [Funding Sources - Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council](#).

Invitation to Equity Forum

Earlier in 2025, East Central Ontario Regional Council hosted an event called “Building Bridges,” an Equity Awareness Training Session. Members from other regional councils also participated. During the Q&A session, the topic of a tri-regional Equity Forum was discussed. We would be glad to build a group together with our neighbouring regional councils of Eastern Ontario Outaouais and Nakonha:ka.

ECORC’s next Equity Forum meeting is on Thursday, November 20th from 1-2:30pm via Zoom and we would love to have those of you who are interested in this journey to join us. If, however, you are interested but unavailable, please let me know as well. November will be our last meeting of 2025 but we will start up again in the new year.

If this is something that interests you, please email kwilson@united-church.ca to be put on the email list to receive the link.

Thank you!

Karen Wilson

Staff Support for the ECORC Equity Forum

Church Space to Rent at Southminster United Church

Do you know of a church in need of space for worship?

Southminster United Church, Bank Street at the canal, is prepared to rent space to another church for services on Sunday afternoons. Would you like to share our beautiful sanctuary? We also have other rooms and a kitchen to rent. We respectfully ask you to share our inclusive and welcoming approach to all peoples. If you are interested please see our website and give us a call. <https://www.southminsterunitedchurch.com/>

Thanksgiving Appeal

We have also been asked to share something on behalf of Glenn Waterman who is the Annual Giving Lead for The United Church of Canada: Thanksgiving has come and gone but the need remains. We hope you and your community of faith now have our Thanksgiving Appeal and we are asking you to make a Thanksgiving gift now. You can give online at [Support Those in Need This Thanksgiving | The United Church of Canada](#). Hunger is an ongoing and serious issue in Canada. The line ups at foodbanks are increasing and 8.7 million Canadians, including 2.1 million children experience food insecurity. Globally, war and natural disasters cause children and their families to become refugees, many experiencing starvation. Please remember those who are most in need and make a gift today.

November 27th Ministry Personnel Gathering - Cancelled

The Ministry Personnel Support Leadership Team had been hoping to host an event on November 27th. Unfortunately, the timing for the event did not work out. Please stay tuned for future gatherings.

Low United Church – Items to Give

Low United Church in Low, Quebec is amalgamating with Trinity United Church Kazabazua. The building will be closed, and the congregation would like to offer the following items to any church which could use them. If interested, please contact Natalie Matkovsky (nmatkovsky@united-church.ca) for photos or contact information.

- one large padded (with red) chair with arms
- 3 smaller padded (beige) chairs
- A wine/grape juice communion set for 76 people
- 1 communion table/altar with glass top
- 1 wooden pulpit
- 1 wooden baptismal font
- 2 wooden wall plaques - blank

Susan Aglukark- International Inuit Day, Friday November 8th

Susan Aglukark will be in Ottawa on November 8th to celebrate International Inuit Day with a live concert.

LIVE CONCERT

Susan Aglukark

RIDEAU HUB AUDITORIUM
815 LAURENT BLVD
FRI, NOV 7, 2025
DOORS 6PM | SHOW 7PM

SPECIAL TICKET RATES:
STUDENT - 10\$
INUIT - 30\$
COMMUNITY PARTNER - 40\$

international-inuit-day.raisevsite.com
isaruit.ca | info@isaruit.ca

MAKE A DONATION OF \$100 FOR TAX DONATION RECEIPT

Ottawa Pastoral Care – Clergy Luncheon

We are pleased to extend this invitation to our **third annual Clergy Luncheon**, to be hosted next week on **Thursday November 6th**. The luncheon will be held at St Paul's Presbyterian Church located at 971 Woodroffe Avenue, immediately north of the Queensway exit.

The event begins at 12 noon and will likely end between 1 and 1:30pm. A light lunch will be served and there is no cost to attend. We offer this event as an opportunity to present an overview of the program to faith leaders who work in the area of pastoral care while at the same time, providing a space for those attending to connect with each other and share experiences and challenges. If you know others who might be interested, a copy of the invitation can be found on our website at <https://ottawapastoralcare.com/>

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Musicians for Odenak – Concert for Multifaith Housing Ottawa

The Nepean Choir and the Manotick Brass Ensemble will perform at the fifth Musicians for Odenak concert, Friday November 14th at Barrhaven United Church.

“Peace in our Galaxy” focusses on the night sky featuring popular and classical music and performed by the Nepean Choir. The Manotick Brass Ensemble will include a salute to the Canadian Armed Forces.

Doors open at 6:30, with the concert beginning at 7

Admission is a free-will offering, however tax receipts will be issued for donation of at least \$25. Cash, debit, Mastercard and Visa accepted.

This concert is in support of Odenak on LeBreton Flats.

**Musicians for Odenak
Presents
PEACE IN OUR GALAXY**
A concert in support of Odenak on LeBreton Flats



The Nepean Choir
*Performing popular and classical music
that will focus the eyes upward to
The Night Sky*



The Manotick Brass Ensemble
*Featuring a medley in tribute to Our
Canadian Veterans*



 **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2025**

 **BARRHAVEN UNITED CHURCH
3013 JOCKVALE ROAD**

 **DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 P.M.
CONCERT AT 7:00 P.M.**

Free-will donations (tax receipts issued for donations over \$25)
Cash, debit, Visa and MasterCard accepted
For details call Dianne (613) 327-7275



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