



# EOORC News

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

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### A Message from Rideau Hill Camp

Greetings!

I hope you are enjoying this beautiful Advent season.

I am writing to you as Chair of the board for Rideau Hill Camp of the United Church of Canada. I am hoping that you could share [this invitation](#) to join our Board with your congregation during your service's Announcements as well as posting a printed version of the attachment on a bulletin board in your church. If you have a church newsletter and you are also able to share this in that newsletter, that would be great. I have included my email address, should there be any questions.

Thank you so much and I wish you a wonderful Christmas season,  
Debbie Banks  
Chair, Rideau Hill Camp

### “Why Quebec’s prayer ban under Bill 9 worries me”: A Broadview Article by Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly

Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly, EOORC’s Regional Executive Minister, shares [this reflection](#) in *Broadview Magazine*. Éric speaks about secularism and the difference between having secular institutions and confining religion to private spaces. Bill 9 is currently under consideration in Quebec. Nakonha:ka Regional Council has issued a statement.

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### Rencontre Nationale des Jeunes / French Youth Event

Nous vous invitons à la deuxième édition de la Rencontre Nationale des Jeunes, organisée cette année par notre nouveau ministère Foi et Football.

Cette rencontre aura lieu du 19 au 21 décembre 2025 au Centre Five Oaks, à Paris (Ontario). Il sera structuré autour d'un tournoi de futsal et de temps spirituels, sous le thème :« Vivre avec Dieu, au-delà des murs » (Col 3,17).

Nous vous invitons à vous inscrire via le lien d'inscription ci-dessous :

<https://forms.gle/SHhDU1B1MUxVbYFK7>

**« Venez vivre une expérience inoubliable alliant spiritualité, énergie et esprit d'équipe ! Les places sont limitées. »** Au plaisir de vous voir nombreux pour cette belle expérience de foi et de fraternité

### Inspiration from over 100+ picnic tables in your local communities

Over the past year churches from across the country, including our region, have participated in the 100 Tables Project! These communities of faith have celebrated 100 Years of embodying Jesus' table in the world with joy-filled and justice-focused gatherings.

You can read about [Orleans United Church in Ottawa who created a resting place](#) for connection emphasized by their new Little Library. Or [Zion Memorial United Church in Carleton Place, who created a beautiful space of gathering.](#)

You can read more stories and see a map of the over 100+ tables by [visiting the website.](#)

### Here from the Beginning – Kitchissippi United Church

The exhibition *Here from the Beginning* is an exhibition that showcases the contributions and experiences of Black people within The United Church of Canada. This Sunday (December 14<sup>th</sup>), it will be at Kitchissippi United Church in Ottawa from about 9 am to 1:30 pm. The exhibition is free to visit and there is plenty of parking available at Kitchissippi United Church.

### ChurchHub Assessment Instruction

Communities of Faith can now complete or review your annual statistics, look up national assessment invoices, and more!

Information on the Annual Statistics and Assessments can be found at: [Annual Statistics and Assessments | The United Church of Canada](#)

Information on Assessment payments can be found at: [Online Payment Options and Authorizations](#). Any questions about Statistics can be directed to [statistics@united-church.ca](mailto:statistics@united-church.ca).

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## Rally in Ottawa Cancelled

The Kairos Churches Forum, Canadian Friends of Sabeel had planned to host a rally in Ottawa today (Thursday December 11<sup>th</sup>). Unfortunately, the rally had to be cancelled. They will find another date in 2026. EOORC Communications sends our apologies for the delay in transmitting this info.

## A Message from *United Network for Justice and Peace in Palestine and Israel (UNJPPI)*

UNJPPI is a grassroots network of United Church members, adherents, and other friends, established in 2012 in response to the calls from leaders of Palestinian churches in the Kairos Palestine Document. We believe it is important to understand the complex dimensions of the path to peace in Palestine and Israel. In our newsletters you will find resources, upcoming events and advocacy campaigns. We hope you will use these resources to help in the way of peace.

You can subscribe to our newsletter [here](#).

Visit <https://unjppei.ca> for more information and resources.



# UNJPPI

United Network for Justice and Peace  
in Palestine and Israel

## Sign up to receive our monthly e-newsletter

Resources for ongoing learning, upcoming events  
and actions and current advocacy campaigns  
<https://tinyurl.com/UNJPPI>



## Ecumenical Shared Ministry Toolkit

The Prairie Centre for Ecumenism has created an [Ecumenical Shared Ministry \(ESM\) Toolkit](#) resource.

As communities of faith discern their call to collaborative or ecumenical shared ministry opportunities, the tools in the toolkit may be helpful for ministry personnel and leaders in communities of faith.

## Blog Post: Advent and Urgency

Rev. Tori Mullin wrote [this blog post](#), sharing how for them, Advent is the season to summon an urgency, as both individuals and communities, to love and welcome as Jesus did. Tori shares part of their own faith journey in the blog as well as some reflections.

They write: "My spirituality, and the community I found, saved my life. It wasn't because people felt like they had to be there. No, they were deeply faithful and compassionate people. They came alongside me when my heart was breaking, and the faith I had been given as a child could not bear it. They loved me, they carried me, and they gave me the gift of their own stories. That is how I found the God I *could* believe in." Read more [here](#).

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## Save-the-Date: United Church Office Administrator's Conference

The 2026 UCC Office Administrator's Conference will be held in Saskatoon on October 5-9, 2026.  
For a plain text version of the poster, please contact [NMatkovsky@united-church.ca](mailto:NMatkovsky@united-church.ca).

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Come And Join Us For The

# UCC OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR'S CONFERENCE

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**OCTOBER 5-9, 2026**

Planning is underway for our next Office Administrator's Conference in Saskatoon, SK. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to connect, learn and "fill our cup". All Office Administrator's throughout the United Church of Canada are invited and encouraged to attend!  
Stay tuned for all the exciting details!

**MORE DETAILS AS WELL AS A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO M&P COMMITTEES WILL BE SENT SOON!**

Contact Chantal Winslow at [cwinslow@united-church.ca](mailto:cwinslow@united-church.ca) or Brandy Emmerich at [office@stmartinsuc.com](mailto:office@stmartinsuc.com) for any questions.

**Costs**

Single accommodation:	\$750
Double accommodation:	\$525
No accommodation:	\$325

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## Worshiplude 2026

Worshiplude 2026 will take place at MacKay UC

Sat. Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> 2026

Dinner 5:30

Worship 6:30

\$20 pp (financial support available)

All youth and young adults and leaders are invited to join us for a youth focused worship.

Moderator Kim Heath is the guest preacher. Poster to come early December.

### Help needed:

1. Congregation needed to host visiting youth groups
2. Desserts needed (cookies, cupcakes, squares)
3. Volunteers to help greet groups on Saturday night
4. Volunteers to help set-up and clean up Saturday
5. Scripture readers (french and english)
6. Candle lighters

Please contact Dana Ducette ([DDucette@united-church.ca](mailto:DDucette@united-church.ca)) if you can help with any of these needs.

## News From the Wider United Church

E-ssentials United Church Newsletter: The [December 9<sup>th</sup> edition](#) talks about the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Full Communion Agreement with the United Church of Christ...and more!

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