



EOORC News

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The weekly newsletter of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council

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EOORC 2025 Report

Would your congregation like to include a report from EOORC in your 2025 Annual Report? We have written [this report](#) which shares some highlights of our 2025 activities, as well as a summary of the regional meetings. If you are your congregation's EOORC representative, you may have been tasked to write a report on EOORC's activities. Please feel to use this report as is, or to use it and add a section with your own comments. We hope it will be helpful to you.

Words of Solidarity from the Moderator

Dear Friends,

Late last week, I wrote words of solidarity to The United Church of Canada's Full Communion partners in the United States, and to the bishops of Greenland and the National Council of Churches in Denmark, in what has been a turbulent and difficult start to 2026.

As we link arms in solidarity with our siblings in Christ, please share these words as you would like. Being community is always important, but especially now, in these unsettling and unsettled times.

The letters in full can be read [here](#).

Blessing in Christ,

The Right Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath
45th Moderator of The United Church of Canada

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Moderator at MacKay United Church

MacKay United Church welcomes the United Church Moderator the Right Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath to lead our service with Peter Woods and music by Nick Gummeson. All are welcome!

MacKay is located at 39 Dufferin Road, Ottawa, ON K1M 2H3

Service begins at 10:30 am.

Watch the livestream here: <https://vimeo.com/event/5688941>

LLWL Music Selection Workshop Hosted by Orleans United Church



Selecting Hymns with Confidence: Meter, Tune Familiarity, and Hymnal Indexes – February 11th, 2026

Licensed Lay Worship Leaders often serve congregations with very different musical “comfort zones.” This practical, musician-led workshop will strengthen your confidence in selecting hymns and songs that fit the theme, season, and people in the congregation, especially in pulpit supply settings.

Details and registration information [here](#).

Worshiplude

A poster for 'WORSHIPLUDE 2026 Music and Meditation Worship w/ Fieldnotes'. The background is dark blue with white stars and a string of lights at the top. The text is white and yellow. It features a small photo of Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath. At the bottom, there are logos for the United Church of Canada, the Eastern Ontario Synod, and the rainbow flag.

Faithful Footprints Grant 2026 Funding Cycle is Open Now Accepting Expressions of Interest

Eligible United Church communities of faith can receive up to **\$20,000 to support decarbonization building upgrades**. The United Church of Canada’s [Faithful Footprints](#) Grant Program has funded over **300 energy efficiency and decarbonization building retrofit projects**, helping United Church communities of faith lower energy use and greenhouse gas emissions while strengthening long-term sustainability and renewing mission work across the country. Following a temporary pause beginning in April 2025 to review and strengthen the program, **Expression of Interest intake has reopened for a 2026 funding cycle**, supporting carbon reduction retrofits of United Church buildings. More information is available [here](#).

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Looking for Accompanist Edition of Voices United

I am looking for the Accompanist Edition of Voices United in reasonable condition. The one with the spiral binding. Ours is pretty worn out and UCRD does not have them. Are there any churches who have an extra copy or perhaps a church which has closed and doesn't need its copy anymore? We would be glad to buy it, or gratefully receive as a gift. - Rev. David Stevens and Boyds United Church.

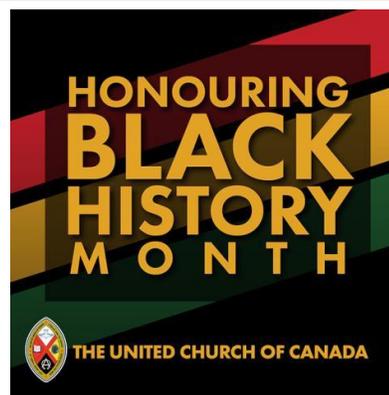
If you have this edition and are willing to give or sell it, please contact nmatkovsky@united-church.ca.

Children's Ministry: Planning Lent and Easter



Tuesday, February 3 from 10:30 to 11:45am

Come and share your ideas about resources for children's programs and intergenerational worship/program ideas. For more information or to register, please click [here](#).



The United Church offers resources for Black History Month in February and anti-racism resources all year - February is Black History (or African Heritage) Month. Officially recognized in Canada since 1996, the month is a time to especially highlight the struggles and contributions of peoples of African descent, and the ongoing realities of anti-Black racism. Many communities of faith will draw on resources throughout the month of February to observe Black History Month. Find more information by visiting [Black History Month Resources Available Year-Round | The United Church of Canada](#)

Ministry Leadership in Such a Time as This

The Ministry Support Leadership Team is planning a Zoom gathering on Tuesday February 10th from 1:30 to 3:30 pm: From this side of the border, we read the statement of the New Hampshire Episcopal bishop Rt. Rev. A. Robert Hirschfeld statement to clergy to prepare for a "New Era of Martyrdom". We see the witness of faith leaders in Minnesota active in protest against the actions of ICE. How do we live with the current angst on the continent and world? What leadership is prompted in "Such a Time as This?"

Our guest reflector will be **Bishop Karen Oliveto** – a retired bishop of the United Methodist Church and former pastor of Glide Church in San Francisco. Bishop Oliveto now lives in Pugwash, NS

If you are interested in joining this event, please sign up [here](#). If you would like further information, please contact Paul Dillman – dilbry7@gmail.com. *Note: This event is for ministry personnel.*

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Raising Inclusive Children: Event Cancelled

Orleans United Church had planned a workshop called *Raising Inclusive Children* on February 1st. Unfortunately, it had to be postponed. A new date will follow in the coming weeks.

News from the Wider United Church

E-ssentials Newsletter: [The January 27th edition](#) shares about Black History Month, *Then Let Us Sing* (now back in stock at UCRD bookstore) and more! .

Living into Right Relations: [The January 28th edition](#) shares about the Women's Memorial March, Learning from Youth and Young Adults, Ten Years of the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, and Rights Issues Continuing with the One Canadian Economy Act.

The United Church Rural Ministry Network sent out a mid-January edition available [here](#).
