



# EOORC News

Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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

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Regional Confirmation Booster Weekend (overnight)

### REGIONAL YOUTH CONFIRMATION RETREAT GRADE 7 AND UP

Fri. Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm to  
Sat. Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm  
Bells Corners United Church  
Bells Corners, ON.

For more information please  
contact Dana Ducette,  
[ducette@united-church.ca](mailto:ducette@united-church.ca)

Participation fee: \$60  
funding support available

EOORC Youth and Young Adult  
Ministry WINTER CONFIRMATION  
WEEKEND 2026 Grades 7-12



[Register HERE](#)



7pm Friday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> to 7pm Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Bells Corners United Church  
\$60 per person (financial support available)  
[Register by Tuesday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>](#)  
<https://forms.office.com/r/NBG1FWU8j9>

## Camp Lau-Ren Newsletter

The Camp Lau-Ren winter newsletter is now available [here](#). It talks about winter and spring projects, job opportunities and stories from camp.

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## Moderator's Visit – Worshilude and MacKay United Church

The Right Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath, United Church Moderator, will part of Worshilude on Saturday January 31<sup>st</sup> (more info to follow!). She will also be part of Sunday worship at MacKay United Church in Ottawa on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. All are welcome! The Sunday service will be at 10:30 am.

## IMPORTANT: Mission and Service Transfer Deadline

Please be sure to transfer all your Community of Faith Mission and Service donations from 2025 prior to the **January 15 deadline**. The Transfer Form and information are available to treasurers and administrators through ChurchHub, or contact your regional Growth Animator for help ([tmullin@united-church.ca](mailto:tmullin@united-church.ca)).



*Celebrating Faith in Action – Call for Nominations*  
The Honourable Mayann Francis Faith in Action Award  
Closing date for nominations: Monday, January 12, 2026

The nomination window for the 2026 Honourable Mayann Francis Faith in Action Award is closing soon. Don't miss this opportunity to honour exceptional outreach and the profound influence of faith-driven service in our community.

The Honourable Mayann Francis Faith in Action Award, to be presented by Atlantic School of Theology, honours exceptional community outreach that is recognized as having provided significant benefit to the wider community.

This outreach award is given to individual(s) whose honoured work is driven by their religious commitment to the faith tradition to which they belong.

The recipient must have a connection to Atlantic Canada. More details [here](#).

## January News – United Church Rural Ministry Network

The January edition of the UCRMN newsletter is now available [here](#). The newsletter includes, among other helpful items, two pieces on **lay-led leadership**. The newsletter includes a reflection on lay-led leadership in rural congregations, as well as an invitation to a Zoom workshop on this topic. There are many other interesting items in the newsletter.

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## Phishing Email Alert

During the Christmas holidays, at least one EOORC member received a suspicious email. It claimed to be a report from EOORC, and was from an unrecognized email address. It was claiming to be from a consulting firm. The EOORC member wisely contacted EOORC Communications before clicking on the link or interacting with the email. We were able to inform her that the email was in fact not legitimate, and was likely phishing (a malicious email.)

EOORC Communications are sent via our Communications Assistant, Natalie Matkovsky. If you receive an email purporting to be from EOORC, but which is from an unknown email address (or is otherwise suspicious), please contact Natalie at [nmatkovsky@united-church.ca](mailto:nmatkovsky@united-church.ca) to verify if the email is legitimate. Please also note that EOORC staff use email addresses ending in "@united-church.ca". If you receive an email from a staff member or leadership team member which is from an unusual email address (or is otherwise suspicious), please always contact that person via another route (ex. phone call) to verify that it is legitimate.

## Stewardship Update

Roger Janes, our Regional Stewardship Support Staff, retired at the end of December. While the process to choose his successor has begun, clergy and pastoral charge leaders seeking stewardship resources and support in the in-between time should e-mail: [stewardship@united-church.ca](mailto:stewardship@united-church.ca). The Community of Faith Stewardship team is there to help you.

Roger would like to extend to all pastoral charges and outreach ministries in the Region his very best wishes and to offer a big thank you to all those people and communities of faith he had the privilege to work with.

## Winter Update – Ottawa Pastoral Care Training Program

Happy New Year! As 2026 begins and we look forward to new opportunities, we are pleased to confirm registration is open for spring 2026 OPCTP courses. Check out the brochure links below for program details including registration and payment information. Early bird registration for the basic course is available until February 27th. Register early to confirm your space!

This spring we again offer the **Basic Training Course** either in-person (Monday afternoons) or online by Zoom (Monday evenings). Both courses begin Monday, March 9, 2026 and run weekly until May 11, 2026 (including Easter Monday). Our Spring 2026 Basic Training Course brochure is available at <https://ottawapastoralcare.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/S2026-Basic-Course-Brochure.pdf>

We are also excited to present our next **Continuing Education** event on Tuesday April 14th from 7- 9pm by Zoom. In this session, representatives from Bereaved Families of Ottawa lead a session called **Disenfranchised Grief: The Losses We Don't Talk About**. The program brochure is available at <https://ottawapastoralcare.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/S2026-Con-Ed-Brochure-Portrait.pdf>

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### Ottawa School of Theology and Spirituality, Winter Course Line-Up

January 5 @ 7:30 pm - February 2 @ 9:30 pm  
\$75.00

Wide range of courses offered by ZOOM. January 5–February 2, 2026 and February 9–March 16, 2026. Choose 1 course each session. Three courses each session to choose from. Affordable adult learning–knowledgeable presenters.

More information is available [here](#).

### News From the Wider United Church

The January 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the United Church E-ssentials newsletter is available [here](#). It includes a video from the Moderator about *Towards 2035*, and more!

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