



EOORC News

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

EDITOR'S NOTE

Happy New Year! I think it's safe to say we're all happy we can close the book on 2020 and start fresh with a new year, though the challenges and problems of last year are likely to linger a while longer. Lockdowns and restrictions have become the norm for now anyway. I've posted on the website the latest [rules and guidelines](#) for Ontario and Quebec, which will affect the way you worship for the foreseeable future.

Thank you to those who filled out the communications survey, for which I got a fairly good response. In case you missed the [survey](#) due to the busy holiday season, you have until January 15, 2021 to respond. Once I've had a chance to compile the responses, I will report to the EOORC executive and offer recommendations for improved communications in the EOORC.

Cheers to a healthy and hopeful 2021!

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NEW DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATE MINISTER (VAM) FORM

Current and future Voluntary Associate Ministers (VAM): The deadline for submitting the VAM form is now July 1, 2021. In order to obtain the current form (for period beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022) please find the [forms](#) on the EOORC website.

Forms are to be sent to Joel Miller, Program Assistant to Executive Minister, via email jmiller@united-church.ca or by regular mail to 225 50th avenue, Lachine, Québec, H8T 2T7. Telephone inquiries accepted at 1.800.268.3781, extension 6152. *Additional information: See Policy for Voluntary Associate Ministers (p. 38-39) in the Governance Handbook*

QUICK LINKS

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A FEW NOTES FROM REV. WHIT STRONG, PASTORAL RELATIONS

Sunday Pulpit Supply

The new rate for Sunday Pulpit Supply (for both Ministry Personnel and LLWLs) is \$221 plus \$.41/km travel.

Compensation for Ministry Site Supervision Policy

The Community of Faith receiving supervision, or the equivalent, will be responsible to pay for the supervision:

- i. \$30 per hour (hours include meeting plus travel time), plus travel at the General Council rate to and from the meeting site.
- ii. All mileage and the hourly rate will be paid to the supervisor by the Community of Faith being supervised.
- iii. If individuals receiving remuneration do not wish to receive payment, they are free to donate the payments at their discretion, but in no way does this excuse the receiving ministry site from making the payment.

Travel for 2021

Travel for 2021 is set at \$0.41 per kilometer, as noted [here](#).

Please direct any questions to wstrong@united-church.ca

THANK YOU FROM JUST GIFTS CHRISTMAS MARKET

THANK YOU to all who made our Christmas Market a great success! Sales from the variety of ethical, local and fair-trade products support our global partners in Zambia and El Salvador. Mark your calendars for late November 2021 when the Market returns.

Sixteen years ago Emmanuel youth, highly involved in seeking justice and fairness, sought to make a difference in the world. Following a "Justice-not just us" event they attended, they came up with a way to foster awareness of justice and ethical buying at Emmanuel. Just Gifts was the result in 2005! Each year the Market grew; 2020 growth was a switch to an online Market and a safe delivery system. Thanks again to the volunteers who safely packed and handed off, and the drive-byers and shoppers who came out on delivery day, December 12, 2020.

Thanks and Happy New Year,
Steve Taylor, Publicity, Emmanuel United Church

SAD NEWS – REV. THOMAS KURDYLA

It is with profound sadness that we announce the death of Rev. Tom Kurdyla in Ottawa after a very brief illness

Tom was enjoying a well-earned retirement after serving twenty-three years as a pastor in the United Church. He served the congregations of Rosemère, Sainte-Thérèse and Kanesatake in Quebec. Prior to 1992, Tom also spent several years as chaplain in the federal penitentiary in Saint-Vincent-de-Paul in Quebec.

Read full [obituary](#) and sign guestbook.

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Despite the impact of COVID-19, Centre 507 has continued to serve the Ottawa community. We are welcoming upwards of 120 people a day while implementing strict safety protocols for lineups and distribution. We are open six days a week serving and the demand is growing. The services we provide are a lifeline for those in need, particularly as temperatures drop and isolation increases.

You can double the impact of your donation to Centre 507 today!

Contributions from first-time donors, or new monthly donors, will be matched dollar-for-dollar to a maximum of \$18,000. That means your gift will go further, providing even more resources to Centre 507 and the people we serve during a very challenging time.

Donate Online, by e-Transfer or by Mail

You can [donate online](#), by [e-Transfer](#) (please include your mailing address to receive a tax receipt) or by [mail](#). Matching funds will be available on a first-come first-served basis until they are exhausted.

ON BEHALF OF THE CENTRE 507 COMMUNITY – THANK YOU!



“EVEN OUR NATIVITY FIGURES WEAR MASKS”

Phyllis MacRae, Emmanuel United Church, Ottawa sent in this photo of nativity figures, which were knitted by the late Anne Squire, a long-time member of Emmanuel and a former moderator of the UCC.

NEWS FROM THE GENERAL COUNCIL OFFICE



E-ssentials

The January 5, 2021 issue of [Essentials](#) is available. Read about Mission & Service.

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