



EOORC News

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

EDITOR'S NOTE

As you can see, there are lots of opportunities for learning coming up in the next couple of months. From responsibilities for the Ministry and Personnel Committee, to grant writing workshops, to studies in Indigenous Lands and Issues and much more, it's all here in the following pages. And, don't forget to register for the 2021 EOORC Winter meeting. Details are on page 6.

A small reminder: This newsletter comes out every second Wednesday. If you want something to appear in the newsletter, **please submit by noon on the Tuesday before** the publication date. The next newsletter will come out on March 3, 2021.

Stay healthy and hopeful!

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The Ministry and Personnel Committee

Your role and responsibility as a member of
The M&P Committee

Rev. Whitman Strong Pastoral Relations Minister Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council ©2021

A ZOOM webinar for M&P Committee members, ministry personnel, and church leaders.

Wednesday, March 17, 2021
7:00 – 9:00PM

Registration information will be available soon.

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A ZOOM webinar for M&P Committee members, ministry personnel, and church leaders.

Wednesday, March 24, 2021
7:00 – 9:00PM

Registration information will be available soon.



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Date to be determined

Registration information will be available soon.



**UNITED CHURCH
RURAL MINISTRY
NETWORK**

**ENews #7
Winter 2021**

Is now [available](#)

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ONLINE GRANT-WRITING WORKSHOPS

The EOORC Vision and Transformation Leadership Team has grant funds available to support EOORC communities of faith to engage in new ministry and mission projects to enhance their presence in the community or to discern their future in light of current realities. The next application deadline is March 31, 2021. **The following two-session online workshops** are being offered to provide assistance in the grant preparation process.

WORKSHOP A: NEW MINISTRY AND MISSION

(two sessions, two weeks apart) for communities of faith interested in developing an innovative project in your community:

Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 7:00-8:30 pm

Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 7:00-8:30 pm

To register:

<https://united-church.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0sde-urzoiG9SJZuc3sFQjt2Zd4JmRHfR2>

(registration includes both dates but participation in the March 10 session is optional)

(internet and phone-in participation are available)

WORKSHOP B: DISCERNING YOUR FUTURE

(two sessions, two weeks apart) for communities of faith seeking to discern your future in light of current realities.

Wednesday, March 3, 2021, 7:00-8:30 pm

Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 7:00-8:30 pm

To register:

https://united-church.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMofuiprj0sHdzd9_ugQw_lrYJyo2_oBgrB

(registration includes both dates but participation in the March 17 session is optional)

(internet and phone-in participation are available)

Workshop facilitators

Rev. Cindy Casey (Kanata United Church) cindycasey@kuc.ca; 613-697-3941

Jane Dawson, Minister Supporting Communities of Faith, Clusters and Networks (EOORC)

jdawson@united-church.ca; 613-290-1882

We encourage more than one person from each community of faith to take part, although individuals are welcome.

Registration limit: 30 participants (so register early to ensure you get a space)

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CONFIRMATION

Brought to you by The GO Project.

For all communities of faith within Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council.

**FROM FEBRUARY - MAY
AND
SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2021**

EVERY 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
FROM 6:30PM-8:00 PM EST

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To register and for more info, email Dana Ducette:
DDucette@united-church.ca

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR MORE INFORMATION



Campus Ministry at Algonquin College, a United Church supported ecumenical chaplaincy, will be hosting a virtual concert of local singers and musicians this spring. You and/or the choir members or musicians in your congregation are invited to join in pre-recordings which will air late April. It is a chance to use your musical talents in support of this ministry to young adults.

For more information on how to participate, please contact Jack Wilson at wilsonjohns@rogers.com

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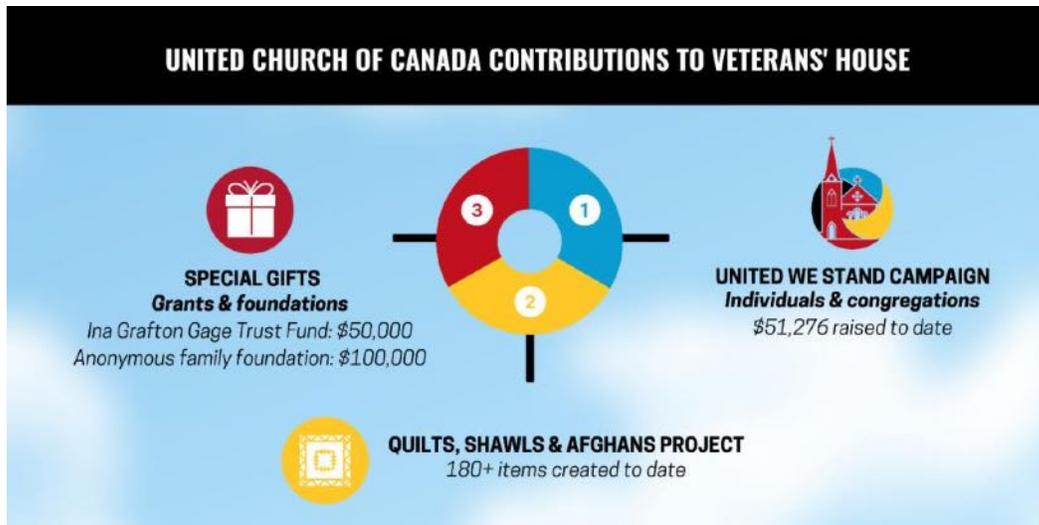
UPDATE ON EOORC SUPPORT FOR MHI: VETERANS' HOUSE by Sue Smarkala

On Friday, January 29th, Dianne Cardin and I had the opportunity to tour MHI: Veterans' House - The Andy Carswell Building. The premises are beautiful, functional and spacious. The individual bachelor apartments are very tidy and uplifting. The communal spaces will provide terrific living space for all tenants – huge, open kitchen to share, exercise room, laundry room, library-quiet room, ample communal gathering space and excellent outdoor space for gardening, contemplation and service animal exercise. Entertainment includes big screen TV, and a piano.

The first tenants started to move in that day! Others are moving in over the next 2 months. As of today, there are 4 tenants!



United We Stand Campaign



The goal EOORC set of \$150,000 is an opportunity for all congregations to share in the funding of supportive housing for Ottawa's homeless veterans. **We have raised \$54,420** to date, with 4.5 more months to contribute in whatever way we wish. Many thanks to all who have supported this campaign. Please keep up your good works! Remember – the Commissionaires of Ottawa will match every dollar we raise!!

Special Gifts:

1. In October, EOORC and MHI applied to the Ina Grafton Gage Trust Fund at The United Church of Canada Foundation. We were notified in late December that we were **granted \$50,000** in support for the Multifaith Housing Initiative – Veterans' House: The Andy Carswell Building project!!
2. In late December, a philanthropic family foundation learned of Veterans' House through the United We Stand campaign. In further discussions with MHI, they **donated \$100,000** to Veterans' House.

Quilts, Shawls and Afghans Project

Dianne and I delivered the first 4 boxes of quilts and shawls to Veterans' House January 29th when we went for our tour. Over the next couple of weeks, all 18 boxes of hand-made warmth will be housed in Veterans' House:

105 quilts, throws and lap quilts	76 knitted/crocheted shawls
4 wall hangings	3 service-animal quilted 'coats'

"...no one stands alone – draw the circle wide..."



For the Love of Creation is a national initiative that brings together faith bodies and faith-based organizations in Canada under a unified banner to mobilize education, reflection, action and advocacy for climate justice. Read about their latest [advocacy campaign](#), which begins on February 17, 2021.

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EOORC 2021 Online Winter Meeting
February 27, 2021
9:00 a.m. – Noon

EOORC 2021 VIRTUAL WINTER MEETING

- Join colleagues in the spirit of camaraderie and friendship
- Participate in **one of three** workshops
 - **Workshop 1:** Cultivating Calm: When you can't normalize the situation, can you normalize yourself? – *Discussion led by Diane Strickland*
 - **Workshop 2:** Bypassing the pandemic: Community Connection During These Times – *Discussion led by Rev. Eric Lukas and David Patterson*
 - **Workshop 3:** Steps to Regional Councils Becoming an Affirming Ministry – *Discussion led by Linda Hutchinson*
- Engage with each other while we discuss how to go about the business of “being a church” during this prolonged crisis.
- Enjoy, learn, sing, worship together

[AGENDA AND REGISTER HERE](#)



WANTED! A CHURCH BELL

We have had an inquiry from one of our rural Communities of Faith asking if any church, presumably those that are being sold, is willing to part with their church bell. This church doesn't have one and would love to be gifted one. If you know of such a bell, please contact [Whit Strong](#).

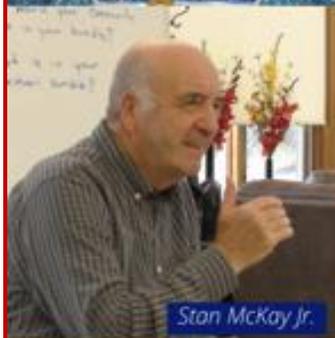
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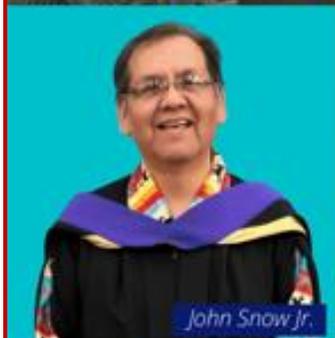
Terry Leblanc



Grafton Antone



Stan McKay Jr.



John Snow Jr.



Ray Jones

Introduction to Indigenous Lands and Issues in Canada

a series of online conversations
February - June 2021



in response to the Indigenous education mandates
from Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Final Report

Mi'kma'kik Lobster Fishing
with Mi'kmaq Elder Terry Leblanc
February 20, 11 AM to 1 PM, AST

1492 Land Back Lane
with Oneida Elder Grafton Antone
March 20, 10 AM to Noon, EDT

Indigenous Child Welfare
with Cree Elder Stan McKay Jr.
April 17, 9 AM to 11 AM, CDT

Indigenous People and Resource Development
with Nakota Elder John Snow Jr.
May 15, 8 AM to 10 AM, MDT

Traditional Lands and Environmental Protection
with Gitksan Elder Ray Jones
June 19, 8 AM to 10 AM, PDT

Host Adrian Jacobs, SSSC Keeper of the Circle, and Indigenous elders from across Canada invite you to explore the cultural and historic foundations to today's headlines.

\$25/session or \$75 for the 5-part series

Register: sandysaulteaux.ca



Adrian Jacobs

Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre (SSSC) is a leader in theological and cross-cultural education. We hold spaces for safe conversations where participants can become part of the movement towards reconciliation and healing in Canada.

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NEWS FROM THE GENERAL COUNCIL OFFICE



E-ssentials

The February 9, 2021 issue of [Essentials](#) is available. The February 16th issue, with information about Ash Wednesday is also [available](#).



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