



First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Weekly Announcements September 29, 2020

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Weekly Prayer – Emma O'Rourke, Elliston/English Harbour Community of Faith

Creator God, we thank you for the journey of our lives, with its ups and downs, its questions and challenges and its moments of joy. We are grateful for the beauty that surrounds us in this season of creation; the warm summer days that have turned into cooler autumn evenings; the beauty of the ever-changing landscape painted with breathtaking colors. As we see the seasons change, we are reminded of the many changes in our lives over these past months. What we may have taken for granted and became comfortable with has seen us as church people and leaders, moving from our comfort zone to places of uncertainty. Yet through this we are reminded that it is in and through you that we find our strength, our way to move forward.

Holy God, even as we say thank you. We are reminded of the brokenness in us and in our world and we ask your forgiveness for our part in it. On September 30th we are reminded to wear the colour orange, a brilliant colour of fall, to remind us of the many people who attended residential schools and the atrocities they endured. We pray for healing, wholeness, and forgiveness for any harm we have caused to our brothers and sisters. Let this be a part of the solution, that by your love we all can be made whole. We ask you to be with all who are suffering in any way and that your love may rain on them like manna from heaven. We are your people, we are not alone, we believe in God who has created and is creating. Through these words, let us, when we hear the groans of creation be reminded that our prayers need to be turned into actions. We ask these things knowing that you are the great "I am" in whom our spirit moves.

Amen

World Communion Sunday

As you prepare for World Communion Sunday, please follow the link below for details and ideas to follow from Rev. Faith March-MacCuish, Executive Minister. [World Communion Sunday](#)

Webinar #1: Division Reports and Remit Date

Wednesday September 30, 2020 at 7pm (NST), is the first in a three webinar series to prepare for our Annual Meeting. This information session is for Division Reports and Remit 1 Education. If you have not receive the zoom instructions, please contact the office at info4rc16@united-church.ca

Annual Meeting 2020 Information & Material

It will help all of us have a productive meeting in October to have as many people as possible take part in the webinars. Thank you for your commitment to this United Church of ours and to your First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council. As more information becomes available, it will be posted on the website. In preparation for the webinars and the Annual Meeting, please take the time to read the posted material, including the Agenda, accessed using the link: [Annual Meeting 2020](#)

Community of Faith Annual Meetings 2020

As we know, this is not a regular year for us. Some Communities of Faith have had their annual meetings. This is a reminder that the congregation or pastoral charge must meet annually (**The Manual 2019, B.5.1**)

Those who have not yet had the opportunity to have their annual meeting, you still have time. We are pleased to let you know that CRA has extended the date that Annual Charitable returns (T3010) have to be submitted from June 30 to December 31, 2020. We are encouraging those congregations/pastoral charges who have not yet had your meeting to do so as soon as possible.

Some options as to how to host your meeting:

1. Through the social media platform zoom (please contact Jennifer Taylor, (jtaylor@united-church.ca))
2. Through telephone conference call. Please contact Leona Laundry to set this up for you. ([llaundry@united-church.ca](mailto:l laundry@united-church.ca))
3. In person at your church holding to the current policy on limits and protocols. (Please make sure your plan is in place and approved by your board before doing in person worship or meetings)
4. If your venue is not big enough for the distancing protocols, then you might consider asking to use a community hall or a neighboring congregation who has a large enough venue.

2019 Annual Reports

First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council will receive your annual reports through the regional office. Thank you for the care and time it has taken to produce your annual reports and thank you to those who have sent them to the office. These are your accountability reports to your congregation/pastoral charge and the region. These reports provide valuable information about the work of your congregation/pastoral charge and helps with the support of the region the divisions and teams.

Please email the Annual Reports to info4rc16@united-church.ca

If email is not a viable option for you, one hardcopy can be mailed to 320 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL, A1B 1T9.

United Church of Canada – Appointment of new General Secretary

The United Church of Canada is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Michael Blair as its new General Secretary beginning November 1, 2020. To learn more information please follow this link:

[United Church of Canada - General Secretary](#)

Migrant Worker Connections

Does your congregation or group connect with Migrant/Temporary Foreign Workers in your area? Whether it's offering welcome gatherings or worship, or supporting rights and safety, we'd like to hear about it! Please contact Leona Laundry ([llaundry@united-church.ca](mailto:l laundry@united-church.ca)) with a short description of your activities and a contact person. Information will be shared with Laura Hunter, Minister for Justice and Mission.

Centre for Christian Studies

Join the Centre for Christian Studies for CCS Fridays—online conversations to help us all to respond faithfully to emerging issues in local contexts. These workshops are open to anyone who might be interested. Each session will be on a Friday from 12:00 to 1:00 CT and in the form of a Zoom workshop. The meeting will take place October 9, 2020 at 2:30pm (NST). Please register in advance at [Register Here](#)

VOWR

VOWR is seeking an interested person, or persons, to serve on its Radio Board. We are looking for a member, or adherent, of The United Church of Canada who has an interest in the Station and the ministry it shares. The Board meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at Wesley United Church at 7:00 pm. If you have an interest in the station and think you might have gifts to share in its oversight, or if you would like more information, please feel free to contact Bill Mercer at bmercerc@wesleychurch.ca

Guidelines & checklist for re-entry: Sunday Schools and Youth Groups

For updated information for re-entry into Sunday schools and youth groups, please follow this link:

[Re-entry Checklist](#)

Save the Date

Annual Clergy Retreat – October 21 – 23, 2020

This year we have invited Janice MacLean from Prayer Bench Ministry to put together a retreat for the annual clergy gathering. Please look forward to more details as the date gets closer.

Fall Learning Event – November 5, 12 & 19, 2020

This year our Fall Learning Event will take the form of lunch and learn sessions. Thursday November 5, 12 & 19, 2020 from 11:30am – 1:00pm. The topic for the lunch and learn sessions will be Pastoral Relations. Please look forward to a survey so that we can narrow down the topics that will be most beneficial for each gathering.

First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Webpage Emergency Response Link

Stay updated with [Emergency Response Updates on COVID-19](#) on the First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council webpage.