



First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Weekly Announcements January 12, 2021

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[Making Hope Visible Podcast – Justice and Mission Network of the Atlantic Regions of the United Church of Canada](#)

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Weekly Prayer, Rev. Larry Noseworthy – Newtown/Lumsden Pastoral Charge

Loving God, we have entered the year 2021 with a great deal of hope. This hope springs from the knowledge that the vaccines against the Covid-19 virus have been approved, have arrived in our country, and the inoculations have already started in most areas of our Province. It was announced late last week that there are enough doses available of the vaccines already approved to meet our needs, and that is good news. We give thanks to you, God who is always present for those who worked to develop the vaccines and have them approved.

The year just passed brought its share of strange and tragic events, and this year, only two weeks in, has continued this trend. The protests in Washington during the certification of the presidential election was a clear example of the tension that exists throughout the world. Even though the protest had the opportunity to change the events being protested, people gathered, people died, violence and destruction were very much the manner of protest. At least four people died in the event. We extend our sympathies and offer condolences to the families who lost loved ones during these demonstrations.

Last Friday the names of the employees of Her Majesty's Penitentiary who have been charged in the death of inmate Jonathan Henoche were released to the public. These people and their families are going through turmoil as are the families of Jonathan Henoche. Let us offer nonjudgmental prayers for all involved in this case, and regardless of the situation, hope and pray that justice will be served.

We pray as always for those who are ill, oppressed, homeless, jobless. We pray that those who are vulnerable in our society will not be exploited. We pray for the continued safety of students and teachers in the classrooms, for those who continue their frontline work in the fight against the pandemic, and the medical and health officials who continue to monitor the spread of the virus and make necessary changes to the protocols in place.

We thank you Holy One for the progress we have made to date limiting the spread of this virus. When we all work together, great things can be accomplished. Amen.

Certificate of Ministry of Supervision

Certificate of Ministry of Supervision is being offered February 22-26, 2021, by Vancouver School of Theology. For more information please visit: [Ministry of Supervision](#)

Tri-Regional Town Hall Meeting

Please save the date for a Tri-Regional Town Hall, to be held using zoom video conferencing:

Topic: Congregational Annual Meetings

Date: January 28, 2021 at 12:30pm (Atlantic)

Zoom Instructions can be found here:

<https://ucceast.ca/60963-tri-regional-town-hall-january-28-2021-at-100-pm-nst/>

Stewardship Updates

Mission & Service 2020 – Deadline for forwarding gifts.

We want to remind Pastoral Charges that the deadline to transfer their 2020 Mission & Service donations is Friday January 29, 2021. For anyone who needs information around ways to transfer the donations, please contact Roger (rjan@united-church.ca)

Read Mission & Service 2021 updates [Stewardship Updates](#)

While in-person visits and workshops are suspended at this time, please know that I am here as a Stewardship Resource for you. I am available by telephone, e-mail and Zoom and would be excited to participate in online consultations with individuals and groups and to continue to share resources in the areas of Congregational Giving, Mission & Service, Planned Legacy Giving, United Church Foundation and investing opportunities for your congregation. Please do not hesitate to be in touch. Rev. Roger Janes, Stewardship & Gifts Officer. rjan@united-church.ca or call (709) 486-3239.

Removal of Insurance on Properties Sold

To all Ministry Personnel, Central Treasurers, Board Chairs, Incorporated Ministries - Please find a letter on the Regional Council website from Rev. Faith March-MacCuish, Executive Minister, regarding removal of insurance on properties sold: <https://ucceast.ca/60855-removal-of-insurance-on-properties-sold/>

First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Office Re-opening

First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council office will re-open to the public on January 11, 2021. Office hours will be 8:30am – 4:30pm Monday to Friday. Bookstore hours will be 8:30am – 1:00pm, 2pm-4:30pm Monday to Friday.

COVID-19 protocols will be in place. The doors will remain locked please ring the buzzer next to the door to enter. Before proceeding upstairs please use the hand sanitizing station located in the porch. Masks are mandatory as well. If you wish to meet with one of our staff, we ask that you contact that person and make an appointment.

The bookstore will permit 3 people to be in the store at one time and when we have reached capacity, you will be asked to remain in your vehicle until space permits you to come in. The bookstore is hoping in 2021 to have our products online, which will permit you to order online or you are always welcome to visit in person.

Any questions, please contact Leona Laundry at l@united-church.ca

Condolences

The sincere condolences of the three Regions go out to the family of Pam Harrison. Pam was the first staff person to serve the Maritimes and the Newfoundland and Labrador Conference as the Special Gifts Officer, a General Council position deployed in what is now known as the First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council, Regional Council 15 and Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council. Pam was known to all of us as a fun-loving, brave and passionate person. Her love for the United Church and its communities was seen in everything she did. With humble gratitude we remember her life and Ministry. (<https://www.jonesfamilyfuneralcentre.ca/obituaries/151201>)

Atlantic Regions Ministry & Personnel Committees – Managing Conflict

A webinar for lay members of M&P Committees

Saturday, February 20, 2021

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Atlantic, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon Newfoundland

[Register here](#), deadline to register Feb 15, 2020

This webinar will be resourced by the three Regional Ministers of the Atlantic Regions - Kendall Harrison (Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters), David Hewitt (Region 15) and Heather Sandford (First Dawn Eastern Edge). Topics will include roles and responsibilities, stages of conflict, strategies for addressing conflict, resources and support. For more information, please contact the Regional Minister for your Region.

Pine Hill Divinity Hall Continuing Education Bursary Guidelines 2020-2021

Please visit the following link for all the information on bursary guidelines.

<https://ucceast.ca/60961-2020-2021-pine-hill-divinity-hall-continuing-education-bursary/>

Making Hope Visible

[Making Hope Visible](#) Podcast Episode available: [Don MacDougall – Contemplative Living and Justice Seeking](#)

Contemplative practices and ways of living are complimentary practices to working for change. In this episode Laura talks to Rev. Don MacDougall, a wise teacher, leader, and mentor of Spiritual Direction and contemplative living. They dig into the differences between dedicated practice and spontaneous practice, why “mindfulness” might not be the best word to describe the practice, and how it is important for all of us to have ways that we attend to our hearts and minds while working for change in the world. Don describes what was missing for him after 8 years of preparation for ministry and how a journey into contemplative ways of living and working helped. Here you will find this episode and past episodes at [Making Hope Visible](#)

Call for Nominations

Are you, or do you know, a young adult (18-30) who is passionate about the church and ecumenical conversations in Canada?

The Canadian Council of Churches (CCC) is adding three Youth Members to its Governing Board. The United Church of Canada is invited to nominate one of our members for these positions.

[43-52 Youth Member Governing Board](#)

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 web-page.