



First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Weekly Announcements February 23, 2021

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Weekly Prayer Rev. Wayne Blackwood, Central Labrador Pastoral Charge

Holy God, whose promise to walk with us strengthens and empowers us to face the unknown – this day we hold you to your word. Your people are tired, O God. Your people are nervous and unsure. None of us know where tomorrow will find us. We've been here before, and yet, somehow, this time seems different. We know the routine; we know the procedures; we know what the experts tell us – and yet, with all the knowledge available to us, we feel alone.

But you, O God, hold us – both as individuals and as communities of faith. We know, in our hearts, that we are never alone. Our faith has sustained us to this point and will enable us to move forward. We are a people of faith and hope – people of your promise. Remind us that we have been called to make a difference in the world; called to reflect your light; commissioned to bring good news; empowered to be examples of hope and light within the darkness.

And so, Holy One, we give to you who we are – faith-filled, yet worried, knowing that we do not walk this way alone. And so, for those who walk with us and guide us, we acknowledge our thankfulness. For those who look to us for strength and direction, we pray a sense of calm. For those who feel alone and lonely within the unknown, we pray a sense of your compassionate presence. Be with all who offer care and concern at this time, that our steps may be guided by the faith which has led God's people through the ages. Give us the compassion and insight to lead and be led. Amen.

Gathering for Conversation: Ministry Personnel

Let us dine together on Tuesday March 2, 2021 at 12:00 pm. We will gather to check in with one another during this time. Please bring your lunch to our zoom call as we meet with our fellow ministry personnel. Let us gather to our joys, challenges and questions and as always, to remind ourselves that we are not alone. Zoom instructions will be emailed out. If you have any questions please contact Heather Sandford at hsandford@united-church.ca

COVID Update for First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council

Please visit the link below to read the latest COVID update

<https://ucceast.ca/first-dawn-eastern-edge-regional-council-16/fdee-emergency-response-covid-19/>

The Prayer Room

In the season of Lent, we will be praying for every Ministry Personnel by name throughout the whole United Church of Canada. You can join in once, a few times or for all the gatherings. Please also share this information with your congregation.

In this time of pandemic, prayer is even more important as a way of connecting with each other and with God. I hope that, in the challenges of pandemic ministry, it will be an encouragement for you to know that you are being held in prayer.

May God richly bless you and your ministry as you stand in the gap for other ministry personnel of the United Church of Canada. Please use the following link: <https://united-church.zoom.us/j/91380277387>



First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Official Members Form

Please visit the link below for information relating to electing members from your Pastoral Charge/Community of Faith to the Regional Council. [Official Membership Form](#)

2021 Information Forms

The 2021 Information Forms can be found on our Regional Council website!

If you have had your annual congregational meeting and have elected your governing body for 2021, please click on the below link to complete each form. Once submitted, you will receive copies of the completed forms by email.

If you have not had your annual meeting, and have the same people serving in the governing body, we kindly ask you to still fill out the information forms.

[2021 Information Forms](#)

First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Annual Meeting

The Regional Council Executive met on January 21, 2021, and discussed future planning for the 3rd Annual Meeting of the Region in 2021. There is still much uncertainty around when groups will be allowed to gather in large numbers and when a vaccine will be available to the greater population.

As a result, a motion was passed that the annual meeting of the Regional Council be held **virtually**, using zoom video conferencing, on May 14-16, 2021.

Ministry Innovations in Midst of a Pandemic

A virtual lunch and learn series, free of charge, with a special welcome to students

All sessions will be on Thursdays at 1:00 - 2:00 pm (Atlantic Time)

Schedule

March 4	Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Crittenden	Preaching: Where Two or Three are Gathered?
March 11	Rev. Tammy Hodge Orovec	How Virtual Worship Has Made us a Stronger Church Family
March 18	Rev. Mitchell Anderson	Vision & Renewal
March 25	Rev. Dr. Dave Csinos	Topic TBA
April 15	Rev. Dr. Sadekie Little-Forbes	Good News or Bad Times – Preaching in a Pandemic
April 22	Rev. Dr. Rhonda Britton	Faith Formation

*More dates and topics to be added. To register visit: [Ministry Innovations](#)

Recommendations. It is then our plan to do a follow-up with past participants and provide coaching and ongoing support as they take on Stewardship initiatives.

United Church Bookstore

The bookstore is available for any order you may need. We can do curbside pick-up or mailing. Please contact Leona for more details. llaundry@united-church.ca

Gathered for Preaching

A growing number of people are hearing the call from their churches & the Spirit to take up the essential ministry of preaching. Ross Bartlett explores many key practices and ideas that beginning preachers need to consider and experienced speakers may benefit from revisiting. He challenges us to be the very best we can be so that God's people may hear the good news for their lives. Believing that we can all master the skills of clear communication, he invites the reader on a journey of discovery. \$19.95 Tax Included.

