



First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council
Weekly Announcements
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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. Ian March-MacCuish, First United Church Mount Pearl

Let us pray, God of the ages, God of our past, God of our future, God of our present we pray that in all times you continue to use us to weave your tapestry of creation. Allow us the wisdom to see your great work and the presence of mind to celebrate. The majesty of the northern ice fields to the light of a firefly testifies to your handiwork. We pray that you help us discern your will during this pandemic time, knowing your two greatest commandments are to love you and our neighbour as ourselves. You have broadened our understanding of who is our neighbour, as globally we work together to insure all people have access to the covid vaccine. We think today of so many front-line workers who have given their time, energy and talents to look after so many people. We remember in prayer those who work in the laboratories, doing the blood testing whose skills and energy have helped to control the spread of the virus. We think of those hospital workers who continue to work behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of our health care system. We continue O God to pray, for these people as they use their skills to the best of their ability. We remember in prayer those who have lost a loved one because of the disease. We remember in prayer those who still fight the disease in our hospitals or at home. We remember in pray all the families and friends, all those who offer support.

We pray for those areas of the world where there is much conflict and caring leadership seems to be non-existent or too corrupt to help the people of the country. From needing the basics of food and water to asking for health care and education opportunities the list of those in need at times seems endless. Yet, we pray for your presence God within all communities including our own. Help us to be more aware of those people who are getting trampled or falling through the cracks. May the power of your transformative love surround all those feeling lost.

We pray for ourselves. We bring our own concerns and lay them down before you. Let this time of prayer and meditation allow us to hear your word speaking to our hearts. For we know you are listening, we know that you care for humanity. We thank you for walking with Abraham and Sarah and once more stating the words of the covenant made possible through your unconditional love that you have for all of us. May your bow in the sky be forever a symbol of your indwelling spirit. Empower us to live up to our end of the covenant. Grant us strength to ensure the radiant colours of your love shine through us and may your kingdom bathe us in your love. Amen

Small Business Assistance Program

Budget 2020 outlined a commitment for a \$30 million Small Business Assistance Program (SBAP), including \$25 million for eligible small businesses and \$5 million for eligible non-profit community organizations. This new short-term program offered by the Department of Industry, Energy and Technology will provide financial support to eligible small businesses and non-profit community organizations to provide relief for the impacts because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Please visit the following link to learn more: <https://ucceast.ca/61388-small-business-assistance-loans-government-of-nl/>

Soup Nights

Young Adults: Learn to make soup from scratch!

Making soup is a practical skill and a spiritual practice! Join Laura Hunter and Catherine Stuart on Sunday nights at 7pm Atlantic (via Zoom) to learn the basics of soup making, connect with others, and nourish body and soul. For more information visit: <https://ucceast.ca/60984-soup-nights-2021/>

Latest Podcast Episode

The latest episode of Making Hope Visible is live: Environmental Racism with Dr. Ingrid Waldron. <https://www.buzzsprout.com/844450>

Upcoming Events, Emmanuel College

Emmanuel College supports its alumni/ae and local religious communities with a variety of continuing education programs. [Upcoming Events, Courses and Workshops](#)

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. l laundry@united-church.ca

The United Church Manual 2021

The United Church bookstore is taking pre-orders for the 2021 United Church Manual. \$19.95 tax included plus shipping. Please email Leona if you are interested in receiving a copy.

