



First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Weekly Announcements March 9, 2021

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Weekly Prayer - The Right Rev. Dr. Richard Bott, Moderator of The United Church of Canada

A prayer on the anniversary of not being able to worship God in person.

Holy one, it's been a year. A year since the pandemic hit this part of the world, and we realized that for the safety of each other and all our neighbours – we need to be a congregation that wouldn't congregate. Well not in person at least.

We have found other ways. Old technologies like paper mail, and telephone trees, new technologies like zooming, and pastoral care by video. We have found ways of being together, with each other and you. It's not the same and there are parts of it that we're missing, but we've found ways to live the ministry you have given us, to be Jesus' disciples, to share your love with each other and with the whole world.

We remember those who have died from the virus. We remember those who are ill. We remember the healthcare workers, the researchers, the grocery clerks, the delivery drivers, all who must work for the care of the world in their own way. We remember all those who are grieving, all those who are afraid, all those who wait, and we pray and we pray.

So, on this anniversary, we ask that you would help us to recognize each other and to know that in all of this, you have been, are, and always will be with every part of your creation. Give us strength to keep on. Give us grace in our frustrations. Give us hope for tomorrow. Give us life, and life abundant, that we might be people who live it in the world. Physically distanced, but socially together; faces masked, but hearts open; hands washed, but ready to get the work you have for us we pray. In Jesus name, carried by the wings of the Holy Spirit, enmeshed in the Creator's love, we pray. Amen.

Twelfth Annual Cougar Flight 491 Memorial Service

On Friday, March 12, 2021, Eastern Chaplaincy will host, on behalf of the families, friends and co-workers of those lost on Cougar Flight 491, a special Time of Remembrance. The virtual Time of Remembrance will be available on demand beginning at 12:01am NST through Eastern Chaplaincy's website at <https://easternchaplaincy.ca/>. You can also access the Time of Remembrance through the [Eastern Chaplaincy YouTube Channel](#).

We invite everyone to pause for a moment on March 12 and share in a Time of Remembrance.

First Dawn Eastern Edge Region – Nominations Team

Affirm Committee: The terms of reference for the Affirm Committee that was proposed and accepted at our annual Regional Meeting in November, 2021, have now been finalized and accepted by the First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Executive. The mandate of the committee will be to provide leadership, guidance and dedication to the Region with respect to understanding and becoming a safe and welcoming place for all people.

Should you be interested in participating on the Affirm Committee, please contact the chair of nominations, Rev. Bruce Rideout, at bruce.rideout@ymail.com to express your interest and/or to see the terms of reference. We look forward to hearing from people from a variety of ages, orientation, ethnicity and gender backgrounds. The committee needs a Convenor, Secretary and 5 members.

We only do our best when we offer our time and talents to work together for our church.

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/>

Ukulele Church

Are you looking for a meaningful and musical way to observe the end of Lent and Easter? Have you ever wanted to go to church with a Ukulele in your hands? If you've answered yes to both of questions, look no further! Join Linnea Good, Catherine Stuart and Dana Ducette on Sundays at 1pm for an hour of ukulele lessons, prayers, crafts, bible stories and worship! No experience is necessary. For more information and to register, visit our website: <https://cyayaucceast.wixsite.com/ukuchurch> If you have questions or are in need of an instrument, contact Catherine Stuart by email cstuart@united-church.ca or by phone 1-800-268-3781 ext. 6158

Latest Podcast Episode

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

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](#)

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](#)

Vacancy – Harmony Pastoral Charge, Saint John, NB

Position: Full time minister (40 hrs per week)

At Harmony United, we are a forward thinking and engaging church that is filled with anticipation and hope of what is yet to come in our ministry. We believe the main role of the Minister at Harmony is to lead the congregation as it continues to give life to its vision of being “Compassionate, inclusive Spirit-filled followers of the Way”. We look to a Minister to provide innovative and creative ways of worship through use of technology and different mediums that engage all the senses (i.e. fabric, colour, symbols, PowerPoint, video, etc.). We are looking for your leadership in moving us toward being an Affirming church. We recognize the need to focus on growth and development and we need your wisdom and guidance to make that happen. We need our Minister to provide leadership in exploring ways to connect and grow both within the church and by leveraging our diverse neighbourhood and the wider community. We need a Minister that will build upon a vibrant and Spirit-filled ministry. See [further details](#)

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](#)

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 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.

