



First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Weekly Announcements February 10, 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. Catherine Stuart, Regional Minister for Children, Youth, and Young Adults

God of love, in this winter season of our lives, we give you thanks that it reminds us to pause (breathe in and out). We feel your energy swirling around us and through us (put your feet on the ground). Let that energy ground us, that we might feel steady in your love and courageous to share it with others (put your hands in the air). As we feel you reaching to us, so may we reach to the world, serving those in need, remembering always that there is nothing that can separate us from your Spirit. May your Spirit transfigure us so that we can change the world together. In the name of Jesus, who promised the gift of your Spirit, we pray. Amen

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/>

Insurance Town Hall

To All Ministry Personnel, Pastoral Charge Supervisors, Board Chairs, Central Treasurers of First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council, an important town hall is being offered to communities of faith.

Topic: Insurance Options for 2021

Date: February 22, 2021

Time: 7:00pm

Mr. Jason Sharpe, Principal – Director of Personal & Group Insurance of Steers Insurance will be participating in the Town Hall. This event will take place using zoom video conferencing. Zoom instructions have been sent out. For more information please contact info4rc16@united-church.ca

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](#)

Covenant

This tri-partite covenant is intended to assist the parties in working together to strengthen ministries in French and to seize the opportunity to grow our presence amongst Francophones across the territory of the region. Please visit the link to view the signed covenant.

<https://ucceast.ca/61237-covenant-general-secretary-la-table-des-ministeres-en-francais-and-the-first-dawn-eastern-edge-regional-council/>

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.

Making Hope Visible Podcast – Anti Racism

Meet **Adele Halliday**, UCC Anti-racism and Equity Officer on the latest episode of Making Hope Visible with Laura Hunter. <https://ucceast.ca/61229-making-hope-visible-podcast-anti-racism/>

Conflict Webinar

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. Deadline to register is February 15, 2021. For more information please visit: <https://ucceast.ca/60960-managing-conflict-webinar/>

Covenanting Service

The covenanting service between Topsail United Church, the Rev. Kathy Brett and First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council will take place on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. Guest Preacher will be the Rev. Faith March-MacCuish, Executive Minister. To register for the service please call the church office at 834-4567

Family Book Group

During Lent, Gower Street United Church is offering a family Lenten book group. This group is open to anyone interested in a time of community and reflection. We will be reading and reflecting on *Fatty Legs* by Christy Jordan-Fenton & Margaret-Olemaun Pokiak-Fenton. The celebrated story of an Inuvialuk girl's resistance and strength at a residential school. We will meet via Zoom weekly on Wednesday at 7 PM starting on February 17. The book can be ordered through our local United Church Bookstore or contact Rebecca. If you do not wish to buy a copy, we will read together each session. To register and receive the zoom link, please contact Rebecca (youthminister@gowerunited.com)

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

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| February 11 | Rev. Dr. Kyle Wagner | Topic TBA |
| 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.

First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Webpage Emergency Response Link

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



United Church Bookstore

We have palm crosses available at the bookstore. The crosses come in a package of 50. Contact Leona at the bookstore to get your package today. \$22.95 tax Included l laundry@united-church.ca

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