



First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Weekly Announcements May 11, 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 – Heather Cronhelm, DLM Candidate – fortune United Church

Almighty God, with joy we praise you for your steadfast love & faithfulness. We thank you for the beauty of nature found throughout our Province, for rugged hills, snow capped mountains, beaches of sand and of rock, dense forest and open marshland, quiet inland ponds and the roaring ocean. You offer rest and glimpses of beauty even amid the busy schedules. May we accept these gifts for the replenishment of our bodies, souls and minds.

Loving God, you know us through and through. We bring to you the prayers upon our hearts for family, for our Communities of Faith, for the communities we live in, and our world. As we grieve for all who are sick and dying from COVID-19, we especially lift-up prayers for justice and equity within your world. We pray that all countries may be able to provide both citizens and refugees with much needed COVID vaccines.

As we continue into this week, we ask that you would endow us with wisdom, grace, and courage. Guide us in the work of our varied ministries as we face both the expected and the unanticipated. As we look towards this weekend's Regional Meeting, we ask your blessing on this work of our United Church of Canada. We pray for continued blessings for our Executive Minister, for each of the staff of our First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional office, our Regional Council Executive, all members of committees and indeed all who may be finishing up preparations for this weekend's event. We pray that you would prepare each of us for the worship, work and witness to be carried out within this zoom meeting. Enliven our spirits to receive the message within our theme of Presence and Hope. We ask all these prayers in Christ's name who lights our path always, Amen.

Information Webinars (Pre-Annual Meeting)

Thank you to those who have been part of the webinars or who have watched the recordings to prepare for the items before us. Our last webinar is on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 7:00pm-8:00pm (NDT) where we will hear from our nominees. Here is the link to **Webinar #3: GC44 Commissioner and President-Elect Nominee Introductions:**

<https://united-church.zoom.us/j/95714052668?pwd=Z09GTUFCZk56R1JEUWdVdVlVqYnpUZz09#success>

**For users without computer/tablet, access by phone: 647 558 0588 or 855 703 8985 (Canada Toll-free)
Meeting ID: 957 1405 2668 Password: 123456*

Youth Forum 2021 – Presence & Hope: Climate Justice

Calling all Jr High and Sr High Youth! Join us online May 14-15 for Youth Forum! This year, our theme is Presence & Hope: Climate Justice. Through activities (both on screen and off), discussion, games and worship, we'll explore ways that we can care for creation and each other, and how our faith helps us do that. All are welcome! For more information and to register: <https://ucceast.ca/61917-youth-forum-2021/>

First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Annual Meeting

“Presence and Hope” is the theme for the First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council 2021 Annual Meeting being held May 14-16, 2021 via Zoom. Some of you will be aware of that format and for some it will be new. Not to worry if you are unfamiliar, we are here to help you. If you are not able to join via Zoom, then you can join the meeting by phone. All zoom information was sent out via email, if you have registered for the meetings and have not received this email please contact Leona at [llaundry@united-church.ca](mailto:l laundry@united-church.ca). All information for the annual meeting is available on the website: <https://ucceast.ca/first-dawn-eastern-edge-regional-council-16/first-dawn-eastern-edge-regional-council-annual-meeting-2021/>

Shopper's Run for Women in Support of STELLA's CIRCLE

Don't let the word “run” stop you! Walking is an option. It is well known that fortified by a good cup of tea Stella Burry could accomplish just about anything! The legacy of her work continues in the work done by Stella's Circle. The funds raised by the Run for Women support mental programs for women at Stella's Circle. This year, the Run for Women will be virtual. You can choose your own route and your own time to do the walk or run, any time between Jul 4-11, 2021. \$35 of the registration fee goes directly to support the work of Stella's Circle with women's mental health. Each participant receives a \$100 swag bag, t-shirt and finisher's bracelet. Last year, Stella's Tea Cups raised \$1400. Let's see if we can do it again.

Please join our team called Stella's Tea Cups. If you want to join or have questions, email revmiriam@cochranestreetuc.com or go directly to <https://www.runforwomen.ca/Cities/StJohns.aspx> to register.

Emmanuel College

Emmanuel College is pleased to announce the promotion of the Rev. Dr. HyeRan Kim-Cragg Emm OT6 to the rank of full professor. Kim-Cragg has held the Timothy Eaton Memorial Church Professorship in Preaching since 2019. Before she joined Emmanuel, Kim-Cragg held the Lydia Gruchy Professorship in Pastoral Studies at St. Andrew's College, Saskatoon for over 10 years. She is the first racialized person to be promoted to full professor at Emmanuel College, making this a truly historic moment in the Emmanuel College and Victoria University community. [Read the full news release here.](#)

Atlantic School of Theology

We are delighted to invite you to participate in the summer courses, all delivered online. You will be learning alongside graduate students, but as a Continuing Education participant you can enjoy the fun of theological learning and discovery without any essays or exams to write. For more information please visit: <http://www.astheology.ns.ca/con-ed/2021.html>

Burry Heights Camp

Burry Heights Camp is in the process of developing a new website. The new website address will be www.burryheightscamp.ca drop in and have a look when it's ready.

Rural Routes Atlantic

The [United Church Rural Ministry Network](#) (UCRMN) is a grassroots initiative for Rural Ministry in the United Church. The goal is to connect the many Rural Ministry Initiatives across Canada by sharing the successes, the opportunities and the culture of Rural Ministry. On the UCRM webpage is a tab more specifically for the Atlantic region You can find us on the webpage under Resources, then Atlantic. There you'll find a couple of podcasts we've done and a few other resources.

UCRMN provides workshops, the most recent two, [How Covid is Preparing Us for Newness.](#) and Technology for Rural Churches.

Even in these heavy days new life is growing and we can nurture it together. This is a time when we have much to offer one another from our rural places. I would love to invite people to visit this website and sign up for the newsletter. I would be especially glad to have people from the Atlantic regions visit our Atlantic tab, click on Resources and then Atlantic. There will be further podcasts posted there around the delights and concerns of rural faith communities and connections to resources developed for and growing out of the Atlantic Rural experience. [Table Church](#) is one such resource. Once the pandemic ebbs away, we will plan another in person Rural Routes gathering. We would love to hear from those in Regions 14,15 and 16 with feedback, stories or suggestions. You can contact the Rural Routes Cohort through Catherine Smith at ruralroutesatlantic@gmail.com

Spring Book Study: Rachel Held Evans' Inspired

The Region 15 Faith Formation and Leadership Development Committee will be leading an online book study at 10am on Wednesdays, April 21st – May 12th. Our title is Rachel Held Evans' *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again*, selected for its youthful voice, accessible approach to the interpretation of scripture, and imaginative retellings of well-known stories. Participants are asked to obtain their own copy in advance, but no reading is required for the first session. Lay people and ministry personnel across the Regions are invited to join us, please register by April 13th for what is sure to be a lively and inspiring group: <https://ucceast.ca/61453-rc15-inspired-book-club/>

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