



## First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Weekly Announcements July 21, 2021

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### **Weekly Prayer – Rev. Emma O’Rourke – Elliston/English Harbour Pastoral Charge**

Loving, Compassionate God, all creation is singing as we experience yet another season... summer has arrived! We feel your presence in the beauty around us. The warmth of the sun that warms our bodies and the softness of the wind as it tickles our skin. The trees are dancing in the breeze. Flowers are blooming in gardens and on roadsides, beckoning us to soak in their beauty. The sun shine sparkles on the water like shimmering diamonds! How blessed we are! Despite the many restrictions we have faced, there’s something about summer that puts a spring in our step. We give thanks to you, our creator for sharing your creation with us.

As we soak in the beauty may we be reminded of those who, at this time may feel their beauty has been torn away. We pray for our Indigenous sisters and brothers. We mourn and grieve with them, praying for peace and reconciliation, for the warmth of our hearts to be felt in theirs as we journey together to learn from the past. We pray for all who have any heaviness that affects their joy and ask that, in your time, O God, you answer their prayers. We ask that in times when our lives scatter in many directions that you draw us back to you. May you always be our home base, our source of love and support throughout every season of our lives. We ask these things in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen

### **First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council COVID-19 Update**

Please visit our website for all the newest updated information regarding COVID-19

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

### **First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Office**

Beginning on July 5, 2021, Regional Council Staff will start transitioning back to the office at 320 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John’s. Please click here for more information:

<https://ucceast.ca/62478-2021-office-summer-hours/>

### **AST Fall 2021 Courses**

View the Fall 2021 courses at AST [here](#)



## **Then Let Us Sing!**

Announcing the Website launch and call for submissions to the United Church online hymn and worship music portal, Then Let Us Sing!

United Church Publishing House is excited to announce the website launch for Then Let Us Sing! (<https://thenletussing.ca/>), an online music portal that will make all the United Church's hymn resources available in one digital location and under one copyright license. View full details [here](#)

## **Justice, Mission & Outreach Committee**

If you would like to do some reading over the summer, you might like to read this:

**Bootstraps Need Boots: One Tory's Lonely Fight to End Poverty in Canada**, By [Hugh Segal](#).

The book is about the matter of guaranteed liveable income in Canada. Our hope is to have an online book study group in the fall using this book as a discussion point.

The book is available at a reduced price, (\$25) thanks to the Justice, Mission and Outreach Committee offering a subsidy. It can be ordered through Leona Laundry at the United Church Bookstore. [l laundry@united-church.ca](mailto:l laundry@united-church.ca) or 1-800-268-3781, Ext. 6141

## **First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council**

Listed below is the schedule of First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council executive meeting dates.

**Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 9:30am**

**Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at 9:30am**

**Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 9:30am**

**Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 9:30am**



## **Tatamagouche Centre**

We are thrilled to be opening again! Throughout this difficult time, one thing has remained true. Gathering together, sharing and learning on the land is central to who we are. Online programs offer another opportunity (details coming soon) but onsite gathering will always be important. If you are looking to enroll in an onsite program, please visit <https://www.tatamagouchecentre.ca/events-all>

## **Climate Change-related Summer Reading/Listening List**

The Ecological Justice group has put together a list of books from what each has read and recommends. As we speak Climate disaster is wreaking havoc in the west. We hope that one or the other book will find its way into your hammock or lawn chair to ready you for action in the fall.

View the book list [here](#)

## **United Church of Canada Foundation new bursary**

The United Church of Canada Foundation is happy to announce a new bursary which is eligible to United Church individuals.

**The Transformational Learning Fund** provides bursaries to individuals enrolling in educational programs who demonstrate an openness to being transformed through their learning experience. The fund was established by the MacNeill family in 2018 because they wished to support individuals who need resources to improve their socio-economic status and/or increase their transformative leadership.

While individuals may apply directly for this bursary, we are also seeking nominations from United Church of Canada Outreach Ministries and Regions. For more information please visit: <https://www.unitedchurchfoundation.ca/grants/general-grant-opportunities/>

## **Condolences**

Sending condolences to Alan Hall, Executive Officer, Ministry and Employment – General Council Office, The United Church of Canada on the passing of his beloved husband of 30 years, Arthur. Arthur passed away on Wednesday July 14, 2021. We extend our deepest condolences to Alan and his family.

## **Organ to Re-Home**

Trinity United Church in Winterton has closed their doors and they are looking to re-home their pipe organ. The organ would make a great addition to any church. If you are interested in seeking more information, please contact Derek Green [dgreen@greenseafoods.com](mailto:dgreen@greenseafoods.com) or Essie Green [fae@bellaliant.net](mailto:fae@bellaliant.net)

## **Centre for Christian Studies**

Being a faithful leader in a changing world means learning to be an agent of change. Not just passive learning, or accidental learning, but *intentional* learning. Learning on purpose.

**Learning on Purpose: Changing Leadership for a Changing World** is the Centre for Christian Studies' 2-week intensive leadership development module. It is a practical, holistic, hands-on, learning community experience, and those who take it come out feeling transformed (in a good way!). **Register for Learning on Purpose.** August 16 – 27 online (Full days—Saturday and Sunday off) Cost: \$1680 Bursaries are available by application. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE REGISTRAR [sdouglas@ccsonline.ca](mailto:sdouglas@ccsonline.ca)

## **Vacancy**

**Victoria Pastoral Charge** is seeking a full gospel minister to fill a part-time position. By full gospel we mean a minister who believes that Jesus was born of the virgin Mary, lived, was crucified and rose again on the third day, a triune God. A minister who reflects this in his/her Sunday message. We are a congregation of mostly seniors and many faithful members cannot get out to services. When possible, we want a minister to visit and offer spiritual guidance to our sick and shut-in, to be compassionate to grieving members in the loss of a loved one. A minister who motivates, encourages, and supports others to share their own gifts of ministry. Highly personable approach to leadership, e.g., builds relationships and consensus, delegates and shares.

**Living Faith Story:** The United Church of Victoria, through the Power of the Holy Spirit, responding to God's call by loving God, loving each other and the larger community. Worships together and reaches out with the gospel message to see lives changed and God's Kingdom expanded.

**Our Vision:** To see lives changed and God's Kingdom expanded through the Power of the Holy Spirit.

Interested individuals can respond by emailing his/her Curriculum Vitae to my attention.

at [emlayden9@gmail.com](mailto:emlayden9@gmail.com)

**The Springdale Pastoral Charge** is seeking a full-time, 40 hours a week, Ordained, Diaconal, or Recognized Designated Lay Minister. We are a one-point Community of Faith covering two communities of Springdale and Little Bay with approximately 150 families under pastoral care. Duties to commence on July 1, 2021, or on another mutually agreed upon date. For further information or to apply, please go to ChurchHub or contact Hardy Sparkes at [hardyesparkes@outlook.com](mailto:hardyesparkes@outlook.com) or Carolyn at [carolyn.robinson@hotmail.com](mailto:carolyn.robinson@hotmail.com).



## **United Church Bookstore Side Walk Sale**

The bookstore is having a side walk sale. Lots of great deals on books and gift ware. Come join us on Wednesday August 11, 2021 from 11am to 2pm. COVID protocols will be followed.

## **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. **\$ 20.95 Tax Included.** Contact Leona to order [l laundry@united-church.ca](mailto:l laundry@united-church.ca)

