



First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council  
Weekly Announcements  
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**Weekly Prayer – Rev. Jocelyn Cook – Humber United Church**

Holy and Gracious God, we come to you in the middle of our summer season, thankful for the warmth in the air, the beautiful sparkling sunshine reflected on the waters around us, the opportunity to re-connect with loved ones, and most of all, your presence in everything around us.

Throughout this pandemic there have been many areas of brokenness – those who have said goodbye to loved ones without being able to be in the final moments of their lives; those whose relationship has not survived the struggles that have been imposed due to this virus; those who have suffered financial downfall from all the restrictions. Dear God, we thank you that we, every day, are seeing changes which will eventually bring us out of this into a brand-new sense of normalcy - with a few of our old ways thrown in. Throughout this challenge, we have been thankful for your wisdom and guidance accompanying us and those in leadership in our Province. This day, we offer a special “YAY” for Dr. Fitzgerald.

We know, dear God, that life still happens around us and there are those who are ill, hospitalized, in palliative care, those at home with assistance - needing your love, your healing touch, and still, your guidance. We give you our heartfelt gratitude for your touch in our lives and in the lives of those who are ill.

You are the source of life and love, O God, and you call us to witness to your love. Everywhere we go, everyone we meet, there is that love, that bond of love, that keeps us together. There are times when there are those we do not welcome, but you are in them. Realizing that, we pray for a heart that can feel deeply, so that we might find and revere each person who becomes part of our lives. Grant us a spirit that makes you the center of our lives so that all might see your presence in us.

As we continue this journey of life, fill us with gratitude for your love which stirs within each of us. We pray this in and through the precious name of Jesus Christ, who walks with us each step we take. 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/>

**Clergy Retreat**

The First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Clergy Retreat will take place from October 20 – 22, 2021 at the Lion Max Simms Memorial Camp and will be facilitated by Dr. Carmel Doyle.



### **Fall Learning Event**

Save the date, three online lunch and learn sessions for congregations are taking place on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>. More information coming soon.

### **Continuing Education Clergy Symposium**

The clergy symposium will be taking place from October 18 – 20, 2021 at the Lion Max Simms Memorial Camp and will be facilitated by Dr. Susan MacAlpine-Gillis. The theme for this event is Resilience and Renewal, gain the tools to help yourself and others connect with God's presence in post COVID-19 pandemic lives and Ministry.

### **Training by Plan to Protect**

Serious About Safety Workshop: Receive the latest updates and inspiration on safeguarding policies, procedures and training. Invite your team and networks! Time commitment: 5 days for 60-90 minutes a day beginning August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Register for the Serious About Safety Masterclass Facebook Live event [here](#). All sessions will be recorded and available for instant replay during the week. Register early to qualify for early bird prizes.

### **MAP Handbook**

To access the revised MAP Handbook for use by all Communities of Faith in the First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council, please visit <https://uceast.ca/62610-map-handbook-july-2021/>

### **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

### **FDEE Regional Council Executive Meeting Dates**

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](#)

## **World Council of Churches Communication Team Application**

Applications open for communicators to support WCC 11th Assembly | World Council of Churches  
The World Council of Churches (WCC) invites communicators from around the globe to be part of a professional online communication team to support the WCC 11th Assembly in 2022. They are looking for both young communicators between 18 and 30 years old and senior, more full-fledged communicators to assist in covering the assembly through multiple WCC communication channels globally. Apply [here](#) or for further information, please visit <https://www.oikoumene.org/>

## **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](#)

## **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/>

## **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)

## **United Church Bookstore Sidewalk Sale**

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