



First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council  
Weekly Announcements  
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**Weekly Prayer – Rev. Alex Constable – Green’s Harbour Pastoral Charge**

God of pilgrim ways,

Today I walked.

The path was familiar and the way known,

And I walked with step-count and arrival time in mind,

Already tackling, in my imagination, the tasks that awaited my return.

There on the path I met a man walking in circles,

Or so it seemed.

Geiger-counter in hand, he swept the hillside.

Neither fast nor slow, ever-alert to the light of the sensor,

He strode with purpose and intent, seeking

Perhaps pirate treasure, or ancient heirlooms of long-scattered households.

Gentle Spirit, be our guiding light this week.

Keep us ever alert to the pearls strewn along our path:

the welcoming smile

the exuberant hospitality

the quiet that opens us to healing

Your presence, breathing peace into our worried day.

In all things, let us keep pace with You

Whose staff gives comfort

Whose yoke is easy

Whose burden is light.

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/>

**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://ucceast.ca/62610-map-handbook-july-2021/>

### **2021 Clergy Symposium and Clergy Retreat**

The Clergy Symposium will be taking place from October 18-20, 2021 at the Lion Max Simms Memorial Camp and will be facilitated by Rev. 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.

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.

To register for these events or for further information, please visit [here](#).

### **2021 Fall Learning Event**

Save the date, three online lunch and learn sessions for congregations are taking place on November 4, 18, and 25, 2021. More information coming soon.

### **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.

### **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

### **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. 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)

### **Emmanuel's College's Conference 2021**

Emmanuel College's [Centre for Religion and Its Contexts](#) is hosting the **"Rethinking Preaching" Conference 2021—How Has the Pandemic Challenged Preaching?** on August 20-21. We are pleased to invite seasoned and new preachers, students of homiletics and participants who seek to "rethink preaching" by examining and exploring issues that are directly challenged in the wake of social issues that have intensified during this global COVID moment. Our keynote speakers, Prof. Frank Thomas (Christian Theological Seminary) and Prof. Carolyn Helsel (Austin Theological Seminary), and 10 experienced workshop leaders will help us explore the changing contexts of preaching. Visit the [conference's web page](#) for a full description, registration details and schedule.

### **Centennial Celebrations Committee Volunteers Needed (4 Vacancies)**

The United Church will soon be 100 years old! We are building for a small group who can bring high level visioning and coordination to help the church shape its celebrations for 2025. Meetings will be held online as needed. Please see attached pdf for further details. The appointment is until November 2025. [Nominate someone or express your own interest](#), or for further information, please visit [here](#). Deadline: September 15, 2021.

### **Voices United Hymn Books**

A number of Voices United Hymn Books are available for free as a result of the closure of Hant's Harbour United Church. Also available, at a very reasonable price, is a Rodgers 520 electronic organ. If you are interested in either, please call Myrtle Soper at 586-2693.

### **Appeal for Haiti**

Help the people of Haiti devastated by the earthquake. The United Church of Canada is in contact with Mission & Service partners in Haiti to find out how we can support their communities. Today, people in Haiti need emergency shelter, clean water, and food. Make a gift right now to support the people of Haiti. Further details can be found on our United Church of Canada website [here](#).

### **2021 Election Kit**

[The United Church of Canada's election resources](#) are now available for church members who want to engage candidates in the upcoming federal election on September 20, 2021. Issues close to the heart of the church—Anti-racism, Guaranteed Livable Income, Indigenous Justice, and Vaccine Equity are featured in core resources. [Faith and Politics](#) has helpful hints on how people can ask questions at virtual all-candidate meetings, how to organize an all-candidates meeting, and political activity guidelines for churches.

