



First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council
Weekly Announcements
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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. Kim Waite – Memorial Pastoral Charge

Creator, during these hazy days of summer our hearts sing praise. We revel in the warmth, the feeling of being together once again with family and friends. We turn our faces towards the sun with eyes buttoned closed while we grin from ear to ear. We squeal with delight as we run through the raindrops, careless as to whether or not we actually get wet. We giggle with the children of our village, grateful for parents who encourage youthful joy to bubble into our lives. We acknowledge that the prayer of “Thank You” sounds and looks like this.

Sacred being, during these hot and heavy days of summer our hearts call out to you. We find it hard to breathe under the heaviness of loss. We turn our faces away from the light which is sometimes too bright for our eyes at this moment and towards the cool darkness that seems a better fit. We stand in the tumult of the wind and rain where our tears and sounds of anguish seem at one with the world. We acknowledge that the prayer of “Help Me” sounds and looks like this.

Holy One, under our masks and through our screens we have weathered what seems like endless crises these past several months – and we feel it. We continue to pray “Thank You” and “Help Me” in endless ways, knowing that your answer is always “I Love You.” Help us to recognize in ourselves and others the need to be always reminded of God's answer to all prayer, and to give God's answer in word and action. In joy and sorrow, in pain and healing, in light and dark... God Loves. May it ever be so

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 Hours

Beginning on July 5, 2021, Regional Council Staff are 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/>

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](#)

AST Fall 2021 Courses

View the Fall 2021 courses at AST [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 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/>

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

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/>

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 or Essie Green fae@bellaliant.net

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

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 23rd. 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.



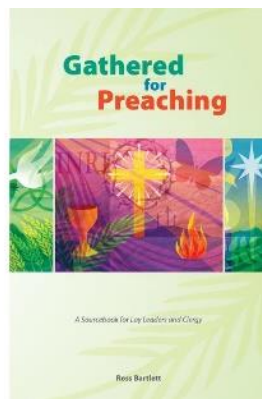
The Springdale Pastoral Charge is seeking a full-time, 40 hours a week, Ordained, Diaconal, or Recognized Designated Lay Minister. We are a one-point Community of Faith covering two communities of Springdale and Little Bay with approximately 150 families under pastoral care. Duties to commence on July 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 or Carolyn at carolyn.robinson@hotmail.com.

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/>

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 [llaundry@united-church.ca](mailto:l laundry@united-church.ca)



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.

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.

Fall Learning Event

Save the date, three online lunch and learn sessions for congregations are taking place on November 4th, 8th, and 25th. More information coming soon.

United Church Bookstore Sidewalk Sale

The bookstore is having a sidewalk sale at 320 Elizabeth Avenue. Lots of great deals on books and giftware. Come join us on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 from 11am to 2pm. COVID protocols will be followed.

