



East Central Ontario  
Regional Council  
of the United Church of Canada



ECORC'S  
**The Retirees Forum**

2021 Newsletter - Fall Edition



“Love the trees until their leaves fall off,  
Then encourage them to try again next year.” - (Chad Sugg)

**NEW ZOOM EVENTS for RETIREES**  
*(These are open to all retired clergy)*

**DATE: Friday November 12<sup>th</sup>.at 10:00 a.m.**

**FOCUS:** Proposed changes to the UCC PENSION AND BENEFITS PLAN

**GUEST:** Alan Hall at General Council Office.

*A link to this Zoom gathering will be sent out by email the day before, to all of our retirees. \*\*\* Any questions you wish to ask Alan are to be sent in advance to Caroline Giesbrecht (Secretary Retiree's Forum) [rev.carolineg@xplornet.ca](mailto:rev.carolineg@xplornet.ca)*

**DATE: Thursday January 13<sup>th</sup>. At 2.00 p.m.**

**FOCUS:** Clarifying the responsibilities and action plans of the East Central Ontario Regional staff. (ECORC)

**GUESTS:** Rosemary Lambie Executive Minister ECORC  
Paul Reed, Speaker for ECORC

\*\*\*Please send in advance any questions you wish to ask Rosemary or Paul to Caroline Giesbrecht (Secretary Retirees Forum) [rev.carolineg@xplornet.ca](mailto:rev.carolineg@xplornet.ca)

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**AVAILABILITY QUESTIONNAIRE**

If, in your retirement, you are willing to assist in meeting any of these ongoing needs, we invite you to **complete this questionnaire** and send to Caroline Giesbrecht.

1. *Are you available for any of the following (with appropriate remuneration):*

- a. *Occasional pulpit supply (one Sunday at a time, always with the option of saying no);*
- b. *Short term appointment.*
- c. *Providing Sacraments (occasionally);*
- d. *Acting as consultant for a community of faith.*
- e. *Mentoring a student doing Supervised Ministry Education (not Educational Supervisor, who may be some distance away).*

2. *If you have answered yes to any of the above:*

- a. *What is your geographic location?*
- b. *Do you have proof of double vaccination for COVID (now a requirement for all active ministry personnel)?*
- c. *Are you of an Affirming position (the ECORC is now fully Affirming)?*

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**YOUTUBE INTERVIEWS WITH RETIRED CLERGY**

A SERIES: "We Are Not Done Yet" (WNDY)

INTERVIEWER: Elizabeth Macdonald (Ex-journalist/broadcaster)

**FOCUS:** To provide insights into their lives and their continuing passions.

**LINK to YouTube:** <https://youtu.be/yPZt3Y-FiXw>

## **EXPRESSING CONCERN AND SUPPORT**

If you would like to communicate to other retirees about a significant life event(s) that has taken place in your life, please let the RF team know. This awareness will provide opportunity for other retirees who know you, to respond with their personal support or encouragement.

## **A FINAL WORD**

In closing, the RF Leadership would like to thank you for allowing us to visit your home through the medium of Zoom. If you have any suggestions as to how we can improve our connections with those of you who have retired, please let us know.

Sincerely, The RF Leadership Team.

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