

## Licensed Lay Worship Leader (LLWL) Online Learning Program

Are you feeling a persistent nudge or calling to be a part of the lay ministry in our region of the United Church of Canada?

We welcome you to explore the possibility of becoming a Licensed Lay Worship Leader (LLWL). [United in Learning](#) offers a two-year online training program, in which adult students from all over Canada learn from a facilitator and each other in preparation for lay ministry in many capacities within our church.

There are four modules, with two offered each year: Liturgy, Preaching, Prayers and Music, and All Ages & Special Events in Worship. The mentors are knowledgeable, supportive and enrich your learning, as do the others you meet in the Zoom platform courses.

When you successfully complete these modules, you will be interviewed and, if appropriate, recommended for licensing by the ECORC LLWL Forum. To be licensed, you must also provide:

- confirmation from your home church that you are a full member of the United Church of Canada in good standing
- a Police (Vulnerable Sector) Check
- proof of completion of two mandatory online courses (Racial Justice AND Personal and Professional Boundaries for Church Leaders)

If this path into ministry is of interest and you would like to explore it further, you are welcome to email recent candidate [Kathleen Whyte](#) or call her at 705-768-3555.

### A LLWL Story

*I served in the Canadian military for 33 years. I retired in 2006. I have always been involved in church during my career and attended church in military chapels. I taught Sunday school, trained Sunday school teachers and was chair of a few church boards. While I was doing all the many things one can do in church, I always hoped and prayed that someday I would get a call to do more. That day came while I was in Petawawa at one of our military bases. My wife and I were thinking that when I retired, we would want to attend a local church if we moved away from the base. We joined a Presbyterian church in town, and I continued with my assistance in that church. Shortly after I retired a member of the church board suggested that I take some courses through the Presbyterian College in Montreal. I drove there to take many courses at the college and in 2008 received a Diploma in Lay Leadership. When we moved to our new home in Napanee, I joined the United Church and took an eight-month course titled "So You Think You Want to Preach." Once that was complete, I was an LLWL in our presbytery. Since then, I have had the honour and privilege to preach in many local churches close by and now a few a lot further away. My training was quite a bit different than the training now offered at United In Learning. I know that I have not been alone in all my training and preaching. I have been led by an amazing and grace-giving God who fills me with much love and courage in all I do.*

*-Chris, Napanee*