

CONNECTIONS

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Draft Statement of Purpose:

Everything we do as Christians in our everyday lives is about making connections: with the Biblical text and Creation, with God and ourselves, with God and others.

CONNECTIONS is a newsletter for the former Oxford Presbytery. It hopes to be an inviting place to post special Church events (e.g. suppers); to lift up specific local church outreach inviting others to join; and to affirm our values about social justice: sustainable development of Creation, public health care, improved living conditions for the poor, the disadvantaged etc so that we can advocate for these values with our elected officials.

Feedback welcome on the Purpose.

PRESBYTERS' meeting with ERNIE HARDEMAN, MPP

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18 AT 1:30 PM.

Premier Ford has announced policies that we believe put the interests of Big Business ahead of people and environment. In July 10, 2018, concerned clergy signed an open letter urging Premier Ford to develop policies for the greater good of all Ontarians.

(<https://ontariouccministers.org/?fbclid=IwAR0b3wLXEDcfho8GCP3P-fJ5jl6FV6MjAJrt-ht3om5I4gGnqBWf68ZLVVA>).

All may attend but we need names + numbers for space. Please email Andrea Allan (rev.andrea.allan@gmail.com) ASAP.

We will meet nearby at 12:00 pm

FOOD FOR THE SOUL:

We all have those writers and speakers who inspire and nurture; the ones who keep us centered and encouraged through those times when the church and life in general become a burden. One of those mentors for me 'for about 40 years' has been Walter Brueggemann. The link below will get you one of his latest bits of wisdom. It is 16 minutes of classic Brueggemann. It also shows in this "Being the Church in a Multi-cultural World" how Brueggemann has seen the need to grow spiritually.

https://vimeo.com/55870939?ref=fb-share&fbclid=IwAR3v_dDSvijib-PI52gflGxMes0ewRrQH4bIJcJaK1G Cvo2pEcKGJDXA

This video is similar to a conversation on Michael Enright's Sunday Edition on Dec. 23, 2018 *The State of Christianity in Today's World* - with Mardi Tindall, Jim Wallis and Jim Carroll on the link below.

<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/shows/sunday-edition/segment/15652789>

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GRANDMOTHER'S TEA

Wed. Feb 27, 2019

Eastwood United

Noon till 2:00 pm

"The Grandmothers' Tea" at Nations Uniting on the Six Nations land in southern Ontario brings Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal grandmothers together to build bridges between the two cultures. Supported by Mission and Service.

Potluck lunch and chat.

**Details: Jacquie McLeod,
mcjacros2016@gmail.com.**

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LENT AND EASTER

Pancake Suppers? Etc.?

email details by Monday Feb 11 to be included in Feb 13th issue
oxfconnections@gmail.com

Inn of Woodstock, previously Out of the Cold, is seeking donations of pyjama bottoms, hats, gloves, scarves, and socks for both women and men. Items can be dropped off at IUC or taken directly to **Old St. Paul's** church in Woodstock while the Inn is open from 7pm-7am each night.

World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 1, 2019

Eastwood United will welcome the congregations of Christ Anglican Oxford Centre and Oxford Centre United. The service is at **2pm** with snacks to follow in the basement.

Let us know how your church is celebrating the World Day of Prayer this year?

If you are on Facebook, like Oxford Presbytery.

<https://www.facebook.com/Oxford-Presbytery-690395957746547/>

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Additional members are invited to join our Communication Team.



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