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| [View this email in your browser](https://mailchi.mp/32559b130b44/important-town-hall-meeting-tomorrow-100-pm?e=%5bUNIQID%5d)Next Deadline for submissions: April 10[Sign up for our newsletter & forward this to a friend.](https://wowrcucc.us20.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=3430c44e426848fe31d8afb4b&id=65ceaaaf22) |

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| ****INVITATION to TOWN HALL MEETING****We are looking forward to our first regional council gatheringby [*Zoom link*](https://us20.campaign-archive.com/?u=3430c44e426848fe31d8afb4b&id=46d4238e7e#zoomlink) on Wednesday, March 25th from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.***Two people from each community of faith are invited!******Your host is President, Gary Clark*** |

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| Here's what you need to know in advance:1. The meeting will open with an **orientation to using Zoom today**
	* For this meeting we will use the **CHAT box** in Zoom
2. YOU will shape the meeting in two ways:
	* **Email questions & input** you would like to raise at the Town Hall to: wowrc@united-church.ca by midnight **Tuesday, March 24**. Your input will guide the presentations.
	* During the meeting we ask that you **freely share your ideas** & feedback in the CHAT box. These ideas will be shared in the regional council newsletter.
	* For those who are joining by phone, we ask that you send your input ahead of time to wowrc@united-church.ca. It will also become part of the CHAT that is shared in the newsletter.
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| **AGENDA - FOR TOWN HALL MEETING*** Orientation to Zoom
* Acknowledgement of the Land: President Gary Clark
* Opening Devotion: President Gary Clark
* Advice for Communities of Faith (to be amended with your input)
	+ Pastoral Relations and Employment ConcernsDiane Blanchard, Minister, Pastoral Relations
	+ Community of Faith Meetings, Finances, Other ConcernsJohn Neff, Minister, Congregational Support and Mission
	+ Supporting GivingDave Jagger, Stewardship and Gifts Officer
	+ May Regional Meeting and General Council UpdateCheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa, Executive Minister

\* Staff are available to provide information in their area of expertise. |

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| You are invited to share your responses by email or in the CHAT box to the following two questions: ***"How is your community of faith staying connected as a worshiping community, and as a caring community, during this time?"***~ ~ ~ ~ ~***"What are you finding helpful for your personal well-beingduring this time of many demands?"***\* Please remember! Kevin Steeper, Pastoral Support Minister, is available to ministry personnel during this period of time by *email* and phone, 1-833-236-0280 ext. 8.  |

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| **You may join the meeting by:*** Computer, tablet or smartphone for video and/or audio access,
* Telephone for audio access only.

As we are hoping for a lot of people to join the Town Hall, we are conserving bandwidth by having participants enter with video and microphones off.Internet speed and reliability may be a problem. If so, and you lose the link, please rejoin on a different device or by phone. The Zoom phone-in number may experience heavy traffic. In that case, please try again. **NOTE for telephone users:** If you have technical difficulties during the meeting, please call Kathy at 519-441-0656 for assistance. |

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| ***"Thank you for your patience!"***This is a stressful time and this Town Hall is a chance for all of us to be helpful. There will be questions for which there is no answer--or at least no answer yet. Our goal is to provide answers to questions many are asking, as we can, and, even more importantly, to provide an opportunity for you to share your wisdom with others in the regional council.CHAT box and email have their limitations but they also offer a connection and sharing as we begin this experiment with online meetings! Let's build online connecting skills together that you can then use with your community of faith. Looking forward to receiving your questions and gleaning your wisdom, Shalom,Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-SampaExecutive Minister |

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| **ZOOM LINK**If you would like to join this gathering, click on this [Zoom link](https://united-church.zoom.us/j/504423107). Zoom is very much like Skype, and easy to use. |

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| The Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council newsletter welcomes submissions of upcoming events, regional news and educational opportunities. This is also the place to keep up-to-date on information from the regional office. |

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| **For information, contact Pretima:**pkukadia@united-church.ca**Our phone number is:**1-833-236-0280**Our mailing address is:**Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council, UCCPO Box 100Carlisle, On L0R 1H0Canada[Add us to your address book](https://wowrcucc.us20.list-manage.com/vcard?u=3430c44e426848fe31d8afb4b&id=65ceaaaf22)Copyright © 2020 Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council, UCC, All rights reserved. |

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