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CHURCH
COUNCIL**

The Toronto United Church Council works with the church community to connect resources with ministry. Offering access to professional advice, financial support and leadership development, Council helps our church address the social and spiritual challenges of the day.

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**TORONTO UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL E-NEWS
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**Baillie Volunteer Service Award Nomination
Deadline Extended to June 30 2017!**

For the past three years Toronto United Church Council's **Baillie Volunteer Service Awards** have been presented twice a year to United Church youth and young adults for their commitment to volunteer service. The individuals who have received the awards have been active in a variety of projects: from assisting with hot meal programs and food banks and providing leadership to church youth groups to participating in community development projects overseas and founding their own service clubs. [Read more here.](#)

From 2017 fifteen awards will be available each year – with a single spring application deadline. The awards will continue to have a value of \$500 and can be used to assist the recipients with their financial needs for education, travel, or

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professional development. The recipients must be nominated by a member of a United Church congregation or mission unit.

Applications are normally due at the end of May but due to the lateness of this reminder, we will be extending the deadline in 2017 to **June 30 2017**.

Please consider nominating a young member of your congregation who is doing great things for their church and community! It is a great way for congregations to lift up the many ways our young people are engaged in mission and ministry.

For more information on award eligibility and selection criteria and to download an application form [click here](#).



Logan Carmichael (centre) of St. Andrew's United Church in Markham received the Baillie Award last spring. She started a university club to make and donate knitted goods to those in need.



Don't forget to register for...

**EMPOWERING BYSTANDERS:
creating a culture of active witnessing in
communities of faith**

Responding effectively to bullying

Hosted by Toronto United Church Council's Centre for Church Development and Leadership, this workshop will focus on bullying behaviours among adults and ways we can create and sustain healthy, safe, and respectful environments in our churches. It will help you:

- understand what bullying is and how to identify it

- examine group dynamics and bystander behaviours
- develop and practice strategies for responding to bullying “in the moment”
- learn how to create safe and supportive spaces that prevent bullying

Workshop Leader: Jessica Trach is a doctoral candidate at the University of BC specializing in the group dynamics of bullying and how bystanders respond. She is an active member of PREVNet, a national network of leading researchers, organizations, and practitioners working together to promote healthy relationships in Canada.

When: Wednesday June 7, 10 am to 3 pm

Where: Toronto United Church Council
24-30 Wertheim Court, Richmond Hill, ON

Cost: \$30.00 (lunch will be provided)

Order tickets online at

<https://empoweringbystanders.eventbrite.ca>

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