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# The ESCC Newsletter

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## Welcome to the Third Edition of the ESCC Newsletter!

As promised, we endeavor to succinctly cover highlights of August and September 2024.

We remind you that:

We are transitioning to a quarterly newsletter. We aim for the October, November, and December edition to be more directly linked to our 2024-2027 strategic roadmap, notably introducing measures of progress and impact.

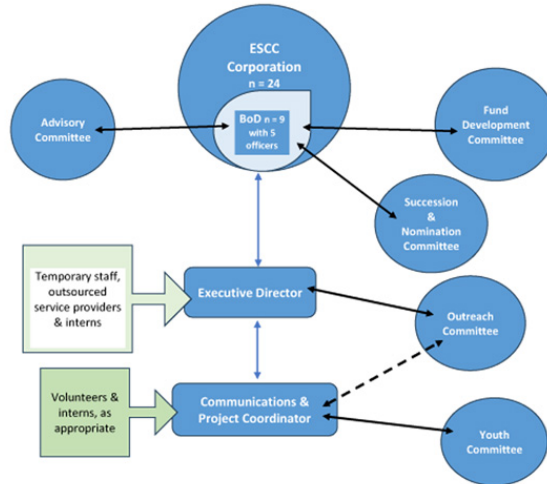
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Enjoy! Bonne lecture!



September 24, 2024



## Capacity-building and Representation

Our draft positioning of the ESCC within the Quebec collectivity and draft organogram, aim to convey how our organizational priorities and decisions are focused on enriching the quality of life and vibrancy of the community in which we live (please note that the concentric circles in the former do not aim to be proportionate to the reality in terms of numbers of persons potentially represented at any given time). Through collaborative outreach, advocacy and support programs, notably growing the interfaith and intercultural spaces within which we are called to evolve, we actualize our faith, community roots and cultural identity of giving and sharing.

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## Engaging with and for Youth

Thanks to Ana-Isabel Cantera, our first temporary hire made possible by a Canada Summer Jobs contribution, we are now on [Instagram](#)! Though Ana was with us only 9 weeks, her contributions were many. We are set to support two generous Vanier college students who responded to the call captured in the posters Ana created. Both Health Science students were seeking social and community involvement via Vanier's S.T.A.R. Program (Student Transcript Activity Record). We will share more about their contributions in the next issue!

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## On Growing Interfaith & Intercultural Spaces

On September 29, the ESCC team partook in the celebration of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, at Saint-Martyrs-du-Vietnam Parish. The warm welcome set the stage for the colorful and musical intercultural gathering that called for solemnity and solidarity. We seized the opportunity to touch base with protagonists in our work thus far with experts accompanying asylum seekers and newcomers, Alessandra Santopadre and Fr. Pierangelo Paternieri, co-leaders of the Welcome-Protect-Promote-Integrate team (APPI). Furthermore, the communications about the celebration had us understand that the Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Movement (VEYM), recognized on the same day for its 40 years of impactful outreach and mission, can inform our steps toward supporting Youth Ministries.

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## **On Promoting Senior Wellness, Spirituality of Aging and End of Life Accompaniment**

We accompanied the Teresa Dellar Palliative Care Residence (TDPCR) in designing its 6-month pilot project aimed at further enriching the team that accompanies the persons and families that are welcomed in its facilities. We liaised with two professional orders that buy into championing access to palliative care services and an enrichment of the interdisciplinarity involved, the Ordre des ergothérapeutes du Québec (OEQ) and the Ordre professionnel de la physiothérapie du Québec (OPPQ). A common goal of improving quality of life when chronic diseases and end of life are to be coped with has been loudly confirmed. In keeping with the first phase of the TDPCR's pilot project, we researched the state of Occupational Therapy (OT) practices in palliative care in Quebec and in the Greater Montreal Area (GMA) and identified where communities of OT practice in palliative care are established. The latter allowed us to support the TDPCR in prioritizing its outreach within the Quebec

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project, we are investing in creating an opportunity to collaboratively champion quality of end of life with the OEQ and OPPQ. Dawson College, for its leadership in Physiotherapy Technology formation, has also been responsive.

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## Upcoming Events

In the morning of **Thursday, November 28, from 10:30 AM to 1 PM**, with the Office for English Pastoral Services (OEPS), we will co-host a **Community Vitality event** in the Grand Parloir, at the Institut de formation théologique de Montréal (at 2065 Sherbrooke Street West -affectionately known as the '**Grand Séminaire**' to many). The main goal is to celebrate our faith and fruits of the ongoing synodal journey!

Registration is a must as we need to plan for the safety of all who will occupy the venue and organize refreshments! It is centralized at the ESCC: we invite you to **register via Aroha Cheema**, our Communications and Project Coordinator, at [escc@catholiccouncil.ca](mailto:escc@catholiccouncil.ca) by **end of day Thursday, November 21**.

That same evening, Bishop Alain Faubert is to be inaugurated as the 9th Bishop of the Diocese of Valleyfield. Monseigneur Christian Lepine will preside the occasion and the Papal Nuncio to Canada will be present. Needless to say, our esteemed Fr. Raymond Lafontaine and Martina McLean are to partake in the solemn and joyful November 28th evening celebration.



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