

# Moderator Lansdowne Urges Government to Address Lack of Housing for Refugees



The Right Rev. Carmen Lansdowne, Moderator of The United Church of Canada, has written to the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, urging a more proactive response to the lack of housing for refugee claimants.

This is not only a challenge in Toronto, where the government fails to address the crisis at 129 Peter St., Moderator Lansdowne wrote; this situation will continue to expand across the country if there is not a more robust strategy for providing asylum seekers and refugees with a safe and soft place to land. While the current crisis in Toronto particularly impacts Black African refugees, this is not a single-issue affecting people of one identity group.

The current crisis also affects LGBTQIA+ people fleeing persecution, as well as people of many diverse identity groups. African and refugee organizations are providing as much amazing leadership and support as they can, but the federal government and other levels of government must join them and fulfill our obligations under international human rights law.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**BEAVERLODGE-WEMBLEY-HYTHE**  
**PASTORAL CHARGE**  
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**July 23, 2023 – Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**

**Scripture Readings for those who would like to read them in advance:**

**July 30 – Ninth after Pentecost**

**Genesis 29:15–28** Jacob marries Leah and Rachel.

**Psalms 105:1–11, 45b (VU p. 828 Part One)**

Make known what God has done.

**or Psalm 128** It shall be well with you.

**Romans 8:26–39**

The Spirit intercedes for us when we cannot pray.

**Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52**

Five parables: mustard seed, yeast, treasure, pearls, net.

## **Minister information**

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- **Rev. Dorcas will be on leave from June 27 until August 22, 2023**

**Beaverlodge-Wembley-Hythe Pastoral Charge**

**Bible Study: resumes on Wednesday, September 13.**

## Wembley United Church

- No Sunday Worship Service at Wembley from Sunday June 11 until September 10.
- Wembley Thrift store: Thrift store hours - first Saturday of each month from 10:00am to 1:00 pm in the Church basement. Facebook Page is **Wembley Thrift Store**, check out our page for updates and specials.

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## Beaverlodge United Church

- Beaverlodge Sunday Service 10:30 am
- All are welcome to come for refreshments downstairs after the worship service. *Thank you to all who help with the Ushering and Kitchen duties. Much appreciated.*
- **Summer Sunday Worship Services will start at 10:30 am and return to 11:15 am start time on September 3**
- Regular Sunday Services will be held on each Sunday throughout the month of August.

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