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Sunday Services

May 6 Daryl Hunter "*Apples, Immortality & Romance*"
Ed Leslie is service leader.

May 13 Brigid Toole Grant "*Mother's Day for Peace*"
Patricia desChamps is service leader.

May 20 Chris Aalder "*Life Continues*" Patricia de-
sChamps is service leader.

May 27 Three lovers of music lead us in this service
"*Music Making with Moon, Carolyn and Reg*" Haifa
Miller is service leader.



Women's Pot Luck

Regular Women's Pot Luck dinner and conversation will be held May 25th., 6 pm at the home of Barb Fairweather - 394 Union Street. Show and tell topic is 'my place of serenity'. What does it look like? Is it real or imaginary? How did you come to have it? Share a picture if you're able. For more information contact Joan Brewer at jrjeb@nb.sympatico.ca or 455-5169.



An opportunity to PLAY

Sunday, July 22, 11am—An opportunity to PLAY !! Calling all thespians, and thespians-to-be! Coming to TUFF, Comfort the Children, a play written by Sue Steen, and performed by members and friends. Quite simply, we are the stars in this powerful and moving piece of theatre. Playwright and director, Sue needs actors, a propmaster, stage-hands, and general enthusiasm. Anyone and all who are interested, please contact Sue: 450-2852/sassimintgrace@hotmail.com. (Be ready to take this show on the road. This service promises to be nothing short of spectacular.)



Welcome Sue as a new member



We Really Did/Do Go-4-It!

On January 21 and 28, 2007, we held two workshops in our “Congregational Conversations” (ConCon) format, sharing soup and then taking part in a discussion about the CUC’s Go-4-It! strategy. More information about the questions and the use of the Go-4-It! Framework can be found on the CUC Website or in the January issue of Touchstone. We discussed most of the questions provided by the CUC, some in more detail than others. I’m happy to be able to share the highlights of the discussions.

Go On!

1. What are the things we do as a congregation that make us proud? In what way do these things “make a difference”: to our lives and to other people’s? We’re proud that we’re here, of our very existence in this small community. We’re proud of our history, especially of our history of inclusivity and welcoming. We have grown as individuals and as a congregation. We feel that it makes a difference to offer an alternative to people, a refuge from intolerance and bias. We think that offering a liberal alternative is an important role, and that our social action makes a difference. We live the values in the community.
2. What do we want to do more of? Less of? What do we want to let go of? We want to become better informed and more involved in the community, doing more of the things we already do. We want to be more worshipful, more hopeful, and (even) more caring. More and more music!
3. What are our “assets”? List them! (e.g., people, money, building, R.E. programs, meditation programs, choir.) We feel that our Sunday Services bring us together in a unique way. We value our programs, our building (which we are taking good care of), and our music. One member exclaimed: “How rich we are in individual talents and gifts!”

Go Deep!

1. What does it mean to “Go Deep”? As individuals? As a congregation/group? As a “movement” in Canada? Going deep means connection, individual spiritual growth, and a sense of connection. We accept and honour each other’s doubts, and strive for right relations with each other. As a congregation, we encourage each other to dig deep and uncover the core values that hold us together. We all look for ways to use our U*U principles inside and outside the congregation.
2. What are some methods we might consider for “Going Deep(er)”? As individuals? As a congregation? As a movement? (also 5,6) Going deeper involves a process of maturing, of becoming more open and less defensive. We need to pay attention in order to discover who we are and

what we can do, as a group or community as well as by ourselves. We need to look for the good in others, knowing it will come out if we look for and encourage it. Moving towards and deepening right relations is an important expression of individual growth.

3. What is/should be the role of the congregation/group in supporting all of its members in “going deeper”? Here, we had lots of suggestions! We can encourage the participation of individual members in Sunday Services (lay-led services is a great growth experience for all of us, service leaders and listeners alike!). We can accept all people as they are, respecting the diversity of members in their religious beliefs, opinions and social perspectives as well as their race/gender/class/sexual orientation (which we seem to accept more easily than some other differences). We need to make sure we don’t set up divisions, but that we respect limits and boundaries and provide a safe space to explore difficult transitions. We need to hone our own and each other’s interpersonal relationships.

Go Out!

1. What is the “good news” of Unitarianism and Universalism in the 21st Century (as a philosophy/religion)? Question 4. How might we share our “good news” with others? When we are uncomfortable about spreading the “good news”, it is not because we are ashamed. Many of us reject the way other religions impose their viewpoints on others. We don’t want to make others feel that we are trying to recruit them for our own purposes. However, we want to let them know that we are here, so that they know there is an alternative. We are a big secret in Fredericton! We can become better known by mentioning that we are U*Us, explaining what the building is, by inviting like-minded people from other groups to our Sunday service. Ways of getting the information out: refer people to the C.U.C. Website, put notes about special services and activities in the Religion in Brief column in the Daily Gleaner (this has become very effective in the last couple of years), give out C.U.C. ‘business’ cards, develop an ‘elevator speech’ (or ask one of the RE kids to do it!) Some of our special events have great success as outreach towards other people. Our lay chaplaincy services (marriages, funerals, etc.) could be promoted more. The history project on the U*U Church in Harvey is helping us make connections with residents of the village of Harvey, staff of the UNB archives, and so on.

Go Big!

1. What does growth actually mean? (Growth in numbers? Growth in impact/influence?) In what ways do we want to grow? In our little congregation, we like to talk about growth in terms of personal growth and connection, as well as our maturing as a congregation. As a group, we have learned a lot over the years. We are learning to value the contribution of our founding and continuing members as well as the new energy of new members. We feel we have become more diverse and have made great strides by becoming explicitly Welcoming. We are hoping that we

can work towards better, deeper, richer connections between our members and friends (one way of doing this is through our Small Ministry Groups), as well as with the larger community (through our continuing commitment to social justice).

Jo-Anne Elder-Gomes



Welcome Irma as a new member



Fly Fishing

Peter Cronin, Manager of the Fisheries Program with the New Brunswick Department of Natural Resources shared his thoughts on the science and art of fly fishing on April 15th at our Sunday Service. According to Peter, fly fishing can be described as poetry in motion, a perfection of presenting a fly that virtually has little weight to a target 15-25 meters away with absolute precision, often under trying conditions. The challenges of fly fishing have been compared to playing Wimbledon in a pair of chest high waders.

In 1653 Izaak Walton took pen in hand and suggested that all of us “Be quiet and go a - Angling”. No other form of angling offers the challenge, frustration, provocation, stimulation, fascination, excitation, tranquility and most importantly the satisfaction of fly fishing. The love of fly fishing, like other virtues, is its own reward. It leads us into the most pleasant of places in the world. Those places have names like the Miramichi, Restigouche, Nepisiguit, Saint John, Tobique and Nashwaak.

Fly fishing captures the souls and passions of intelligent men and women, often imprisoning them for life. Anyone can fly fish, but to become a skilled “compleat” (another Walton term) fly angler, takes time, dedication, patience and experience to master all the intricacies of truly skilful fly casting.

An accomplished fly angler must be in touch with nature and be at least an amateur entomologist, ichthyologist, hydrologist, geomorphologist and meteorologist.

Peter’s “sermon” was not about “how to fly fish” but rather the feelings of completeness of the angler who appreciates the value of fly selection, line selection, the state of the sky, the color of the water, and the peculiar habits of the fish during various times of the day and season.

He also suggested that you meet the nicest people on your way to the river. Fly anglers know first hand that regardless of sex, race, age, religion, nationality, profession or any other personal attribute that the river is a great equalizer.



Gary signs the “book”



Another world is not only possible, she is on her way. On a quiet day, I can hear her breathing.

Arundhati Roy, Porto Alegre, Brazil
January 27, 2003



Use the Web, Luke!

Editor's note: adapted from a message in Kingston's newsletter this month.

Don't Overlook the UFF Website

You often see the reference to www.uff.ca, in Sunday service bulletins, in UFF ads, etc. Although visitors and new members/friends frequently report having checked out the website before arriving UFF, many regular members and friends don't visit the website. Probably there are several reasons: we keep up-to-date by other means, we lack the time, or we may not have a computer or internet connection. But look at it if you can. The upcoming services are automatically cycled and when presenters make their material available, it is put on the web.

The information for the service for the coming Sunday is automatically put on the home page at mid-day on Sunday to keep it fresh. The Fellowship schedule is available from a link on the home page. Important administrative information such as the bylaws, building use policies and budget are available under the administrivia link.

The current and past issues of Touchstone are available on the website but where the printed version is in black and white to save printing costs, the web version has the photos in full colour. The images, moreover, are usually at a higher resolution than printed so that if you use the viewer's magnification feature, you can zoom in and see more detail than can be printed.

Our web site is hosted by blacksun.ca, a Saskatchewan company who were very helpful last summer when our previous hosting company disappeared from the net without warning and at a very inconvenient time.

In fellowship
Tony Fitzgerald



Yippee !!! The deal is done...

At 5PM on May 2 the deal was closed on the purchase of Our New Home at 545 Sandy Point Road. It feels somewhat surreal in some respects, but very real in others - we now proudly have a place to call our own!

The closing date of May 1st was extended because of a last minute snag that required the securing of a relatively small additional bridging loan that will minimally affect our financials over the short term, but not affect the cash we have set aside for immediate renovations.

The required plumbing and other work was completed by the owner, and some preliminary cleanup of the building

has already begun. In addition we have already had an expression of interest in leasing some of the space.

From pipe dream to smokin' attitude!

We owe a depth of gratitude to Fred for making this happen. His determination to see this through to the end, ensuring the i's were dotted and the t's crossed, is a perfect example of proving that we CAN achieve what at first appears to be merely a pipe dream. A worthy act to follow as we go forward...

John Smith
President, UUCSJ Board of Trustees



Welcome Paul as a new member



Diary Entries

Wednesday, February 1, Still balmy

Last night at the Curling Club one of the young mothers said she got a shock upon waking up that morning. Her daughter was standing in her bedroom doorway looking strange as her sister had cut one side of her hair—like a brush-cut. What was she going to do? She wouldn't be able to take her anywhere! It reminded me of Marie and the job she did on her bang. She just cut a big gob out of the middle. She was dark,, and it would be difficult to fix, even for Pup who was a barber of some repute. I know he would try very hard because we all said she was his "favorite." She really wasn't was she? We all heard the story of how she cut a few inches off the dining room curtains, so she was a bit of a 'cut up.'

I know from personal experience that she liked to chew

on my Kewpie dolls—made of celluloid—and she had a definite preference for arms and legs. This for me was a great source of harassment. One day, when I returned from school, I found my favorite Kewpie doll missing. Mum said Marie was upstairs and “quiet.” She was under the bed. I ordered her out, intending to let her have it BUT GOOD. But, as she crawled out, she caught her tail bone on the bed spring and got a deep cut about 3/4 of an inch long. Well, all that blood, a quart, or maybe a gallon? She still has the scar to this day, and I think she’d show you if you asked. That was the end of the chewing—at least under the bed.

Thursday, February 2, 10am

In order to write of days and conditions long ago, I turn off as many things as I can, but the furnace still cuts in, as does the electric fridge, and the tap drips. It isn’t possible to cut out all the sounds. Perhaps I should describe the kitchen as it was when I was a kid.

We had a wood stove with the wood box beside it. The wood box opened into the shed, too, so that when Edwin or Roy filled it, it didn’t involve the kitchen. I remember that on a rainy day, or if we were getting under foot, we liked playing in the wood box, doing cut outs, likely from the Old Eaton’s catalogue.

Our cupboards were varnished wood and went right to the ceiling. They were quite different from kitchens today. We had a sugar barrel, and a flour barrel on a swinging apparatus, so that you just had to open the cupboard door and could easily pull out the barrel. Mum kept her sifter, rolling pin, and measuring devices right in the flour barrel. I guess sugar and flour were bought in 50 or 100lb bags then. Pup said when he was a kid, it was not unusual for a farmer to look into a neighbour’s flour barrel to see if they had enough to last the winter.

There was a kitchen shelf that held the clock (which Pup wound, and took upstairs with him at night). There, you would also find matches, a large box for lighting the fire, and often, a little dish for change. I seem to recall looking there for mail. There was also a little pantry under the stairs. In it was a bread crock, a gallon jug of vinegar, molasses, several covered cans for storing food. A shelf held the steamer, a round metal container with holes in the bottom which always had doughnuts, biscuits, cinnamon rolls, or cake in it. There were also pickles, and mincemeat, and sometimes, a gallon jug of wine. I was port I think but who cared? Sometimes we’d have a little right out of the jug. I just remember one case of hiccoughs, or was it hiccups?

R.E.C.



Welcome Cristin as a new member



Message from Mary Bennett

The first part of this message has updates on the Annual Conference and Meeting (May 18-21, Vancouver, BC) and the second has a message about British Unitarian General Assembly that I attended recently. The last section are “short snippets” that you might find useful to share through your congregational newsletter or other places.

CUC Annual Conference & Meeting - 2007

We are “on track” for the largest Annual Conference & Meeting ever, with close to 300 adults registered plus almost 100 registered in the youth and children’s programs.

DIVERSITY PHOTOGRAPHS NEEDED

We invite EACH congregation in Canada to send us a digital photo representing diversity in your congregation. Please email this to Leslie Kemp at lkemp@telus.net no later than April 30.

These photos will be used to produce a similar slide show to that produced by Saint John congregation last year for the Ingathering. Their theme, however, was “Riding the UU Tide”, so the request was for photos of water.

You can view last year’s show at:

<http://www.slideshare.net/cucmaryca>

If you wish to replace the photo representing your congregation, please send that to Leslie as well. Thanks.

You can also see a “preview” of the Slide Show we’ll use for the CUC Orientation there.

We are also searching for photographs for a variety of pamphlets, publications and website. If you have high-

resolution photos (1MB or larger) illustrating congregational life, please do share with us. Send to mary@cuc.ca. We are especially looking for photos of lay chaplaincy services and images that symbolize rites of passages including wedding, child dedications and memorial services.

Written from London, England

Hello,

I have just attended the British Unitarian General Assembly - their "annual conference and meeting" with several hundred Unitarians from Britain, and a couple of us foreign guests.

Like the CUC over the past number of years, the British GA have been engaged in organizational changes. Coincident with organizational changes, their General Secretary Jeff Teagle retired at this GA after 13 years and new "CEO", Rev. Steve Dick takes the helm.

Frequently, when I would meet people at breaks and workshops, their response would be: Oh, so, you're the Canadian. And then they'd follow with a question about how Unitarianism is different in Canada and Britain.

For starters, there are some interesting statistical differences. With about the same number of individuals, Britain has about twice as many ministers and four times the number of congregations. So the average size of a congregation is much smaller than ours. In one of the sessions where I was on a panel, I referred to a congregation of 80 as a "smaller congregation" there was an audible gasp in the room.

While some congregations, like Rosslynn Hill Unitarian Chapel, where I worshipped on Sunday morning, are very similar to a Canadian congregation of similar size, others are more Christian than any of our congregations.

Differences aside, I found some similarities where I feel CUC and British GA might find it valuable to continue to share experiences and information.

For instance, while distances are shorter in Britain, they, like us, wrestle with how to support connections among congregations. In the North London area, there is a network promoting events that would be particularly relevant to the "spiritual but not religious" through a website at: <http://www.ukspirituality.org>.

Initiatives around promotion abound. In the past year, the Executive Committee (similar to our Board) worked with a committee and consultant on what came to be called "Consistent Image" (so as to avoid the word "brand"). Their website using the new logo, colours and fonts will be unveiled May 1 at: <http://www.unitarian.org.uk>. I found it interesting to attend the workshop on this and found that a lot of the considerations and design decisions were similar to what the Unitarian Congregations of Greater Toronto came up with recently: upbeat, warm, engaging colours and style. One comment from the consultant I

found interesting was about how they'd produced a variety of possibilities for local congregations to choose from. "I've never worked on a project that wound up with so many options," he said. They will be offering website and newsletter templates for congregations to use if they wish, hoping that there will be an overall move towards consistency.

You might want to explore on your own to see more about similarities and differences. Text for their pamphlets, including several that have been produced recently can be found at:

<http://www.theopenmind.org.uk/about/leaflets/>

Take care of yourselves and each other
Mary Bennett
CANADIAN UNITARIAN COUNCIL

SHORT SNIPPETS Please include in your newsletters or bulletin boards as you see fit. Please include contact information with any notices you include: CANADIAN UNITARIAN COUNCIL 018-1179A King Street West, Toronto ON M6K 3C5 Toll-free: 1-888-568-5723 email: info@cuc.ca www.cuc.ca

CUC VIDEOS ON THE WEB

Our two CUC videos - excellent for newcomers - can now be found through links at: <http://www.cuc.ca/newcomers/>

Join Team CUC

There are several Volunteer Opportunities available including Poetry Editor for the Canadian Unitarian newsletter and Regional Librarian for Central & Eastern http://cuc.ca/whos_who/volunteer_opportunities.htm

HISTORICAL DATES

2008 will mark the 200th anniversary of the death of Theophilus Lindsay. Lindsey's chief work is *An Historical View of the State of the Unitarian Doctrine and Worship from the Reformation to our own Times* (1783).



From the Edmonton Journal

BETTY MARDIROS, FOUNDER OF EDMONTON'S RAGING GRANNIES, SAW HUMOUR AS A TOOL FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

Florence Loyie, The Edmonton Journal April 2007

EDMONTON - Betty Mardiros, a long-time activist and one of the founding members of Edmonton's Raging Grannies, once said a funny song "was the most effective method of political action I've ever tried."

As "chief doggerelist" for the grannies, Betty Mardiros penned many of the tunes the group sang at demonstrations in support on public health care, environmental pro-

tection, peace, human rights and rallies against provincial and federal budgets cuts.

Mrs. Mardiros's last gig with the grannies was March 13 at a tea in the palliative care unit of the Edmonton General, where she was in care. Seated in her wheelchair, she joined her fellow grannies in full voice to belt out a few of their favourite songs.

Betty Mardiros died in her sleep in the same palliative care unit last April 1st. She was 84.

Born in Abertillery, Wales, she once told a reporter she came by her social activism by osmosis. Her father was a Welsh coal miner who was blacklisted when she was four because of his work as a union safety inspector. "You have to be a moron not to be a socialist," he used to tell his young daughter.

She met her husband, Tony, in London during the blitz, while they were volunteering with Civil Defence Services. They moved to Edmonton in 1946, when he was hired by the University of Alberta's philosophy department. Both were supporters of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament and were active in the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, the precursor to the New Democratic Party. They took part in the NDP's founding convention in 1961, and were founders of the Woodsworth-Irvine Socialist Fellowship. Betty Mardiros was also a founder of the Voice of Women in Alberta and in the '60s and '70s advocated for a Nuclear Test Ban Treaty.

Daughter Shelley said when she was growing up, their home "was a haven for American draft resisters during the Vietnam war, and for Chilean refugees from the Pinochet regime after the coup in 1973."

Shelley said her mother became a widow in 1987. "It was a difficult time for her after my father died, because they were best friends," she said.

After seeing a CBC report on the Raging Grannies of Victoria, Mrs. Mardiros set about creating an Edmonton group.

Dressed in frilly aprons, shawls and straw hats, Edmonton's Raging Grannies turned up everywhere, singing funny songs of social significance. They became part of the vast unofficial opposition to the Ralph Klein government's cutbacks to seniors' benefits, education, health care and social services.

"Ridicule is quite a good thing as a political strategy," Betty Mardiros once said.

Long-time friend and fellow granny Linnie Chamberlin said even when she was in palliative care, she was still in the activist mode. A week before she died, she told Chamberlin they should add up the cost of her care as a palliative patient so they could show people how important public health care is, especially for seniors.

"She was one in a million - we won't see another like her

again. She was always polite, even when people weren't polite to us. She never nagged and she never preached. She just said what she felt had to be said," Chamberlin said.

Even Chamberlin, a former nurse, was not immune to Betty Mardiros's social conscience.

In the hospital, she once gave her a rub down with body lotion, to ease her discomfort. Her friend turned to her and said, "It's lovely, but you're scabbing."

Mrs. Mardiros is survived by two sons, a daughter, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. A memorial was held at the downtown Edmonton Public Library Theatre on April 14th.



More from Mary

This list is for those who have an ongoing interest in CUC's Annual Conference & Meetings - even if you're not able to attend in this particular year.

from Rev. Mac Elrod, Chair of the CUC's Racial & First Nations Equity Monitoring Group

The text of the two special resolutions to amend the racism resolution, at CUC ACM 2007 may be seen at:

http://cuc.ca/social_responsibility/racial_firstnations_equity.htm

The first resolution substitutes more positive and outcome oriented language, e.g., "racial equity" as opposed to "anti-racism".

The second resolution suggesting the use of workshop material to help congregations become more welcoming to diversity, to build bridges to ethnic and faith groups which have their own characteristics, and suggests credentialing for congregations who have done so.

The texts of Welcoming/Celebrating Congregational Diversity (WCCD) and Rainbowmaking may also be seen at the above web site.

WCCD is designed to help congregations be more welcoming to ethnic and racial diversity, as Welcoming Congregations has done for sexual orientation diversity. Rainbowmaking helps congregations develop an awareness of and relationships with other faith and ethnic groups in their communities.

An alternative to Rainbowmaking, the 5-C's, is also on the website.

It is planned to have a leadership pre-conference training workshop for WCCD at CUC 2007, for Rainbowmaking at CUC ACM 2008, and the 5 C's at CUC ACM 2009.

Please call these developments to the attention of your ministers, boards, social responsibilities committees, and

in particular, to your congregations' delegates to the CUC ACM Vancouver May 2007.

J. McRee (Mac) Elrod Chair, CUC Racial and First Nations Equity Monitoring Group

Note: after the May meeting, Jo-Anne Elder Gomes of Fredericton will take over as chair of this monitoring group.

From Jo-Anne – Here's a bit about me:

My husband, Aboriginal artist and spiritual leader Carlos Elder-Gomes, the seven children we've raised together and I belong to the Unitarian Fellowship of Fredericton. Being an interfaith, interracial and blended family, we have felt welcomed by U*Uism since I started attending. That was in 1990, when I discovered the UFF's commitment to social justice at a march in support of the First Nations people in Kanasetake; Carlos knew about you much earlier, in the 60's, and pointed out how many people marching were U*Us. A writer, translator, and community worker, I am involved in the U*U movement in different ways: I have been on the UFF Board for several years, including a term as president which culminated in the congregation achieving Welcoming Congregation status, and volunteered for many years in various capacities with the Children's RE program. I am currently the past-president of the Board and the chair of our new Adult Programs committee, as well as an active member of several committees and a frequent Service Leader. I am proud to have had the privilege of serving the CUC as a "new pioneer" – I was the Eastern Region's Lifespan Learning Service Consultant during the first cohort of volunteers and RNG members. I also do some writing for CUC publications and lists and have given workshops at ACMs and Regional Gatherings. I have been a member of this Monitoring- Group-with-the-Evolving-Name since 2005 and developed and presented the 5 C's (Connecting the Canadas from Coast to Coast to Coast) now included in the MG workshop programs. I plan to continue to write articles and poetry in both official languages and to develop programs for Canadian U*Us to encourage racial and religious diversity and equity and to promote right relations with our First Nations communities. Thanks again – Jo-Anne

Jo-Anne Elder-Gomes

Unitarian Fellowship of Fredericton

cuc-en-français - a message from Nancy Labonté

Bonjour à tous,

Dans le but de maintenir des activités UU en français dans le paysage UU anglo-canadien, il y a diverses initiatives qui sont présentées dont les services mensuels en français à l'Église de Montréal, les groupes de réflexion et de discussion à Ottawa, des articles dans les publications du CUC et nos sites web au MUUQ et au RFUU, et aussi de multiples traductions, une revue sur internet, Tribune Libre, la traduction du programme RE en français et une présence jusqu'au ICUU avec la traduction des prières pour allumer le calice. Tous nos efforts réunis ensemble concrétisent

l'UUisme en français.

Depuis 2005 (et même depuis 2004 je crois), des ateliers en français sont présentés aux conférences du CUC - régions de l'est et aussi à l'annuelle.

Ainsi, depuis 2 ans, la présence franco au CUC est de plus en plus constante.

Cette année, j'organise un moment de discussion en français à Vancouver dans le cadre de la conférence annuelle - ça sera le lundi matin, le 21 mai.

Il serait appréciable d'être quelques uns d'entre nous pour parler de ce qui caractérise notre spiritualité, en français... à ce jour, une personne du Manitoba et 2 personnes de Montréal se sont inscrites... on m'a donc proposé de retirer l'activité de l'horaire à cause du petit nombre de participants... ne serait-ce que pour la forme et le respect des efforts que nous mettons pour concrétiser l'UUisme en français, je vais faire de mon mieux pour que l'activité soit maintenue.

J'invite donc les personnes qui viennent à Vancouver et qui parlent le français à s'inscrire à l'atelier F8. Sondage sur les attitudes spirituelles (Douglas Campbell a élaboré une grille de dialogue sur les attitudes spirituelles et nous allons nous en servir pour explorer notre religion unitarienne en français).

Même si l'activité est retirée, je serai quand même au congrès... tenace et souriante!! Venez jaser avec moi, nous aurons du plaisir!

À bientôt! Nancy Labonté

(n'hésitez pas à diffuser ce message!!)



Spirit on the Rock

**Canadian Unitarian Council
Eastern Regional Fall Gathering
November 2-4, 2007**



Invitation to Submit Workshop proposals

This year's fall regional gathering will be hosted by the Avalon Unitarian congregation in St. Johns, NL. It is sure to be an opportunity to gather regionally to build and renew friendships. In addition to being a great opportunity to visit our most eastern congregation, the weekend offers participants: a chance to learn more about other congregations and practical matters relating to congregational life, to participate in training and personal spiritual enrichment opportunities. There is also an opportunity to participate in a CUC business "Info and Input" Forum where individuals can give direct feedback on present and future CUC business and goals This is an invitation to send us your

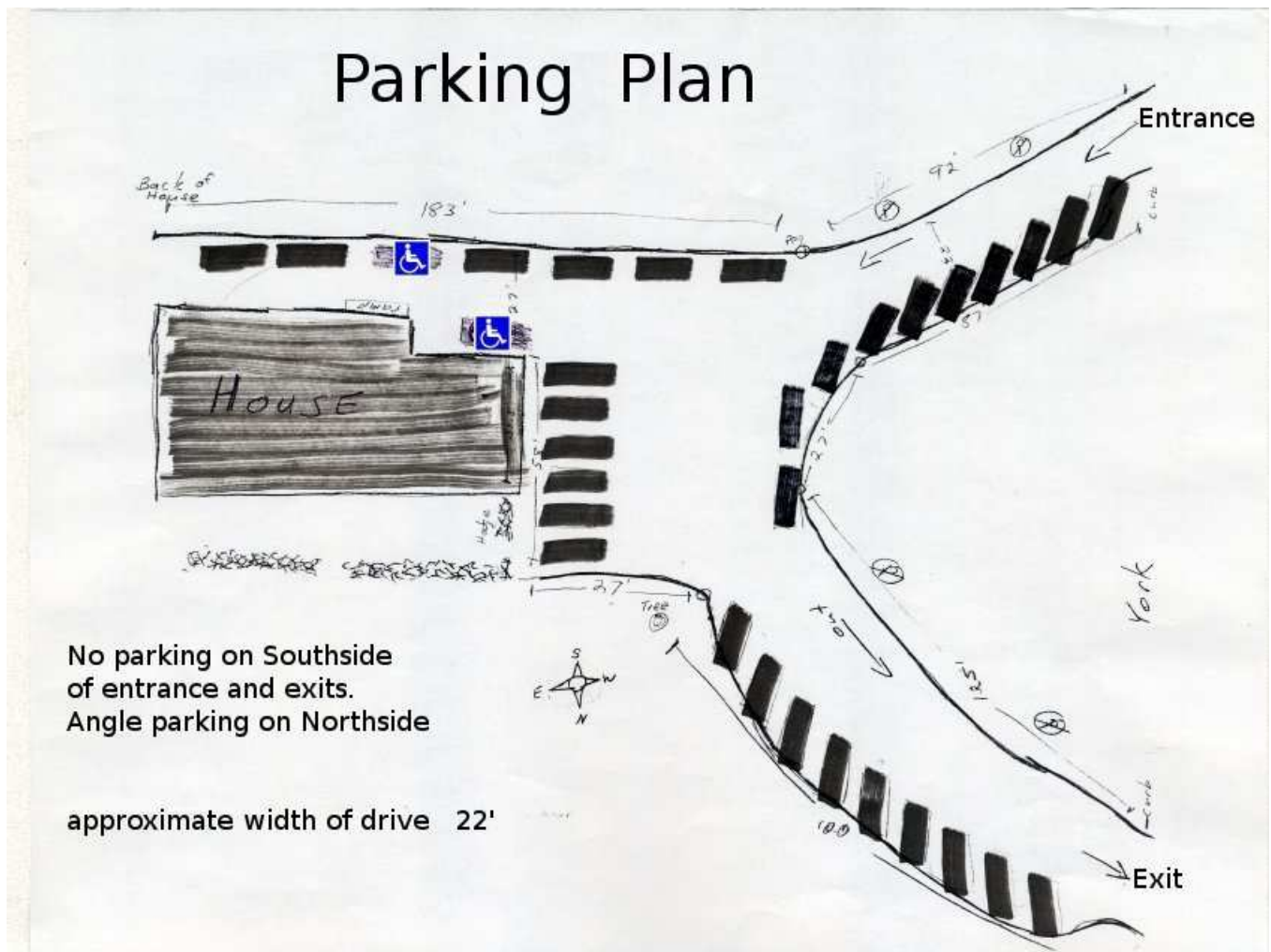
Workshop proposals. Workshops can be half-day (2.5-3 hours) or full day (5-6 hours) and occur on the Saturday of the event. Some of the selection criteria the committee will be using are:

- Of interest to a broad range of participants
- Support congregational life and development
- Multigenerational: to include programming for children or child-care
- Leaders with expertise in topic
- Leaders with experience as facilitator

- Creativity and novelty in approach and topic

Of course, selection will also consider overall theme and variety in Workshops. The facilitation of Workshops has always relied on volunteerism. Therefore those submitting proposals should be prepared to travel to and to attend the gathering at their own expense (though we are working to secure some travel subsidy funds). This helps maintain reasonable registration fees. Thanks in advance to all who apply for your interest and enthusiasm to share your knowledge.

Editor's note: I can provide the complete brochure to anyone interested



Fellowship Parking Plan