



874 York Street, Fredericton, N.B., E3B 3R8 (506) 451-0919

Sunday Service 11 a.m.

Web Site: <http://www.uff.ca>Email: office@uff.caNewsletter editor: touchstone@uff.ca

Contents for October 2014

Sunday Services	1
Women's Pot Luck	1
Pagan Information Night	1
Eastern Region Fall Gathering	1
Film Screening	1
Drug Video	2
Support Choices in Dying	2
Minutes of Board Meeting 21 September 2014	2
UUA Bulletin	4



Sunday Services

Child care is available and all are welcome.

October 5 *Miriam and Community Living* **Miriam Taylor** and **Jason Carr** of Community Living, will be telling us about the organization, Community Living, what it does, and what it has meant in Miriam's life.

October 12 Heather Lunergan *The Seeker* Heather will discuss her ongoing journey through educational and spiritual awakening.

October 19 Lorna Drew *Letting Go*

October 26 To Be Announced

November 2 Guest speaker *Japanese Buddhism*

November 9 Jo-Anne Elder-Gomes *Discussion about pacifism*



Women's Pot Luck

The next Unitarian Fellowship women's pot luck will be held Friday, October 24th. Sheila Moore will host the gathering at her home, 33 Ridgeview Drive, Keswick Ridge. We gather at 6 PM and eat at 6:30 PM. The topic for discussion is *Treasures in your closet, attic or basement storage areas (show and tell, if possible)*: What have you

kept forever that has special meaning? Tell the story behind it. Will you ever throw it out? Would your offspring ever want it? Directions to Sheila's home will be circulated by email. For further information contact Joan Brewer at 455-5169 or jebrewer@rogers.com



Pagan Information Night

On Wednesday October 8th GFAW (Greater Fredericton Area Witches) will be hosting a Pagan info night. This event is open to the public and is a great opportunity for those who are interested in becoming involved with GFAW to come meet and be met.

Doors open at 6:30pm with presentations and discussion to begin at 7pm.

Please bring a small donation to help cover costs. RSVP to gfawgfaw@gmail.com for location.



Eastern Region Fall Gathering

**Frightened of the Future?
Congregations adapting to Change**

A detailed description of the Gathering may be found at <http://cuc.ca/event/eastern-regional-fall-gathering>



Film Screening

African Grandmothers Tribunal: Seeking justice at the front lines of the AIDS crisis

Fredericton Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers is proud to present the Stephen Lewis Foundation's new film, African Grandmothers Tribunal: Seeking justice at the front lines of the AIDS crisis. This poignant documentary follows three grandmothers from Uganda and Swaziland as they prepare to testify at the ground-breaking international African Grandmothers Tribunal, held in Vancouver, Canada in September 2013.

The film shines a light on the urgent need to provide better protection for the human rights of African grandmothers, who have stepped in to care for orphaned grandchildren.

“What I would like the world to know, we are carrying a heavy load, a load that is not being shared. The ones taking care of the children, it’s us. Educating the children, it’s us. We want the world to know that we are doing something”, testified Mariam Mulindwa from Uganda.

African grandmothers are emerging as advocates, experts and leaders, increasingly recognized by governments and international NGOs. But, they still face a triple threat of discrimination based on sex, age and HIV status. Their ability to care for their grandchildren, and for themselves, is greatly compromised by high rates of violence, an epidemic of property grabbing, extreme poverty and woefully inadequate health care.

“We’re hearing a narrative about how the end is in sight around the AIDS pandemic. That’s tremendously worrying in light of the testimony we heard at the Tribunal. In fact, all of the work that the community-based organizations have been doing to reclaim lives, to resurrect lives, and to rebuild in the wake of the ravages of AIDS continues. It’s far from over”, says Ilana Landsberg-Lewis, Executive Director and co-Founder of the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

In July 2014, African Grandmothers Tribunal: Seeking justice at the front lines of the AIDS crisis premiered at the International AIDS Conference in Australia. The film is now travelling across Canada, engaging audiences and motivating thousands of Canadians to do more.

The Fredericton screening is open to the public and Stephen Lewis Foundation staff members will be present to answer questions.

Admission by donation,
33 Dineen Drive, UNB (MacLaggan Hall)
7 p.m., Monday, October 6



Drug Video

*Editor’s Note: This was missed for the September Touchstone. The editor stresses, please place the word “touchstone” somewhere in the **subject** or your submission to improve the odds that the editor will not miss the item.*

AS parents prepare their children to go back to school this weekend, please take the time with them to watch the video Norm and Fred. It can be accessed by keying in Drugplay.com. It will be one of the best twenty minutes you will ever spend together and may help save a life.



Support Choices in Dying

Hi, every fellow Unitarian across Canada. 1st Unitarian Church, Victoria BC proudly supports the right-to-die movement in Canada. In March 2013 we created a sub committee under the Social Responsibility Committee of First Unitarian and have been busy advocating for a change in the Federal Law which forbids assisted suicide and charges those aiding someone in dying with a felony. October 15th, 2014 marks the opening of the Carter/Taylor Case at the Federal level of the Supreme Court of Canada, Ottawa. Unitarians will be preparing and presenting a brief. Dying with Dignity will also. Please send your energy, warmth and support to this worthy cause. Victoria Unitarians and other interested people are holding a Flash Mob above the highway in downtown Victoria. Here’s our announcement to share with your congregation. Thanks, Bonnie (Choices in Dying Victoria)

News Release: from Choices in Dying Victoria and Dying with Dignity (Canada) October 10th and October 14th Please send MEDIA COVERAGE. This is a Charter of Rights and Freedoms Issue. Thank you Bonnie Halvorson, 2178 Stone Gate, Victoria, BC V9B0B9 250-478-7736

FLASH MOB

TO SUPPORT
FEDERAL SUPREME COURT HEARING
RIGHTTODIE
CARTER/TAYLOR CASE, OTTAWA
OCTOBER 15TH, 2014
3:30 – 5:30 PM
500 BLOCK CUDUTHEL ROAD
DOUGLAS STREET
GALLOPING GOOSE REGIONAL TRAIL
OVERPASS
THIS IS A CHARTER OF RIGHTS AND
FREEDOMS ISSUE... PLEASE COME OUT!!
PARKING ON: CUDUTHEL ROAD BY
EMCO / MCLAREN ELECTRIC
ACROSS FROM UPTOWN MALL

The Galloping Goose Regional Overpass is gently ramped; and can be busy with cyclists and joggers... but no vehicular traffic.



Minutes of Board Meeting 21 September 2014

Board members present: Sylvia Hale, Ken Moore, Sheila Moore, Darcie Dunbar, Malcolm Miller, Janet Crawford. Others: Sara Richard, Rhonda Connell.

MOTION: That the Board accept the proposals to en-

hance democratic practices at the Fellowship, as amended, as how we will govern ourselves, and that we present these proposals to the Congregational Conversation 5 October 2014, for adoption.

Malcolm Miller/ Ken Moore
Accepted unanimously

- 1a) (Amended) The Board recommends that we change wording of by-law #33 governing formation of Nominating committee from 'appointed' to 'elected'. The Board will call for volunteers to serve as members of the Nominating Committee, who will be elected at the Congregational meeting or ConCon in January. The Nominating committee will ensure that all members of the Fellowship are invited directly and encouraged prior to the AGM to put their names forward for any and all positions within the Fellowship
- 1b) (amended) All personal interests or commitments by individual Board members that have a bearing on official responsibilities, or are relevant for any matters before the Board shall be made explicit in Board minutes.
- 1c) Procedures to ensure transparency in Board activities.
 - All Board meetings will be open to all members,
 - agendas will be presented to members before each meeting
 - all members have the right to make presentations to the Board
 - presentations to the Board, verbal and in writing, will be included in minutes
 - presentations, along with written responses from the Board to presenters, will be circulated to the general membership and will be included in the permanent file.
 - Board minutes will be circulated to all members
- 1d) Regular Congregational Conversations (ConCons) will be held monthly to provide a forum for members
 - to share information on committee activities,
 - to raise and explore ideas, issues, concerns, plans
 - to discuss issues under consideration by the Board

These ConCons will usually be held on the first Sunday of each month from 12:30 to 1:30. Fellowship will provide Childcare. A summary of conversations will be circulated to all members

- 2) MOTION: to approve the application to West Bequest Fund for further services/workshops that might be given by Rev. David Hutchinson.

Malcolm Miller/ Sheila Moore
Carried unanimously

We are calling for members willing to put their name forward to serve as our second Fellowship representative on the Board of West Bequest, along with Janet Crawford. This usually entails one meeting a year in Sackville, NB. We will confirm this person at the October 5 ConCon.

- 3) other business
 - Ken Moore gave a detailed report from the Buildings and Grounds Committee. The new roof has been completed at a cost of \$8640 for materials and labour. We are exploring costs of covering up asbestos board in the garage with gyprock. This would give us more flexibility in our use of that area. One estimate has come in for \$2250. This would include 40 sheets of gyprock for walls and ceiling, and specialized labour to attach the gyprock safely to cover block in the asbestos.

We have agreed to provide once a month meeting space for a LGBTQ Alcohol Anonymous group, in return for a voluntary donation.

We have agreed to provide meeting space for Mac Campbell for a small group which would discuss the video series "Painting the Stars". The group includes several of our members and would make use of the new TV and wifi connection. We agreed that if these meetings are open to all members of the Fellowship, it would be at no charge. If it is to be a closed meeting with the majority of participants being from outside the Fellowship, then we feel it appropriate to request a voluntary donation to help towards heat and lights.

Ken Moore has agreed to take over some of the responsibilities of Treasurer particularly until George DeMille gets back from his cruise. Ken will try to connect with George by email to track down some details. We made over \$1000 at the yard sale and book sale on Sept 19-20. A huge thank-you to all the people who worked so hard to pull this off.

We are in process of arranging a date for a Social Event to celebrate the marriage of members Tori Kirkby and Danny Mathias. This will be held on an evening early in October.

Meeting adjourned.
Minutes prepared by Sylvia Hale



UUA Bulletin

Editor's Note: Bulletins received from the UUA are received by email on occasion. Since the majority of material relates to US activities, I choose not to forward them to the congregation. If you are interested in receiving them, send me a note and I will figure a way to do it.

Two items that might be of interest. Note the emails contain graphics and links to web sites with more information.

1,500 Unitarian Universalists Kick-Off Commit2Respond

Last month, 1,500 UUs joined the 400,000 people who took to the streets of New York City for the largest climate march in history, calling on the world's leaders to take decisive action on climate change. Even more took part in more than 2,800 solidarity events in 166 countries. Check out this coverage from UU World.

UU participation in the People's Climate March marked

the kick-off to Commit2Respond, an energized and connected UU environmental justice movement. Commit2Respond connects UUs from across our entire faith community to take action on climate justice. We know that climate change is a moral issue that demands a religious response, and we Commit2Respond! Join Commit2Respond to add your voice, get connected, and increase our collective UU impact.

The Intersection of UUism and Twelve-Step Recovery

New from Skinner House Books, Restored to Sanity: Essays on the Twelve Steps by Unitarian Universalists edited by Ken and Cathlean, the first book to examine the intersection of Unitarian Universalism and Twelve-Step recovery programs. Each Step is explored with two heartfelt essays, plus a meditation or prayer, making it ideal for small groups to read and discuss, or for individual reflection. The editors and authors have remained anonymous, in keeping with the time-honored tradition of Twelve-Step practice. Purchase your copy today from your UUA Bookstore.

This space wants your material!
Please send articles to touchstone@uff.ca