



The Newsletter of the Unitarian Fellowship of Fredericton

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Up-coming Sunday Services

Sunday Services 10:30 am via zoom

With the surging incidence of CoViD-19 and the threat of the omicron variant we have decided to return to zoom only services. The Sunday Services Committee is grateful for the wonderful guest speakers from both inside and outside our Fellowship during this difficult time. Watch for the ZOOM information each week which will be sent to the congregational email list. Contact the chair of the membership committee, Membership@UFF.ca, to be added to the mailing list.

Jan. 30th *Grace 6 Ways* - Rev. Stephen Atkinson

The concept of Grace is one of the most profound and beautiful in all of theology. Still, it can give Unitarian Universalists pause because of a narrow sense of it we may have come across from particular Christian sources. Today, we'll ponder what Grace can be and how we may see it all around us in a variety of ways: 6 of them, to be exact.

This service relates to Principle #3 – “Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations”

Service Leader: Ken Moore

Tech: Myron Hedderson

Feb. 6th *Humanism Here and Now*

Humanism is a philosophy that stresses the importance of human factors rather than looking at religious, divine,

or spiritual matters. Following a short historical introduction to the topic, some members will speak about why/how they consider themselves “humanists”. Then the discussion will be opened to those in attendance.

This service relates to Principle #4 – “A free and responsible search for truth and meaning”

Service Provider: Heather Lunergan

Tech: Myron Hedderson

Feb. 13th *Video service: Side With Love Sunday*

This video produced by the UUA last year features reflections from a variety of speakers, including Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, President of the UUA. Up-lifting music from Tulsa UU church and Brooklyn NY. Is also featured.

This service relates to Principle #1 – “The inherent worth and dignity of every person”

Tech: Myron Hedderson

Feb. 20th *Reflecting on the Life and Music of Paul Robeson*

Dr. Allan Sharp will present an up-dated, very moving service he gave over 20 years ago when he was a member of our Fellowship. He will take us through the life of Paul Robeson and include many pieces of his music. This service relates to Principles #1 and #2 – “The Inherent worth and dignity of every person” and “Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations”

Presenter: Dr. Allan Sharp

Tech: Myron Hedderson

Feb. 27th *Deconstructing White Privilege*

We will be looking at our new eighth principle and what we need to do to increase our anti-racist awareness and action. As one step in this direction, we will be watching the Robin DiAngelo talk, “Deconstructing White Privilege”. This service relates to our new Principle #8 – “Individual and communal action that accountably dismantles racism and systemic barriers to full inclusion in ourselves and our institutions”

Service Leader: Joan McFarland

Tech: Myron Hedderson

Mar. 6th *International Women's Day*

The Canadian UU Women's Association encourages all congregations to hold a service marking International Women's Day. Over the past year, the CUUWA has been looking at the five waves of feminism: suffrage, 60's activism, intersectionality, social media, and dismantling structures. In this service, we hope to inspire conversa-

tions about International Women's Day and Feminism in the future.

This service relates to our Principle #6 – “The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all”
Service Leader: Joanne Elder-Gomes



Human Rights & the Media Lecture Series

This winter, RAVEN (Rural Action and Voices for the Environment) is co-hosting the Human Rights & the Media Lecture Series, with partners the Atlantic Human Rights Centre, St. Thomas University's Department of Human Rights and Department of Journalism and Communications, the NB Media Co-op and RAVEN.

January 18, 5:30pm – Webinar. Nora Loreto, writer and editor of the Canadian Association of Labour Media (CALM), will be kicking off the first lecture in the series. She will be speaking on her new book, *Spin Doctors: How Media and Politicians Misdiagnosed the COVID-19 Pandemic*. Register here:

[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJErdOCpqDoqH9CYmTb7IyqXUBUK2mV7HubY](https://zoom.us/join/https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJErdOCpqDoqH9CYmTb7IyqXUBUK2mV7HubY)

February 1 – Webinar. Elizabeth Dubois, Associate Professor of Communications, University of Ottawa, on Political Bots: Understanding Communication Strategies Using Automation and AI.

February 8 – Webinar. Erin Steuter, Professor of Sociology, Mount Allison University, on *Won't Get Fooled Again: A Graphic Guide to Fake News*.

February 10 – Webinar. Aditya Rao, a human rights lawyer, on Hate Speech and Human Rights in Canada: The Fight Over Section 13 of the Canadian Human Rights Act.

February 15 – Webinar. Hilary Young, Professor of Law at the University of New Brunswick, on Civil Recourse for Non-Consensual Disclosure of Intimate Images.

February 22 – Webinar. Laura O'Brien, UN Advocacy Officer for Access Now, on *Defending Peaceful Assembly and Association in the Digital Age: Takedowns, Shut-downs, and Surveillance*.

March 17 – Webinar. Fenwick McKelvey, Assistant Professor in Information and Communication Technology Policy in the Department of Communication Studies, Concordia University. Talk title TBA.

March 31 – Webinar. Siti Maimunah, a rapporteur for the People's Tribunal at COP26 in Glasgow and member of the *COP26 Coalition*, on telling the stories of people of the Global South affected by climate change.

April 12 – Webinar. Kaitlyn Layden, with the *New*

Brunswick Coalition of Persons with Disabilities, on engaging the media to advance the rights of people with disabilities.

For more information, **RAVEN:**

<https://raven-research.org> or raven.unb@gmail.com

Submitted by

Robin Stanley



Joys and Concerns

Congratulations to Bram Wyllie on his move to Vancouver for an exciting technology job.

Ken and Sheila's daughter Darcy and family in Milton Ont. have recovered from Covid and the children have returned to school.

Sympathy to Jane Loughborough on the death of her father, Arthur Sterling Halpenny. Here is a little information about her Dad.

A Long Life, Well-lived, Now Ended.

My Dad, Arthur Stirling Halpenny (July 10, 1923 – January 2, 2022) died peacefully in the presence my brother, Tom, at Sunnybrook HSC Veterans Centre, Toronto, ending a long, well-lived life which he filled with love, kindness, service, generosity, adventure and curiosity. His four children, seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren will greatly miss this energetic man who delighted in knowing about the ongoing activities of all those in the family network.

He married my Mom, Dora, in June 1945, just as both were completing their service with the Canadian forces. The family home was in Toronto. The cottage property on Bone Island, Georgian Bay, is the heart and soul of the Halpenny family. Arthur, together with my Mom, has made it possible for the family to know and enjoy this special place.



Jane's mom and dad
Arthur Sterling Halpenny
and Dora

In his professional work as a civil engineer, Dad became an entrepreneur with ambition to seek out new technology and apply it to industrial processes mostly in the petrochemical area. He applied this technology through a small engineering company that provided several people with interesting and rewarding careers.

Participating in and later watching team sports was a lifelong interest for Arthur. He promoted his love and

excellence in sports with his entire family, always coaching from behind the bench or in the stands.

As a paratrooper during World War II his joints took a beating. Through several joint replacements, Arthur built a relationship with North York General Hospital and spent many years volunteering in the orthopaedic clinic that helped him so much.

In his spare time Arthur loved hunting and fishing in the wilderness of Canada with long time friends. He brought back many stories from these trips that we all enjoyed.

Jane (Halpenny) Loughborough

Tea and Conversation has resumed via ZOOM on Thursdays at 12 - 1 pm. Contact janetcra@gmail.com for zoom link.

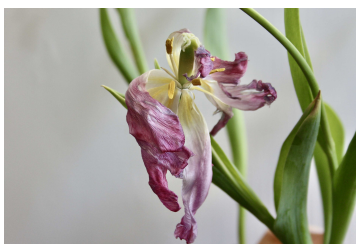
The Caring Circle is available to help in any way we can with a phone call or virtual visit or delivery of any items. Please get in touch with Janet Crawford janetcra@nbnet.nb.ca or 454-0441. The caring circle has a Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/247416469728195>

If you have any postings for Joys and Concerns in Touchstone, send to janetcra@nbnet.nb.ca Other committee members are. Nancy Beltrandi, Deby Nash, Myron Hedderson, Lorna Drew, Janet Crawford, Decima Mitchell and Robin Stanley.

Every day, I put a quote, comment and photo on the Caring Circle Facebook page.
Here is then from Jan 23/22

This quote is from the Netflix series After Life. It really spoke to me. It is a conversation between a younger man who has lost his wife and an older widow. He has considered suicide.



He says: It's worth sticking around to maybe make my little corner of the world a slightly better place.
She says: Happiness is amazing. It's so amazing, it doesn't matter if it's yours or not. It's that lovely thing. A society grows great when old men plant trees the shade of which they know they will never sit in. Good people do things for other people. That's it. The end. I loved this conversation so I hit pause so I could catch it all. Like she says. "That's it."

I always find the beauty and intense colour fascinating as tulips fade.

Janet

Caring Circle, Building Community

The Caring Circle is encouraging skill sharing as a way to build community. The following members and friends have offered to share their skills. What we came up with is a sort of barter system. People would put out a list of skills, or offerings, that might appeal to others in exchange for an

item on someone else's wish list. For example, I would offer to read aloud in exchange for help with computer issues. In addition, perhaps we could compile a list of plumbers, carpenters, electricians, anyone doing lawn cleanup and snow removal, painters etc. whose work has been found satisfactory by other members of the Fellowship. The idea is to help each other in whatever way we can. With the help of the Fellowship and friends, we should be able to come up with a fairly extensive list. If you would like to add to the list, please contact one of us with both your wish list, and what you have to offer.

Here are some of our **offerings**:

Lorna Drew: 457-2150 editing/proofreading, song or poem for special occasions, reading, visiting, phoning.

Janet Crawford: 454-0441 janetcra@gmail.com photography, food delivery, visiting, make a meal, take a photo.

Decima Mitchell: *after April* 230-4903 dmitchell@mta.ca. painting, sewing, minor carpentry, chauffeuring Once per week dog walk for a dog living within a 5 minute drive from the corner of Massey and York. Exchange of one to three day in home dog boarding with other dog owners.

Robin Stanley: 506 650-2670 stanleyr@nb.sympatico.ca
Making apple pies, reading, visiting.

Nancy Beltrandi: 459-8004 nahbeltrandi@gmail.com
Making soup.

Najat Abdou-McFarland: 457-1995 najat.a.mcfarland@gmail.com Can provide walk through support on trouble shooting by phone for PC computers.

Glenna Hanley: 472-8431 ghanley@nb.sympatico.ca
Edit small articles.

Heather Lunergan: 461-8232 hlunergan@gmail.com
editing.

Here is a **request**: *if you know someone who might be interested, please refer them.*

Lorna Drew: 457-2150, will pay \$15/hr for a responsible computer-savvy person who can market her photo-collage images on line.

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UU Quiz

Thanks to Sheila Moore
Answers on last page

Famous Unitarians and Universalists

1. Lived “deliberately” near Walden Pond in the mid 1800’s.
2. Was a big talent, but one of the little women.
3. Was the Ware Lecturer in 1986 and author of Slaughtertown Five.
4. Former Presidential candidate from Illinois, once remarked to a woman who said he had the vote of every thinking person in the U.S., “Madam, I need more than that. I need a majority.”
5. The only Unitarian king in history.
6. “Doctor Vitamin C.”
7. Unitarian minister credited with discovering oxygen.
8. Wisconsin architect whose uncle was a famous Unitarian minister.
9. Peter Rabbit was her most famous creation.
10. Was Professor Gradgrind’s superior and Tiny Tim’s real father.



International Women’s Day

The Canadian Unitarian and Universalist Women’s Association (CUUWA) invites all congregations across Canada to celebrate International Women’s Day on one of the Sundays close to March 8, IWD, each year. It is our goal to have IWD services in all congregations. Will you help us achieve this goal of promoting awareness of gender equality and women’s issues? We offer IWD theme packages and other service resources on our website. Joan McFarland and Najat Abdou-McFarland are the Atlantic Canada representatives on the CUUWA Council, and I am currently filling in for the chair.



Last year, we compiled a package of worship, study, and creative materials to encourage you to reflect on shelter, safety, and power. Through the continuing challenges of Covid-19, trauma, and injustice, the worship materials we created speak to these trying times.

We also held a special International Women’s Day Service and the recording is available for use. We feel it has particular relevance to Canadian U*Us as we learn about and take action on dismantling racism.

This year we will be providing a small study package on “The Five Waves of Feminism.” It will be available in

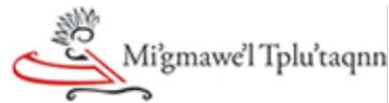
the resources section of our website in March 2022. We have been discussing each wave and sharing books that have influenced our thinking at our monthly sessions of the Canadian U*U Feminist Book Club. Please drop in for the last two sessions, on the Fourth Wave (February 13) and the Fifth Wave (March 13) at 6 Eastern, 3 Pacific.

We love to hear how you are using our materials, all of which are available on our website, CUUWA.org. Please contact me at joanne.elder.nb@gmail.com or consider joining the CUUWA.

Jo-Anne



Indigenous History & Indigenous Legal History



When: February 17th at 3:00 pm

Where: ZOOM

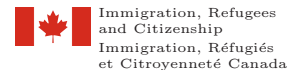
Link to register: info@mas-nb.ca

*** this session will not be recorded

Presentation Overview:

The Indigenous history and Legal history presentation explores the concepts of Indigenous Law and Aboriginal Laws, as well as Indigenous history in Canada, and their significance and impacts today. This presentation will look at the historical and legal background of Indigenous relationships with the British Crown, both, pre- and post-confederation.

The Federal government created assimilative policies specific to dealing with the Indigenous peoples of Canada. We will look at the areas, including the creation of the Indian Act, Indian Residential Schools, Indian Day Schools, the 60s Scoop and the effect these assimilative policies have had and continue to have today on Indigenous people across Canada.



The Wheelchair Warrior

by Anne Murphy

Fredericton’s Joanne McArthur Mcleod is the heroine of this inspiring book. Injured in a car crash when she was a high school student in Canterbury N.B. this dance-loving youngster was wheelchair bound but still went back to

finish grades 11 and 12 in one year. Then she applied to go to UNB where there was serious consideration of denying her entry because she was in a wheelchair! Fortunately one committee member inquired what that had to do with her abilities as a student!

So she became the first wheelchair student to attend UNB Fredericton. Contemplate the hill and old buildings on that campus and you begin to see the challenges she faced. One of the ways she succeeded in her aims was accepting help. Walter Learning and another friend carried her up three sets of stairs to get to a class! Friends, including Haifa Miller were vital to her achievements.

Persistence and skill development were also important. She finished her English degree and went on to Law School where female students were still a rare phenomenon. Her work to get ramps installed had considerable success. Contact-making increased as she joined the Conservative Party, where she met her future husband Gordon. Their partnership kept them both going in separate and joint activities.

So her impressive list of volunteer and paid work began. She became the first female director of the N.B. Canadian Paraplegic Association and founded a Ladies Auxiliary that obtained counselling, employment, accommodation, medical and pharmaceutical supplies and cheaper wheelchairs for the disabled. She claimed not to be a feminist as working for the disabled was quite enough. She said she got results because "I am not cheerful and patient. I criticise, knock and swear!" Positive thinking helped too: "One minutes success pays for the failure of years" as she explained in a talk to students at her former school.

Contacts also increased after she went back to finish her Law degree leading to posts in provincial and federal Legal Services and Legal Reform then to District Administrator of the Federal Court of Canada and Legal Counsel to New Brunswick Human Rights. She became a friend of Premier Hatfield, Lieutenant Governor Stanley and Mrs H.J. Fleming. So it was not just ramps, but rights she helped to achieve, such as access to school programmes for disabled youngsters, recognition of the need to consult the disabled community in local and provincial affairs and recognition among the disabled that they could form a powerful community. She represented this community in many ceremonies and with many speeches. 1982, the International Year of the Disabled Community kept her very busy as part of the Canadian Organising Committee but she said the most important thing was her new friend Haifa Miller who she met when moving into a new office building. She still found time for local activities as well as local friends, working with the Stan Cassidy Foundation for many years and the Fredericton YM-YWCA. Thomas Acheson helped to make art her new skill and her paintings and exhibits organised with friends helped to spread her message. She made it clear she "did not do this alone."

Her work was recognised by many awards such as Queen's

Counsel, Individual Human Rights Achievement from the International Association of Official Human Rights and the Order of Canada. The last part of the book includes tributes to her work by many distinguished people. It would be interesting to hear from TUFF members who knew her.

Sheila Andrew



UFF donations to the Lieutenant Governor's clothing hedge and the Homie Project



Dozens of hats, mitts and gloves, scarves and pairs of socks, all new or gently used and in all sizes, plus a sleeping bag, were collected from members of UFF in mid-January to donate to two very important and necessary projects in downtown Fredericton. Robin and Jane picked up, sorted, assembled and delivered bags of these needed items to both Government House and the Homie Project headquarters on January 21. The photos below show the hedge, bags of scarves, hats and mitts/gloves and the collection that went to the Homie Project. The community is most grateful for the generosity of UFF.

Many thanks from
the Social Responsibility Committee





Pink Shirt Day

The following was taken from the Pink Shirt Day website:

<https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/about>

Now a movement celebrated across the globe, Pink Shirt Day has humble beginnings. Inspired by an act of kindness in small-town Nova Scotia, CKNW Kids' Fund, working with partners Boys & Girls Clubs and 980 CKNW, was inspired to raise funds to support anti-bullying programs. Here is a snippet of an article detailing the original incident:

"David Shepherd, Travis Price and their teenage friends organized a high-school protest to wear pink in sympathy with a Grade 9 boy who was being bullied [for wearing a pink shirt]. . . [They] took a stand against bullying when they protested against the harassment of a new Grade 9 student by distributing pink T-shirts to all the boys in their school. 'I learned that two people can come up with an idea, run with it, and it can do wonders,' says Mr. Price, 17, who organized the pink protest. 'Finally, someone stood up for a weaker kid.' So Mr. Shepherd and some other headed off to a discount store and bought 50 pink tank tops. They sent out message to schoolmates that night, and the next morning they hauled the shirts to school in a plastic bag. As they stood in the foyer handing out the shirts, the bullied boy walked in. His face spoke volumes. 'It looked like a huge weight was lifted off his shoulders,' Mr. Price recalled. The bullies were never heard from again."

— GLOBE & MAIL

After David and Travis' act of kindness in 2007, CKNW was inspired to help other youth affected by bullying, with many staff members wearing pink shirts and collecting funds to support Boys and Girls Clubs. Since then, the idea has only grown each year, with worldwide support and participation. Countries across the globe are now organizing anti-bullying fundraisers of their own, including Japan, New Zealand, China, Panama, and numerous others. In fact, last year alone, people in almost 180 countries shared their support of Pink Shirt Day through social media posts and donations.

Pink Shirt Day falls on the last Wednesday of February every year; join us next Pink Shirt Day on February 23rd, 2022 in our mission to create a more kind, inclusive world by raising awareness and funds for anti-bullying initiatives.

Editor's note: I was reminded of Pink Shirt Day by an email received by the office email from Wood Lake Publishing. In exchange, I'm going to give a small plug to their web site, specifically, the page they've set up for pink shirt day:

<https://news.woodlakebooks.com/t/r-e-trkdwd-uidjlyhddi-r/>



There are a couple of books on the page which appear to be potentially useful if you have children or grandchildren who are being bullied or bullying. Wood Lake is a Canadian publisher with a Christian outlook, however, their mission statement echoes several of our Unitarian principles.



Cannabis in the Closet?

Editor's note: the links in this article were never meant to be typed in by hand. If you wish to participate or get more information, use the links in the on-line copy of this newsletter at <http://uff.ca/touchstone/2022-02.pdf>.

We are conducting a study to understand seniors' perceptions of accessing information about cannabis and accessing cannabis for health reasons.

- For more information:
<https://www.ualberta.ca/nursing/research/research-units/inpop/index.html>
- To participate by interview: AgeCann@ualberta.ca
- To participate by survey:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeKEO15BmHYcJ1dtN1M7e_naEBzqF-oyMvxLZmisuzNQcrHTQ/viewform?usp=sf_link



- Questions? Contact: Dr. Sherry Dahlke
AgeCann@ualberta.ca or 1-780-492-8232



CUC Upcoming Events

Editor's note*: This article has a lot of links to the web. These links are long and ugly and never intended for the human eye and useless on dead trees. If you want to check them out, go to the online version of Touchstone <http://uff.ca/touchstone/2022-02.pdf> and use the link from there.

Here are some events being offered by the Canadian Unitarian Council (CUC) for February and into March. Visit the website at cuc.ca for links and more information.

FEATURED EVENT!

Sharing Our Faith National Sunday Service

Sunday, February 6, 2022 2 pm Atlantic Time

As part of CUC Month, we offer a national Sunday Service on February 6th as the Sharing Our Faith service. Coordinated by Revs. Victoria Ingram and Meghann Roborn, the service is titled “Celebration and Contemplation: The Path of an 8th Principle.”

Join us live on [Zoom*](#) or the CUC’s [YouTube*](#) channel; the service will be made available early the following week for your congregation’s use if you are unable to attend.

More details [here*](#).

Inclusivity Forum Session 1 – Diverse Relationships and Families

Wednesday, February 2, 2022 8 pm Atlantic Time

As part of the CUC’s commitment to dismantling systemic barriers to full inclusion, the Social Justice Team has planned three Inclusivity Forums, a FREE learning series.

The first forum will focus on the experiences of UUs in diverse relationships and family structures within UU groups/congregations. This includes, but is not limited to, ethically non-monogamous relationships (where everybody’s informed consent is needed), polyamorous families/relationships, families where parents are no longer romantic partners but continue to co-parent and have family together, platonic families, and those who ‘do’ relationships and family outside of society’s norms.

More information and registration is available [here*](#).

Gathered Here Thursday, February 10, 2022 3:00 pm Atlantic Time (1.25 hours)

Monday, March 14, 2022 9:00 pm Atlantic Time (1.25 hours)

Gathered Here is a monthly online check-in for Canadian Unitarian Universalist young adults. Join other UU 18-35 year-olds on Zoom (a video-conferencing platform) for sharing of joys and sorrows, deeper check-ins, prayerful reflections, and an opportunity to process the events of our lives with a spiritually grounded community. Each month we are joined by a member of the Young Adult Pastoral Care Team.

More information and registration is available [here*](#).

Connect and Deepen

Sundays, February 13 and 27, and March 13 and 27, 2022 5:00 pm Atlantic Time (1.5 hours)

Connect and Deepen is a regular small group ministry. We gather, virtually, for meaningful discussion, connection and reflection. If you are not connected to a local congregation, or just want the opportunity to explore spiritual topics within a guided small group we encourage you to join us.

More information and registration is available [here*](#).

UU IBPOC Space

Saturday, February 19, 2022; 1 pm Atlantic Time (1.5 hours)

Taking place on the third Saturday of each month, this is a space for UUs who are Indigenous, Black, and People of Colour, ages 18 and up, to gather safely to share experiences, stories, and be change-makers. Meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

Join on [zoom*](#).

Rising Together: UU Youth and Emerging Adults of Colour February 19, 2022 5:30 pm Atlantic Time (90 minutes)

Join us for Rising Together – a welcoming space especially for Black, Indigenous and other people of colour (BIPOC) Unitarian Universalist youth and emerging young adults (ages 14-24). Led by Camellia Jahanshahi, a youth advisor of colour at the Unitarian Church of Montreal, this group gathers monthly for themed worship, discussions, and workshop-style activities. Join us for a chance to meet other BIPOC Unitarian Universalists across Canada and nurture our community with the aim of affirming each other and ensuring we have a confident voice in the broader UU community.

More information and registration is available [here*](#).

Designing and Leading Rites of Passage: Basic Training for Lay Chaplains, Winter 2022

Dates and Times: Saturday, February 26: 1 pm Atlantic Time (6 hours with breaks) Sunday, February 27: 3:30 pm Atlantic Time (4 hours with breaks) Saturday, March 5: 1 pm Atlantic Time (6 hours with breaks) Sunday, March 6: 3:30 pm Atlantic Time (2 hours with break)

This workshop is for those considering Lay Chaplaincy, recently appointed Lay Chaplains and members of a congregation’s Lay Chaplaincy committee. It provides basic guidelines on the management of a congregation’s Lay Chaplaincy program and the training new Lay Chaplains need to begin their work.

More information and registration is available [here*](#). Registration is open until February 14, 2022

Leaders’ Roundtable - Let’s Discuss Money: with CUC Board and Staff

Saturday, February 26, 2022 1pm Atlantic Time (90 mins)

The CUC Board and Executive Director host a roundtable conversation on the CUC’s 2022 – 2023 budget, and will share the rationale and decision-making process behind creating the budget. We’ll also discuss the CUC’s Congregational Investment Fund program for congregations and the opportunity this provides for congregations to invest ethically. Come with your thoughts, questions and ideas about the budget, and financial development and sustainability for your congregations and the CUC.

Join us on [Zoom*](#)

Inclusivity Forum Session II – Welcoming People of All Dis/Abilities

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 8 pm Atlantic Time

This second forum will focus on the experiences of UU's with various dis/abilities within UU groups/congregations. This includes, but is not limited to various physical, mental, and emotional dis/abilities. We will share materials with registrants in advance and then we'll meet to discuss how UU communities can become more inclusive. The CUC's Responsibility Covenant [here*](#) will be used to promote safety for all in attendance. A caucus group will be available for those with different dis/abilities, should they prefer to discuss together.

More information and registration is available [here*](#).

Widening the Circle of Concern: Canadian Edition

Saturdays: March 12, March 26, April 9, and April 23, 2022 Session I: 1:30pm Atlantic Time (1.5 hours) Session II: 3:45pm Atlantic Time (1.5 hours)

What's next for you and your congregation after the 8th Principle Vote? Widening the Circle is an eight-session series from March 12 – April 23 which invites leaders and aspiring change-makers to engage with the work of finding new ways of being together that challenge our current ways of thinking. Reflect honestly and have bold conversations together about where oppressions reside in yourself and in your congregational practices. Provide leadership as your congregation co-creates a new way forward.

More information and registration is available [here*](#). Registration is open until February 19, 2022

Unitarian Universalist Theology: A Renaissance Module

Thursdays: 2pm-4pm Atlantic Time March 31, April 14, April 28, May 12, May 26, June 9

Explore several key theologians and theologians from Unitarian, Universalist and Unitarian Universalist heritages, as well as influences from global traditions. Participants engage with the views presented and offer their own considered viewpoints. This program invites religious educators, lay and professional leaders into a deeper knowledge of our liberal religious heritage and a more profound understanding of their own beliefs, thereby equipping them to help others on theological journeys.

Priority registration until February 18, 2022 is for **Canadian UU Religious Educators, as well as volunteers and paid staff of Canadian congregations who are providing religious education**. After February 18, registration will be open to all, including US participants. All registration closes on February 19.

More information and registration is available at [here*](#).

CUC SHINING LIGHTS, 2022!

Nomination deadline: January 31, 2022

Send to shininglights@cuc.ca

"All that we are is story... What comes to matter then is the creation of the best possible story we can while we're here; you, me, us, together. When we can do that and we take the time to share those stories with each other, we get bigger inside, we see each other, we recognize our kinship – we change the world, one story at a time..." Richard Wagamese

The Shining Lights award from the CUC recognizes innovative Unitarian Universalist programming, successes, inspiring stories, breakthroughs or learning experiences [even if goals were not attained]. In other words, experiences that can be shared with other UUs that may encourage them in their work.

Congregations in Hamilton and Winnipeg, as well as the UU-led project, Mirth and Dignity (The UU Hysterical Society) have received awards.

Please let your congregations and groups know about Shining Lights and encourage them to share the power of their story for the 2022 award, and nominate themselves or others. All UU project stories are welcome- young adult groups, CUSJ project, religious education programs, music projects, congregational programming- to name just a few.

Nominations are due by Jan. 31/22. Please share your story with our team via shininglights@cuc.ca.

The award will be given out April 30 2022, via a Zoom webinar.

More information at [here*](#).

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Answers – UU Quiz

1. Henry David Thoreau
2. Louisa May Alcott
3. Kurt Vonnegut
4. Adlai Stevenson
5. King Sigismund
6. Linus Pauling
7. Joseph Priestley
8. Frank Lloyd Wright
9. Beatrix Potter
10. Charles Dickens

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