

The Edmonton Unitarian

Unitarian Church of Edmonton
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May Services

The service begins at 10:30 a.m.

May 7 **Rev. Brian J. Kiely**
“The International Garden”

There are two things many people don't know about us. One is that Unitarianism has existed for nearly 500 years. The other is that there are Unitarian communities in Europe, Asia, Australia, South America and even Africa. Each blooms in its own unique way. Today we'll look at this international garden of Unitarianism and Universalism.

May 14
Rosemary Manning, Brian Kiely and the Children's Program

Intergenerational Service
“Mother's Day”

Who is your mother? Readings, reflections and stories about Mothers and what they mean to us.

May 21 **John Pater and Friends**
“All the Banners”

Many newcomers are struck by the colourful array of banners in our Sanctuary. Finding representations of the religions of the world in a single church seems unusual. Today we celebrate the wisdom and diversity signified by this banner collection.

May 28 **Karen Mills and Beth Jenkins**
“UU Alphabet Soup - Mmm, Mmm, Good!”

UCE is connected to the WRNG, the ICUU, and the IARF. You might meet like-minded folks at our AGM, the CUC ACM, or the UUA GA. Younger UUs may be interested in OWL, CanUuddle, YRUU, C*UUYAN, or the YAC - see the DRE. If you're too busy for those, check out the CLF online.

Confused? Although daunting, this

shorthand is all about our connections to the wider world of Unitarian Universalism. Let us decipher as we look at the denomination beyond our walls and show why you might want to start slurping UU alphabet soup.

Ministerial Musings

Years ago wise elder colleagues told me that a minister returning from sabbatical doesn't just pick up where she or he left off. Rather, they said, a new ministry begins. Relationships change, congregational leaders change and new faces appear, even in so brief a time as four months. It is wise to plan for what that new ministry will be like.

About seven years ago this congregation committed to the idea of growth. We wanted to both grow deeper and in our ability to serve potential Unitarians in Edmonton. The first step was to find a larger church home. Last year we did that, and while there is still work to be done, we are ready to move to the next step.

In fact, the Long Range Planning team started us on the road to that next step in September. Their creative workshops and provocative questions have led to the development of a draft Vision Statement, due to be voted on at the May 7 Annual Meeting. The draft captures what we think is most important about UCE now and how we want to see it develop. If accepted, it will give us direction for future activities.

Now that we have a larger building and a larger vision, what else needs doing? Church size theorists can help us answer that. It seems that we are in a transition between pastoral and program sized church. (If you want to learn more about those terms, there are packages of handouts on the credenza in the church foyer). The experts say we have to reorganize our leadership models in ways that invite more people into leadership roles with real authority.

It also means the minister becomes more of a recruiter and trainer of leaders and less of 'the guy who knows everything about what's going on'. It is impossible for one minister or even one Board to manage every detail in church life. This change will require me to move out of my comfort zone, but my job is to serve this congregation and its vision, so I'll learn how to do what's needed.

It will be a tricky transition to manage, since change is always unsettling. But the change to program size means more opportunities for building real community not fewer and more opportunity to practice and develop your own understandings of Unitarianism.

In April we held a very constructive meeting of all committee chairs discussing how things might be different. There was a good amount of 'buy in' to the plan, some great ideas placed on the table, and a real willingness to work together to build programs that are mutually supportive and in line with the emerging vision of the church. The next day there was the largest "New U" newcomer orientation session I have ever led.

It seems that many of our current leaders are ready to grow and are ready to welcome new people into their leadership ranks. It also seems that there are people out there ready for us to grow large enough to accommodate them.

See you in church.

Brian

P.S. It's good to be back!

From the President

Alan and I attended the 32nd World Congress International Association for Religious Freedom (IARF) congress in Taiwan from March 26 to 30.

The International Association of Liberal Religious Women (IALRW) preceded the IARF congress. IALRW promotes equality for women and economic and social justice. And of course, it was a great opportunity for us women to interact with one another.

Since 1900, IARF has been encouraging interfaith dialogue and tolerance. There are over

90 affiliated member groups in approximately 25 countries, from a wide range of faith traditions including Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Shintoism and Sikhism, etc. Unitarians started this organization and still play a very prominent part. The President for the last four years was a Unitarian, Ellen Campbell of Ontario. Rev. Bill Sinkford, the UUA president was one of the many presenters.

The IARF Congress was held in a beautiful, idyllic Buddhist monastery outside of Kaohsiung in southern Taiwan. Fo Guang Shan (which means "Light of Buddha Mountain") was the perfect setting for this spiritual and spirited gathering. The grand Chinese imperial architecture and the subtropical gardens and forests created peaceful beauty all around. Interestingly, this is a very technologically advanced Buddhist monastery. It even has its own television station on site. Many of the monks had cell phones, laptops, projectors, etc. This totally destroyed our preconceived notion of austere monastic life. Still, the Buddhist monks and nuns were incredibly hospitable host/esses.

After an impressive congress opening ceremony, we were treated to a speech by the 79 year old Venerable Master Hsing Yun (the founder of this branch of Buddhism) on the theme of the conference, "Dignity in Diversity."

Throughout the rest of the week, we enjoyed monastery life by eating vegetarian food, doing Tai Chi, meditating, gardening, learning calligraphy, labyrinth walking, etc. There were many things to attend like worship services (by the different religions), lectures, panels, workshops, cultural events, entertainment, circle groups, monastery tours, countryside tours, socializing, etc. We formed friendships with people from all over the world.

For me, the conference was a chance to see the values that I love about Unitarianism in other faiths, and the willingness to make harmony in diversity a reality. India has offered to host the next congress in 2010. I would really encourage others to attend if they have the inclination.

*Sincerely,
Sylvia Krogh*

Annual General Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting of the Unitarian Church of Edmonton will be held in the church auditorium on Sunday, May 7, 2006 at 12:00 a.m.

Business of the meeting will include staff and committee reports, election of officers and members of the Board of Trustees, election to congregational committees, setting of ways and means priorities, election of delegates to the CUC Annual Meeting (Dorothy and Bernie Keeler, Maurice and Annabelle Bourgoin, Sylvia Krogh, Alan Boyle, Marion DeShield, Teilya Kiely), consideration of a draft congregational vision statement, and, consideration of an Operating Budget for the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

All members are urged to attend. You must be a member for two months before you are able to vote. Non-members are most welcome, although they may not vote.

Evelyn Porter

Secretary, Board of Trustees

News from the Children's Program

I am a wondering person. That is why I love this church and why I love working with children. Because I wonder, you wonder, we wonder, they wonder and we wonder TOGETHER!!! I believe that the first word most children say that drives their parents crazy is not "NO" but "WHY?"

We are the kind of church that is symbolized by the question mark. We don't have the answers, we don't even have the questions, but we are willing to question, help you question and even question the questions. As Einstein supposedly said "I must have a little think about that." (Did I ever mention Einstein is one of my heroes?)

I have a special latte every morning. It is my morning ritual: everything in a sacred order, grind the beans, boil the water, heat the milk, use my special bowl. I look at the foam and do an interpretation. Today it looked like a maple leaf with clouds overhead. Part of my ritual is

expressing gratitude. Some days I try to trace as far as I can all the things, elements, people that have contributed to my cup of coffee. The circle goes out so far and so far back that I have to stop so I can actually drink my coffee. So I have tried to limit it to one aspect at a time, like on Earth Day I thought about our water system. Hummm!! Also too big to think about all at once.

I think about this Church and this congregation. I wonder about all the elements and the people that contribute to what we have and what we do. Again I have to stop because my brain starts to hurt. It is so much and so wide. It is the past and the present and the future.

Those who know me know that no matter how wide the initial throwing of the net for thought, I do pull it together for my point. It must be so much easier in those churches that have all the answers, and who also dictate the questions. Those of us who were raised Catholic surely remember having to memorize the Baltimore Catechism, which had the questions and answers. "Why was I born? Ans: "To love and serve God, the creator of all things." Teachers in many other churches know that their programs will follow the church year and the liturgy. The books are authorized, the stories are known. But here in the Unitarian Church, we are all on the journey of discovery together. We have our own styles, our own urgencies, our own yearnings.

The last two months of the Church year are May and June. We make plans for the fall and winter programs. We look for people who have time, energy and an urgency to contribute to the yearnings of the next generation. I have a personal bias against asking parents of the children in the program, especially New U's, to contribute too much to the programs because just learning, wondering, questioning is a whole new way of churching. They need the time to "sit and give it a little think". They need the time to get the spiritual nourishment in services on Sundays. They are the adults on the plane getting the oxygen mask on first before they help those beside them.

Here is what I am asking:

HELP!!!! We will be holding a meeting in May and June to explain about the RE Program, OWL (Our Whole Lives), Unconditional Parenting and SPIRIT PLAY. We want your feed back about the RE Program, your ideas, your hopes, your dreams, your wisdom, your questions. Maybe something will excite you. Maybe you can see the bit that you can contribute that will help make the whole thing work. Maybe it will just nourish you and give you more questions for your journey. Please come when you see our invitation and sign up sheets.

Thank You!!

A big thank you to all who contributed to the Mystery Buddy Program. It is probably the children’s most anticipated and loved event of the year. Again, a machine/organism with many parts that works and evolves because of you. I saw so many smiling faces at the Mystery Buddy Party on April 16. (p.s. next year, NOT on Easter....) Thank you to the children, the adult buddies and all the helpers. An especially BIG THANK YOU to **Michelle Van Der Molen** and her daughter **Erin** who organized and operated the Party. It could not have run so smoothly and been so much fun without your help and love. I have heard a fairly well substantiated rumour that a MYSTERY BUDDY TASK GROUP will be looking after the Mystery Buddy Program next year. Thank you thank you thank you!!

OWL

(Our Whole Lives- course on sexuality for K1 to Gr 6). By the time you read this, we will have finished the training for parents and educators in this program. That means we will then be able to share with you what we have learned. We will be able to start planning for offering the course in the fall for the children. Something to look forward to!

Survey

There will be a survey coming out in May/June about the RE Program. Please take the time to share your thoughts with us.

Summer Childcare Available

Summer is coming. It is vacation time and in many ways the regular parts of this church takes a break, winds down, including the Childrens Program. However, we have summer guests and we have congregational members

who want to attend. They need the oxygen mask (see above). During summer services this year we will have child care every Sunday. We are grateful to Corinthe Stolee who will be in the nursery giving her loving and expert care for the children

Upcoming Events:

Mother’s Day Intergenerational Service

We all have mothers, many of us are mothers in our bodies or in our hearts, and what about Mother Earth? Need I say more. The children will share their love with you at this special service.

Movie of the Month

We switched to Monday night to watch “Crash”, a thought provoking, Academy Award winning movie that explores violence, racism and people’s interconnected lives. It led to a desire to see another fascinating movie: “Syriana” which explores the impact of oil on our lives and the hidden story. Good question: what would our world look like if there were no oil? What if there had never been oil? More wonderings.... Unfortunately Syriana isn’t out on disc until June, but I may have a lead-in movie for May. Stay tuned, pay attention and who knows where the path will lead.

Together

I sit enveloped in
The big chair
 She nestles beside me
Her head on my shoulder
 I put my arms around her
Cupping her cheek in my palm
 I read to her
“Once upon a time there was a Princess”
 I whisper,
I love you Princess
 She says,
I love you too Mommy.
 My child,
My baby,
My little one
Where did you go

Rosemary Manning, DRE

Social Justice

As Mother's Day approaches we may want to give some thought to the meaning and origins of this annual celebration and to that famous Unitarian, Julia Ward Howe. Howe was a social activist in the United States who was in the forefront of efforts to abolish slavery, attain suffrage for women, and promote peace. Having seen first hand the devastation of the Civil War, in 1870 she issued a declaration which served as a call for all women to come together to oppose war and commit to finding peaceful resolutions to conflicts. Her attempts to have the U.S. Government declare a Mother's Day for Peace was not successful. However, the efforts of another peace and social activist, Anna Jarvis, eventually persuaded the U.S. government to declare the first national Mother's Day in 1914. The declaration penned by Julia Ward Howe begins:

Arise then...women of this day!
Arise, all women who have hearts!
Whether your baptism be of water or of tears!
Say firmly:
"We will not have questions answered by
irrelevant agencies,
Our husbands will not come to us, reeking with
carnage,
For caresses and applause.
Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn
All that we have been able to teach them of
charity, mercy and patience.
We, the women of one country,
Will be too tender of those of another country
To allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs."
From the voice of a devastated Earth a voice
goes up with
Our own. It says: "Disarm! Disarm!
The sword of murder is not the balance of
justice."

In recognition of the origins and meaning of Mother's Day Edmonton's Women in Black group is issuing a Mother's Day card for peace. These cards will be available in the Unitarian Church for a donation. Please see Barbara Sykes or Audrey Brooks if you are interested in the cards.

A View on Mental Health

Alberta's mental health services are underfunded by one billion dollars. They have only one third of the 1600 acute care beds needed and there is a big gap in community services for the 300,000 Albertans with mental illnesses, according to Jim Adamson, past president of the Schizophrenia Society of Alberta (Edmonton Sun, Feb. 7, 2006)

Better community care, with early diagnosis and assertive treatment, might solve some of the problems with our health care system. Also, Community Treatment Orders (CTOs), allowing treatment in the community, could work in Alberta as they do in many other countries, 41 states and several Canadian provinces.

With CTOs, the mentally ill could avoid hospitalization by accepting treatment at home with assertive treatment in the community. And, if they don't realize they are ill, like the delusional Martin Ostopovich who killed himself and an RCMP officer, a doctor can make sure they are receiving proper treatment and effective medication when they are released to community care.

The seriously mentally ill, instead of wandering the streets, could find a fulfilling life and they could receive a basic human right, the right to good treatment.

As a humane province, we must do much more to adequately fund community care and we must change the law to allow CTOs in Alberta

Kay Wilson

Summer Worship Services

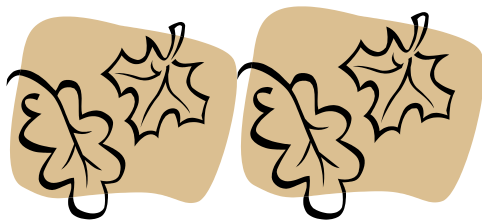
Have you got a passion or an experience that you'd like to share? A thought or an opinion that you'd like to explore? UCE's lay-led summer worship services provide a great opportunity to lead a discussion, show slides or think out loud about your concept of spirituality or any other topic that relates in any way to one of the UU principles. (We've had summer services ranging from the study of chimpanzee behavior to the contribution made by community theatre in the search for truth and meaning.)

Services can be as structured or informal as you wish. You can choose music, hymns and

readings based on the main theme of your service, or leave them out altogether. We sometimes use the metaphor of menu planning when we talk about developing a worship service. During the summer, we can think "barbecue on the patio" with its freedom and informality rather than the more structured "dinner with a roast and the trimmings" served on a winter Sunday.

There will be a sign up sheet available starting May 7, with Sundays assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. The Worship Committee is working on a service leaders' handbook to help with planning a service and fitting in key elements like candles of joy and concern, and sharing of abundance.

If you have questions or would like to talk over an idea, please contact either co-chair of the Worship Committee: John Pater (477-7576; e-mail paterjc@shaw.ca or Beth Jenkins (458-1794; e-mail bethj@interbaun.com.



Refurbishing the Chairs

The Board of our Church has requested that the Aesthetics committee serve as the means for the fund raising for the refurbishing of the chairs. We are coordinating with the head of 'sweat equity', volunteers and the Board.

The fabric will be ordered shortly and the wood finishing requirements will be gathered in late May–early June.

We have estimated \$30 will cover the cost of refurbishing one chair. We invite our members or anyone interested to make donations to meet this need.

The campaign will begin on Mothers' Day. Watch for the rising indicator on the thermometer as donations come in! Please make your cheque out to the Unitarian Church of Edmonton, noting in the lower left hand corner "chair fund". Your donation can be mailed to the

church office "attention Aesthetics Committee" or given to any member of the committee.

It has been suggested that July and August will be a suitable time for the work to be done.
Aesthetics Committee
Stella Clarke, Shona Wehm, Annabelle Bourgoin,
Jean Roth, Bryce Missall

News Travels....

I was at the First Unitarian Church in Victoria for Easter Sunday, and was chatting with one of the members after the service. She said " Was that your church that was defaced a few months ago? I read about it in our local paper, the *Victoria Times Colonist*" !

Jan McMillan

A Unitarian Universalist News Bulletin

At the recent Edmonton Interfaith Centre banquet held on Sunday evening, March 19, members of the Board were presented with Alberta Centennial Medals, on behalf of the Lieutenant-Governor, by Dr. Bruce Smith MLA. The recipients of this award "For Outstanding Service to the People and Province of Alberta", were Dr. Bikkar Singh Randhawa, President; Mrs. Netta Phillet, Vice-president; Avau Fast, Treasurer; Mrs. Ida Rasmussen, a founding member; and our own Jim Logan, Past-president.

Elin Logan

Bottle Collection Update

How have your bottles, cans and tetrapacks benefitted the church?? Well, collectively over the last 10 months they have totaled over \$300.00 and the money has being wisely utilized. Last summer the landscape committee was able to purchase stakes for delineating the curves of the pathway, transplant food, 2 owls to strike fear into the pigeons (we shall see if it works), "No Parking" signs, a cement planter to go under the front sign, and landscape material to discourage weed growth. This slush fund came in very handy as we did not have to go to Bernie with every \$5 and \$10 request. Only the big ticket items like the

landscape design, plant purchases, a bench, and the paving was paid from the Ways and Means and the Landscape budget.

Over the winter the bottle/can proceeds have accumulated to over \$210.00 which will now be used to purchase additional shrubs and other small incidental expenses. When the garden is complete and our need for incidental expenses drops, the committee will be open for suggestions as to how this handy fund raiser could be dedicated to other church needs. Thanks to all who have donated their recyclables and to those who have delivered the bagfuls to the recycling depots. The efforts have truly gone a long way!!

*Donna Hamar, Chair
Landscape and Signage Committee*

Edmonton Interfaith Centre

Some of you have been members of the Edmonton Interfaith Centre in the past; others have yet to take that step. If you believe in the principles of the Centre, perhaps you would consider taking that step this year.

The city as a whole and many of its institutions are becoming much more sensitive to interfaith and multicultural concerns. We think this is a very positive sign. However, in order to respond to all this increased interest and to offer the wide range of programs that people desire, we need a larger core of committed members and friends to draw on. Please give it some thought.

Our next general meeting is the Annual General Meeting, on June 7, 7:30 p.m., at the Riverbend Stake Centre (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints), 14325 - 53 Avenue.

Jim Logan

Church Garden

Good News! It appears we have not lost many of our shrubs and perennials as was feared. What we planted has been watered and this spring we will start adding some of the plants that were not available last fall. We will also fill in some spaces with small perennials until the shrubs grow and spread. Rather than purchase what may be temporary plants, the landscape committee is looking for plants that

church members may be splitting in their gardens. Many of us have plants that have overspread and/or the roots need to be thinned to keep the plants healthy. So, please think of our garden when preparing your own gardens. For example, if anyone has lily of the valley, we have a spot for them along the building. Day lilies and peonies would also be welcome.

Once the pavers fix the pathway (water collects in sections) we will decide where to anchor the two benches. One will be dedicated by Prime Timers and the other to Lois Hole. If any of you have suggestions as to what we should say on the Lois Hole plaque, please let me know.

You will have noticed that we have some additional interesting shaped large rocks/boulders - thanks to Chris Zobel who donated several before he sold his landscape supply business last fall. We will probably add some medium-sized rocks around some edges so keep your eyes out for any rocks that would work as border rocks. And, any ideas you might offer are welcome; contact any of the landscape committee members. My phone number is 425-0728.

Donna Hamar

Handknit Alpaca and Traditional and Pima Cotton Sweaters for Men and Women

Non-Profit--all money returned to the Minkha Women of Bolivia

Sweater Sale

Windsor Park Community Hall
11840 87 Avenue, Edmonton

Saturday June 3, 2006 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Purchase or order from a selection of vests, cardigans, pullovers, long vests, coats, shawls and capes; all handknit by the Minkha Women's Knitting Cooperative in Bolivia.

Priced from \$25.00 to \$250.00

What is Minkha?

In 1989, in Bolivia, staff and volunteers of Save the Children--Canada brought together a group of expert knitters and founded the micro

industry Minkha. Through their skill and hard work, the women of Minkha have made their cooperatively owned enterprise self-sufficient and continue to provide for themselves and their children. Save the Children-Canada volunteers continue to assist the knitters, marking the sweaters on a non-profit basis. For further info call: Linda Haswell 436-5732 Bev Edwards-Sawatzky 433-3206

Innovative Food Program Encourages Community Involvement

If You Eat, You Qualify!

Sharing and Responsibility food program was developed as the fund raising arm of Branches of Life, a non-profit organization started in Edmonton over 20 years ago. The goal of S&R is to allow individuals at all income levels to participate and subsequently benefit. If you eat, you qualify....to benefit

How it Works: Sharing - The economic buying power of a group! Using combined leverage with hundreds of participants growing monthly, volunteers are able to purchase fresh produce *direct* from the food producer. Individuals and families are able to join in fund raising efforts by purchasing a food basket worth up to \$40 retail. Each basket contains basic foods of nutritious variety with minimal packaging. Whenever possible, foods is purchased from local growers. Each month 2 basket options are available at host locations throughout Edmonton & St.Albert.

Organic (\$25) +2 hr volunteer work at place of your choice

Pickup – 1 Wednesday of each month

Conventional (\$20) +2 hr volunteer work at place of your choice)

Pickup– 3 Saturday of each month

Responsibility: Contribute to the community! S &R participants are asked to contribute 2 hours of volunteer work or perform an act of kindness each month at a place and interest of their choice. In addition, from each basket, \$2 is contributed to Edmonton housing Projects.

Every first Wednesday(Organic) and third Saturday(Conventional) of each month, the food is

sorted and distributed to host sites by volunteers where participants pick of their baskets at a prearranged place and time. Each month the basket contains different items depending on availability.

If you are interested in participating in the S&R food program or setting up a host site in you area Contact: **Betty Ann Laporte and arrange for payment, 780 474-5546.** Main Host Site Depot: Paragon Soil, 14805 – 119 Avenue, Edmonton

Branches of Life Sharing Caring Giving

Branches of Life Society of Canada is a non-denominational, charitable, non-profit organization. Our main objective is to provide housing and support to individuals and families who require secured shelter and support. This Society is not supported by lotteries or bingos. In order to develop and support its housing programs, Sharing & Responsibility Food Program is the organization's main fund raising arm.

Branches of Life Society of Canada
Suite 101, 14805-119 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5L 2N9
Phone 780.474.5546
Office donated by Paragon Soil and Environmental Consulting.



UNICAMP NEEDS STAFF 2006

UNICAMP is a Unitarian Summer Camp North of Toronto

Nurse/First Aid provider for Children's Camp – July 16-22 (6 days)

Nurse/First Aid provider for Junior Youth Camp – August 6 – 11 (5 days)

Male Counsellors for children's camps (must be 16 or older) – July 2-8, July 9-15 and July 16-22

UNICAMP WANTS

Participants for this summer's programs. If you've never been to Unicamp before, this is the summer to come. We have a jam packed

summer planned with something for everyone.

Children's camps for ages 7 to 13

July 2-8 (space for females) July 9-15 (space for females) and July 16-22

CT Leadership Program – July 2-22 (space for males only) and July 23-Aug 4

Junior Youth Camp for ages 13 to 15

August 6-11

Vegetarian Cooking & Nutrition

Women's Retreat

Full Moon Ceremony

Singles Week

Men's Weekend

Talent Show and Coffee House

Spirit of the Arts

Drum Making Workshop

Hiking Weekend

Couples Week

Social responsibility Weekend

Art with your Family

The Nia Technique

Drumming

Family Camps

Book Club Weekend

Sacred Sound Weekend

The Gifts of Conflict

The Ways of the Labyrinth

Guitar Picking Weekend

Sacred Ground Dance

Astrology

Systems Thinking and the Big Picture

Mindfulness Practice Retreat

Connecting to Source

Giving our Words Meaning

Relax in Good Company

Yoga

Music

Exploring Small Group Ministries

Smorgasbord of Self Discovery

Single Parent Reprieve

Not Back to School (for home schoolers)

Photography

Or just come and enjoy the wonder and solitude of Unicamp

Bookstore

The bookstore is closed. Many thanks to Mary Campbell for all her work over the years and for cleaning up the books. Sermons can be obtained online or ask Marg Roche.

Marg Roche

Cuba Edmonton Solidarity Committee and Local Churches Pastors for Peace 17th Friendship Caravan to Cuba

- Break the blockade and challenge the immoral US foreign policies against Cuba
- Stand in solidarity with the people of Cuba
- Connect with thousands of activists throughout the US
- Learn about Cuba and what the US government doesn't want you to see!
- Deliver tons of humanitarian aid to Cuba where US trade is restricted
- Demand an end to US threats against Cuba!

Don't miss the bus

Coming to a city near you—July 2006

For more information contact: IFCO/PASTORS FOR PEACE

New York, NY 10031 PH: (212) 926-5757 Fax (212) 926-5842

email: P4P@IGC.ORG

www.pastorsforpeace.org

Eliot at Naramata Needs You

Eliot Institute, a UU Summer Camp Program, has once again set up a special fund to invite new families to Eliot Naramata, the UU camp for Unitarians and Universalists, their families and friends. Each of the first 10 new families (minimum one adult and one child or youth) will receive a \$200 CAD discount. The camp runs July 1 to 8. Naramata is located on the shores of Lake Okanagan in a charming small town. **Harold Rosen** will offer his fascinating work on interfaith ethics in our troubled world. The children have their own morning program, and there are plenty of intergenerational activities in the afternoon. Other financial assistance can be available to those in need.

Make Naramata part of your summer plans. It's not too late, but register soon! Visit www.eliotinstitute.org for registration forms and other information. Or call 206-374-2497.

Loretta Kyle Sculpture

Opening Reception

May 6, 2006

2:00-4:00

The Front Gallery

12312 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton

Hours: Tuesday to Saturday 10-5

Bonnie Kyle

UCE Walkers

Friday May 5 - Queen Elizabeth park to the Kinsmen Centre leader - Shirley

9:30 at UCE and we'll car pool or meet us at Shirley's guest parking

Friday May 12 - Terwillegar (perhaps to Alberta Justice Staff College) leader - Sheila

9:30 at UCE and we'll car pool or meet at Terwillegar parking lot - dog friendly

Friday May 19 - Laurier Park to Hawrelak

leader - Marlo 9:30 at UCE and we'll car pool or meet at Zoo Parking lot - dog friendly

Friday May 26 - Riverside beside the golf course

leader - Jan 9:30 at UCE and we'll car pool or meet us in the golf course parking lot - dog friendly

CUC WEST Services & Resources

Sara McEwan, Director of Regional Service WEST sara@cuc.ca
Toll Free 1-866-877-7787

Teacher Training Development & Support-Renaissance Module

Friday May 17 - Sunday 19. Bouctouche, NB

Info: Sylvia Bass West sylvia@cuc.ca

CUC Annual Conference & Meeting - Riding the UU Tide

Friday May 19 - Monday 22. Saint John, NB

Info: Mary Bennett mary@cuc.ca or

www.cuc.ca/conference

Healthy Congregations Facilitator Training with Peter Steinke

Thursday June 8 - Saturday 10. Port Moody, B.C.

Info: Sara McEwan sara@cuc.ca

Western Region 20th Annual Unitarian Women's Gathering

Transitions Riding the Waves with Rev. Meg Roberts
Friday June 30 - Sunday July 2. Lumsden, SK

Info: Janet Toews (204) 275 2329

Canadian Unitarian*Universalist Leadership (CU*UL) School

Thursday July 20 - Sunday 23. Carleton University, Ottawa, ON

Info: Dianne Heise cuul@cuc.ca

Vancouver Island Unitarian Camp

Friday August 9 - Sunday 11. Shawnigan Lake, BC

Info: Joy Johnston joyhaben@telus.net

CUC Regional Fall Gathering: Western Region

Friday October 20 - Sunday 22. Saskatoon, SK

Info: Sara McEwan sara@cuc.ca

Unitarian Women's Retreat - Vancouver Island

Friday, October 20 - Sunday 22. Nanaimo, BC

Info: Janice Hocking tjhocking@shaw.ca

CUC Volunteer Positions Vacant:

1. Service Consultant - Worship, BC and Western Regions.

2. Service Consultant - Congregational Wellness and Vitality, BC Region

Info: sara@cuc.ca or

http://cuc.ca/whos_who/volunteer_opportunities.htm

CUC Invitation:

Join your regional CUC e-group?

<http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/cuc-bc/>

This is a discussion group for BC region where issues related to congregational life and management and regional matters are discussed.

Anyone may join and all subscribers may post.

<http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/cuc-western/>

This group allows interested friends and members of the Western Region of the CUC to connect with one another. Issues related to congregational life and management and the Western Region may be discussed here.

Want to add events to this calendar?

Contact Sara McEwan, CUC DRS West sara@cuc.ca

Directory Correction

Please correct Florence Campbell's phone number in your directory to 452 1425.

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**Retired and
Semi-Retired
Spring Friendship
Luncheon
Friday, May 5, 2006
12 noon**

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From the CUC Youth Newsletter

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

May 2006

	1	2	3	4	5	6
		1:00 Aesthetics Committee	7:00 Canvass Wind-Up	7:30 Chorealis	9:30 UCE Walkers noon Friendship Luncheon 5:30 Epicurean Supper	
7 "The International Garden" noon Annual General Meeting	8	9	10	11	12	13
			7:15 Board mtng.	7:30 Chorealis	9:30 UCE Walkers	
14 "Mothers' Day" 11:30 Social Justice Meeting	15	16	17	18	19	20
				7:30 Chorealis	9:30 UCE Walkers Newsletter Deadline	
21 "All the Banners"	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Office Closed			7:30 Chorealis	9:30 UCE Walkers 10:00 Newsletter Collation Garage Sale Begins	Garage Sale
28 "UU Alphabet Soup—Mmm, Mmm, Good!"	29	30	31			

