



April Theme: What Does it Mean to be People of Wholeness?

April 7

"We Are Whole"

Chorealis

We are whole where we would doubt our own goodness, richness, fullness and depth, where we would doubt our own significance, our own profoundness. We meet together this morning to celebrate the joy of human community seeking a wholeness that extends beyond ourselves.

April 14

"Put Your Whole Self In"

Rev. Brian J. Kiely

Caution has its place, but I am not sure it is wise to let our lives be only governed by caution. Sometimes we have to just dance the Hokey Pokey and put our whole selves in.

April 21

"Wholehearted"

Rev. Brian J. Kiely

This morning is Easter Sunday. While few UU's celebrate the magical resurrection of Jesus, there is still much we can learn from the stories we tell about him. If nothing else, he deserves our respect for his wholehearted living.

April 28

"Indigenous Spirituality"

Gordon Ritchie and Audrey Brooks

The banners in our sanctuary reflect our commitment to seek "wisdom from the world's religions that inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life." Today a new banner will be unveiled that represents Indigenous spirituality. It has been created for us by our friends at the Bent Arrow Traditional Healing Society and is a long-awaited addition to our sanctuary. This banner will remind us of our commitment not only to seeking wisdom but also to reconciliation in Canada, which is all about seeking wholeness and balance that has eluded our society for so long.

The service will be preceded by a pipe ceremony at 9:00 a.m. for members of the congregation. Watch for details!

*When you click on the underlined titles you will be taken to the "Facebook event" and be able to receive current updates. Please try to mark yourself "interested" or "going" to all the events.

MINISTERIAL MUSINGS

Jim Logan's memorial service begins in a few hours. I am writing my column but looking forward to my next task. I will be setting out the chairs for his service by myself. Just me. It's something I do, something I have done for almost every member's memorial service I have done ever since Freeman Patrick died 19 years ago. Back then, he and Jim Campbell usually did the job. I recall telling Freeman I would take over for him just days before he died.

I suppose it's a personal way to honour the member we have lost. By the time the service commences, I am busy with words and music and the family members participating in the service. This quiet time before is my time to say good bye, to do one final thing for this soul who belonged to our community.

That time before the service, that time when the church is empty is special and even a bit mystical. In college, and after, I worked as a Stage Manager. I have always loved the empty theatre, being the only one in the room. There is something entrancing about standing in a place where magic has happened, and will no doubt happen again. Being there in the silence, before the energy starts to build again, inspires me. I feel that I am on the cusp - everything is still just potential. Will it be good or mediocre or a mess? Who knows? I only know it will happen here.

In those private moments of setting out chairs, what will happen is all still in the future tense of 'might be'. I love it.

I'm going to set out chairs now.

See you in Church, where magic just might happen.

Brian



WORSHIP ASSOCIATES PROGRAM

With Brian retiring in January 2020, UCE will be planning and managing its own services from February 1, through at least the end of August next year. In order to maintain a high quality of services we are organizing a Worship Associates Program. The scope of this team will include:

- ⊕ developing ideas for services that reflect the diversity of interests in the congregation
- ⊕ organizing guest speakers for some services in this period
- ⊕ service leading
- ⊕ choosing readings, music and other service elements

The best results come from a larger team. Some will want to lead, but others will just want to be part of the ideas and planning. There is room for everyone. There will be training sessions and an opportunity to work planning services with Brian through the Fall.

There will be an information meeting following the Sunday, April 7 Choreal service at noon in the Sanctuary. Come and explore the possibilities and learn about the responsibilities in this very necessary work. Come and see, perhaps this is something that will really engage you.



This month my mother started the last chapter of her journey through life. In February she was hospitalized with a relatively minor infection, but after 5 weeks in bed she could no longer walk. She also lost what little awareness she had left to her dementia and her world is now down to a bed and a teddy bear. I visit when I can, hold her hand, sing her a few songs, but she can't seem to focus on anything or anyone anymore. Her world has become very small.

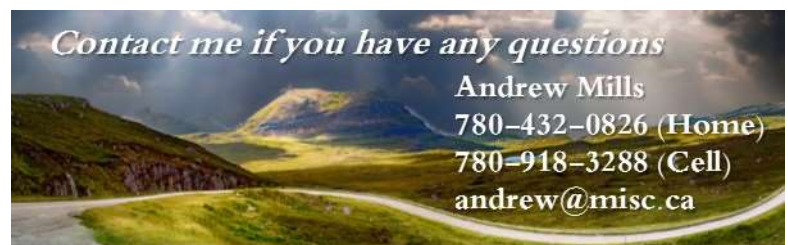
It's such a small world. Just two doors down from my mom on the same ward was where UCE member Jim Logan was until he passed last week and on the piano is a photo of UCE member Morris Simons who they remembered for playing the piano until his passing.

There are so many journeys in our church. The ward at the Edmonton General may be weighing on my journey right now but there are other journeys that are much happier. In church today (Mar 24) Brian announced the arrival of a new baby that was less than a week old and last night after the wonderful Choralis Cabaret we listened to our friends' excitement as they talked about their wedding plans.

Life is a journey. And journeys are a lot easier when you have friends to help you through the difficult bits. When I chose the theme for canvass this year, I did not think that my own journey would be quite as dramatic as it is turning out to be. Fortunately, you, the members of the church, have come together and sent in your pledges for another successful canvass. There are still a few pledges missing; if you haven't sent in a pledge for this year, then do it now.

So, let me close the 2019 canvass journey by thanking everyone who participated this year. Thank you to everyone who pledged. Each pledge and donation is important in bringing us together to share our journey in community. When each one of us chooses to value the church and provide financial support we are choosing to support all of our journeys.

Thank you for supporting the journey.
Andrew Mills



CHURCH EVENTS

AGM Q&A

Want a refresher on how to read a budget? Have questions about how voting works? Curious about how the AGM will work? Join board president Karen Mills and friends for a question and answer session following the service on Sunday April 21.

UU HISTORY VIDEOS: "LONG STRANGE TRIP"

We have just received an excellent series of videos exploring Unitarian Universalist History. As a means of connecting anyone interested with our long history, we will start screening them roughly once a month. Brian will show the first of these following the service on Sunday, April 14. Each film lasts about an hour. The first episode "In the Beginning..." examines the roots of liberal religious thought before the Reformation. It shows how both Unitarianism and Universalism date back to the founding of Christianity. Feel free to bring a lunch!



RELIGION ON TAP



Religion on Tap is our monthly social/theological chat. It will be Tuesday, April 23rd at 7 p.m. at Metro Billiards, 10250 106 Street at 7 p.m. These are informal gatherings where we socialize (anywhere from 3 to about 15 people) and have a religiously themed discussion that runs from 5 minutes to an hour depending on interest. Brian Kiely leads and all are welcome. Everyone (over 18) is welcome.

UCE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

– A Time to Celebrate Us

UCE is humming with activities and ideas. It's time to celebrate that and plan for more at our AGM on Sunday, May 5 at 11:45 am. At the meeting, we will:

- ⊕ hear about the work of staff and committees
- ⊕ decide how we want to allocate our budget
- ⊕ elect new members to the Board, the nominating and ministerial relations committees

The decisions from this meeting will affect all of us, so it would be great to have all voices included in the discussions and decision making.

Everyone is encouraged to attend, and anyone who has been a member for 60 days may vote. A light lunch and childcare will be available.

If you have any questions about the annual general meeting, please speak to a board member.

See you on Sunday, May 5!

CONGREGATIONAL DINNER



Mark May 11 on your calendar for this year's congregational dinner. There will be games, dancing and the winner of the W.H. Alexander Award will be announced. Everyone is welcome – all ages and the newest of the new to the most seasoned UCE goer. Tickets will be available following all April services.



COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUP ANNUAL REPORT

The deadline for submitting the reports for the AGM is **Monday, April 9th**. This is the chance for committees to shine a light on all the good work they've been doing all year. It also helps those looking for ways to contribute to UCE to learn more about what goes on. Please email your reports in either a Word or PDF format to chadmin@uce.ca. Reports will be posted to the UCE website as they are received, and paper copies will be made available at the Church Office by April 18.

UCE ANNUAL MAMMOTH GARAGE SALE

Friday May 3rd
8 am - 6 pm
Saturday May 4th
8 am - 4 pm

Bring your contributions in starting Sunday, April 21st
We need good saleable items such as books, CDs, furniture, toys, jewelry, pictures, linens, collectibles, household items, etc.
(Please no clothes, no old TVs, no computers, no mattresses)

Please help with this major UCE fundraiser.

There are signups on the credenza in the lounge to help with setting up as well as running the sale and then cleanup after.

Please invite your friends and family - <https://www.facebook.com/events/538846256523608/>



UCE BOARD UPDATE

Your UCE Board met on March 20, 2019 and buried our heads deep into the budget which will be presented at our Annual General Meeting scheduled for May 5, 2019. We are excited about the summer camps to take place at UCE in July and August – watch for more information.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 7:15.

If you wish to speak on a particular topic, kindly contact President Karen Mills one week prior to the meeting.

Gloria Krenbrenk

SHARING OUR ABUNDANCE

In April, the UCE will share with the UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST UNITED NATIONS OFFICE (UU-UNO), in New York City; which is the Unitarian Universalist Association's representation at the UN. It is committed to *Peace, Freedom, Environmental Responsibility*, as well as *Social, Civil, and Economic Justice*.



CABARET A SUCCESS!

The Chorealism Cabaret on March 23 was a night of great music and community. Thank you to everyone who attended and brought friends.

A HUGE thank you to all those who volunteered too - Sheila Parr, Ali Hammington and Bonnie McMillan at the door, Will Adair, David Rae and David Hagel at the bar, Violet and Ayla selling snacks, Bill Lee on sound, Susan Lynch and David Haas on lighting, emcee John Pater and the spontaneous crew who helped clean up at the end of the night. After expenses, the evening raised \$1,547.30 for UCE.

Karen Mills and Gordon Ritchie,
Chorealism co-directors



Chorealism, UCE mixed voice choir



Chortet, vocal ensemble



Mireille Rijavec,
Mezzo soprano



Roger Helfrick,
Singer/harpist



Andrea Graham Quartet,
Blues/soul band

**Want to see more pictures and videos?
Don't want to miss out on news and events?
You can keep up with upcoming events and past events
plus listen to past Sunday services on our Social Media Pages.**

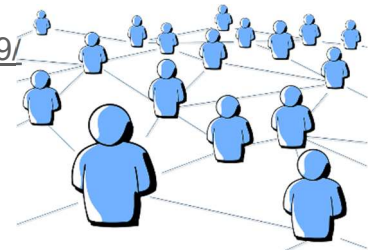
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Ministerial search: What, When and Who?

In January, Brian announced that he will be retiring in January of 2020. That has sparked a lot of questions. And that's great! While farewells are hard, they are also opportunities to think about new possibilities. Over the coming year (and beyond), the board will be hosting and encouraging lots of opportunities for input and discussion. One of those opportunities happened at the March 3 service when the community question was: what questions do you have about next steps for UCE? There was also a bonus question: What should the board be asking?

People were invited to write their questions on sticky notes – and they did! There were questions about process and the role of an interim minister. There were also questions about growth in general and attracting younger and/or diverse members specifically, expanding our community outreach and engagement, caring for those in our congregation who are aging, and then a wonderful assortment of “miscellaneous” questions. You can see all the questions under the new “Ministerial Transitions” tab on uce.ca. There is also a printed list on the bulletin board beside the workroom.

I'll address the first two question areas this month and follow up on the others in future newsletters.

What Will the Process Be to Find a New Minister?

January 26, 2020 - Brian's ministry with UCE will be complete after this Sunday's service.

February-June 2020 - Lay-led services

The board has been told by the CUC and UUA that finding someone to start an interim ministry mid-year is pretty much impossible. More importantly though, experiencing congregants and guest speakers with different service delivery styles will start us thinking about what characteristics and skills are priorities for us for new leadership.

Our congregation is fortunate to have many experienced speakers and service leaders, and an abundance of people involved in interesting activities. We already have multiple services each year led by Chorealism and Social Justice, so this will give even more people a turn. One of Brian's priorities in the coming months is to re-establish a Church Services Committee so that we are well prepared for this period.

Guest speakers will be paid an honourarium. The board is in the process of setting the 2019-2020 budget that will include a recommended amount. The budget will come to the congregation for approval at the Annual General Meeting on May 5.

During this time, the board, with congregational input, will also complete the application for an interim minister. The application process opens February 1, and selection takes place in April/May for a July/August start.

July-August 2020 – Wonderful summer services, as usual!

August/September 2020 to September 2022 – Interim ministry

The CUC and UUA recommend a two-year interim ministry period for congregations who have had the same minister for five years or more. At 22 years, we definitely fall into that category.

The interim minister will be paid a salary by UCE, and it will be negotiated by the board as part of the interim minister's contract. The board will factor it into the budget presented to the congregation for approval, just as we do now with Brian's salary each year.

December 2020 to May 2022 (approximately) – Search process

With the help of the interim minister, we will work together to decide what kind of leadership we want for UCE. It may be a full-time minister, or it may be a part-time minister complemented by other paid staff. Whoever we decide we need to help us carry out our vision, this will be the time for the application and hiring process. I'll talk more about the specifics of a search committee in a future newsletter.

June-August 2022 – Bid farewell to our interim minister and have more wonderful summer services

August/September 2022 – Take the next steps in our journey

This will be a time to acknowledge the hard work, deep thought and caring that went into our search process and to celebrate a time of new beginnings.

What is the Role of an Interim Minister?*

The interim period following the end of one settled ministry and preceding the beginning of another provides the breathing space during which a congregation can review its goals, assess its programs, consider the quality of its life in common, and “tune up” for a new era. The interim minister is hired by the board of trustees. The one- to two-year period it usually takes for a congregation to grow into and own its identity, independent of both positive and negative feelings about the ministry that has come to an end, can be exciting, even transformative, when devoted to self-examination and institutional renewal. A palate cleanser, one might say.

An interim minister may not become the congregation's settled minister. Because interim ministers are “pre-fired,” they are well-positioned to shine light on uncomfortable truths and effect difficult changes that can move a congregation toward greater health and readiness for a new ministry.

What Does an Interim Minister Do?

In addition to carrying out customary ministerial duties, an interim minister assists a congregation in:

- claiming and honoring its past and engaging and honoring its griefs and conflicts
- recognizing its unique identity and its strengths, needs, and challenges
- clarifying the appropriate leadership roles of minister(s), church staff, and lay leaders and navigating the shifts in leadership that may accompany times of transition
- making appropriate use of CUC, UUA, and other outside resources
- proudly coming into possession of a renewed vision and strong stewardship, prepared for new growth and new professional leadership, ready to embrace the future with anticipation and zest.

If you are interested in more details, check out the interim ministry section on the UUA website at

<https://www.uua.org/careers/ministers/interim>.

There is a lot of information here, and a lot to talk about. If you have questions, please talk to any board member. I'll also be sticking around after services if you'd like to chat.

And I'll leave you with one last question that was submitted on March 3 that I think will be helpful for each of us to think about throughout this process: What role do I have to play?

Karen Mills, Board President

*Content for this section copied from Interim Ministry: A Primer for Congregational Staff
(https://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/interim_ministry_primer.pdf)

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

- The Social Justice Crew attended the Sidewalk Party outside Hope Mission on March 17, bringing a couple of crockpots of hot food, boxes of granola bars and our sunny dispositions to the party. The atmosphere was festive because of St. Patrick's Day, although there were plenty of wet feet! Donations of socks and footwear are in great demand right now. I was happy to see Roland, the older gentleman who we helped with furniture donations last fall when he moved into his own place. Roland is happy and healthy, still housed, and an avid reader now that he has an armchair! He came down to volunteer so he could help his old friends; his mere presence there shows them that there is hope for the future.
- After a long stretch of devoted service, Maurice has finally decided it's time to retire from his role as administrator of Food Bank distribution. The Social Justice Crew has agreed to take this responsibility from Maurice's capable hands and ensure that we can continue to offer this important service. We are always looking for volunteers to help out on Wednesday evenings from 6-7pm. You DO NOT need to be able to lift boxes in order to help! There is a sign-up sheet in the church lobby if you would be willing to volunteer your time.
- March 31 is Transgender Day of Visibility, and we're going to participate! Materials for making signs showing love to our Trans friends will be available following the service. We will then take a photo of our supportive congregation holding our signs and share them on social media to let everyone know that we care.
- April 28 will be a Soup Sunday, and the service will be led by Social Justice. We will be conducting a ceremony to celebrate the long-awaited installation of the Indigenous Spirituality banner, which will hang on the sanctuary wall. More details will be available as the day approaches; check out our Facebook page for updates.

Election 2019: What Can I Do?

Now that the election is underway, how do I let my candidates know what I value and what I want to see in our next government?

- If eliminating poverty is high on your list, then EndPoverty Edmonton (EPE) can help you educate the candidates in your election district. First, you can go to the EPE website (www.endpovertyedmonton.ca) to read about poverty in our city and what needs to be done to eliminate it. Second, you can contact candidates directly to let them know what you think. To help, EPE has launched a new campaign called "Let's Do This." The purpose of this campaign is to raise public awareness about poverty-related issues throughout the election period. You can watch for new material every week at <https://letsdothisalberta.ca/>. At the same time, you can review and, if you like, revise a prepared letter about the importance of poverty. Just click on "Email Your Candidates Now." All the information is provided, and your letters will be sent automatically by email to candidates in your district wherever you live in Alberta. Easy!
- If the sorry state of early learning and child care in Alberta is high on your list, you have another tool available. The Edmonton Early Years Coalition (www.earlychildhoodedm.ca) has developed a set of questions to be raised with candidates. Each question is accompanied with some facts to help you discuss the issues with candidates. The document, Support Children & Families: Questions To Raise With Candidates, can be found at <http://192.99.6.60/~earlychildhood/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Advocacy-Cards-questions-for-candidates11.pdf>

Ali Hammington & Jeff Bisanz

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATES

Volunteers Needed

A purple banner with colorful brushstrokes in yellow, orange, and teal at the corners. The text is in white and dark purple.

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF EDMONTON

**VOLUNTEERS
NEED FOR RE**

Do you have a Sunday to two that you could spare? Volunteer to be second in the Sunday Religious Exploration Classes. Come make a difference! Now using SignUp Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C4DA9AB2CA4F58-reclassroom1>

Classroom Snacks

A banner with a background of fresh berries (blueberries, raspberries, strawberries). A white box with a black border contains the text.

RE Snack Sign-up

Another way to volunteer is to sign up to provide snacks for the classroom.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C4DA9AB2CA4F58-reclassroom1>

Snacks can be simple things like carrot and celery sticks or assorted fruit and maybe some kind of no-sugar juice. Things to stay away from are sugary or really processed food like cookies or chips. Also, as an allergy alert, we ask for things with gluten, nuts, and dairy to be avoided or kept separately and labelled. If you would like to contribute but may not be able to bring a snack on one particular day, you could give us a small cash donation and we can use it to purchase food stuffs for snack time. Please use the SignUp Genius link to sign up for this as well -Thank You!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C4DA9AB2CA4F58-reclassroom1>

Summer Sundays RE Program

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**ANNOUNCING OUR NEW
SUMMER RE PROGRAM**

CIRCLE OF TREES

A multi-generational program that nurtures deep connection with tree, nature and all earths living creatures.


Summer Camps





Camping in Drumheller Aug with the Calgary Unitarians


The Calgary Unitarians have invited us and Westwood to join them in Drumheller on the weekend of Aug. 16th to 18th at the River Grove Campground for their Family Campout. They have a few events planned and lots of free time with chances to meet new peoples and get to know each other. For more information you can reach me (Will Adair) by email at ucekids@uce.ca or by phone at 780-454-5816.


HEART TO HEART


 Our church is grieving the loss of Jim Logan, a member of many years who served on the UCE board for several years, in most capacities including president. His caring spirit, unfailing loyalty, storytelling and master of both spoken word and informed discussion, will be missed.

 Dr. Edward Holmes, beloved husband of Lynn Wolfe, and respected member of the medical profession, died and was honoured at UCE by his family, colleagues and those he mentored and treated during his long and varied career.

 Several members of UCE had the pleasure of being students of George, "Keoki" Lake, who died recently of old age. He started the Trocedaro Orchestra, played bass, guitar, Hawaiian steel and Ukulele. George played music with Tommy Banks and many others. He taught Ukulele and Hawaiian Steel guitar for many years at Central Lions Senior's Centre. George was memorialized at Highland Golf Club with heartfelt words and music by those who were a part of his life for many years.



 Thursday, March 21 was the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. A service was held at Edmonton City Hall, sponsored by the Edmonton Interfaith Centre, with Rev. Brian Kiely as one of the keynote speakers. Karen Bilida and Scott Harrison brought the UCE banner and the banner of support for our Muslim community. Many speakers spoke of the massacre of members at prayer in the mosque at Christchurch in New Zealand. Several UCE members attended and sang with the Raging Grannies group, though interference from fire drill sirens added a glitch to the program. Rev. Audrey Brooks has coordinated and facilitated this annual event for 6 years.

 Isabelle Mills continues to be in palliative care in the General Hospital.

 Many thanks to Marge Roche, the friendship committee and many volunteers who set up refreshments for the memorials and Soup Sundays, and so efficiently clean up afterwards.

Watch this column for details of a couple of forthcoming weddings, names of newborn babies, and life changes for members of our congregation.

Contact Rev. Audrey if you have information to share in Heart to Heart. audbrook@telusplanet.net

 "Our Mission is love, our race is humanity and our faith is in each other", Rev. Audrey Brooks 

UCE WALKING GROUP SCHEDULE

April 5	Orchid Show at the Enjoy Centre (\$10.00 admission)
April 12	Mill Creek
April 19	Louise McKinney Park/Funicular (Easter Weekend)
April 26	Help with UCE Garage Sale



Walkers carpool from church, leaving at 10:00 am, or meet at the walk site at 10:20 am. There are often changes to the schedule so if you are not on the email list please call Sheila, 780-454-7581 the day before to confirm the walk.

OTHER EVENTS

Opera NUOVA presents – Crazy for Gershwin



April 13 & 14, 2019 at 7:30 PM, Unitarian Church of Edmonton: Tickets \$30
Our 2019 Crazy for Gershwin Sing-a-long celebrates the brilliant song writing duo, George & Ira Gershwin. We will create an unforgettable evening which will swing you back to the roaring 20's. www.operanuova.ca/crazy-for-gershwin

Culture Camp at Bent Arrow Traditional Healing Society:

Bent Arrow Traditional Healing Society will hold its third annual "Culture Camp" May 2-5, 2019, at 11648-85 Street NW, Bent Arrow's home and the former Parkdale School. Culture Camp is designed to help everyone participate in and learn about traditional Indigenous ceremony. Watch this website for details: www.practiseasceremony.com



Monthly Social Justice Film Night at Westwood Unitarian

On April 12th, 7pm., Dr. Randy Haluza- Delay will talk about his travels in Northern Iraq. He is a professor of sociology at King's University in Edmonton. The presentation will cover the lands, cultures and politics of the region with a 4000 year history and the complicated situation of the Kurdish people in the face of a century of human rights abuses. There will be popcorn and pop and a discussion to follow and it should be very informative.

Homeless Connect

UCE will be a drop off location again during the month of April for the May Homeless Connect event.

New and gently used clothes are greatly appreciated!

<http://www.homelessconnectyeg.com/>





Enrich your life and our community's by volunteering!
This is a great way to meet new people and be more involved in the church community. Look for volunteer opportunities available for sign up on credenza in UCE lobby.

PLEASE DROP IN TO HELP OUR WEDNESDAY CREW BETWEEN 10AM-1:30PM.

You do not have to have any handyperson experience, though that is always appreciated! We can use electricians, and carpenters, but there are also very valuable jobs that need to be done like cleaning out kitchen drawers, shoveling, sweeping, putting away dishes ... always things to do. Even dropping off some cookies is greatly appreciated!
 You might learn something new and you will feel great about it too!



SUNDAY SERVICE VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Coffee	Greeting	Ushering	Piano	Sound Tech
April 7	John Turvey	Gerard Hayduk Stephan Greenhalgh	Rosemary Falconer	Chorealis	Marg Booker
April 14	Clair Horne	Jan McMillan	Maurice Bourgoin	Karen Mills	Bill Lee
April 21	Clair Horne	Robert Beg	Maurice Bourgoin	Gordon Ritchie	Bill Lee
April 28	Clair Horne	Jan McMillan	Gertrud Janke	Gordon Ritchie	Kat Hartshorne

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Social Justice meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month

UCE Maintenance team meets every Wednesday from approximately 10am-2pm

UCE Board meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

If you want to attend a Board Meeting please contact the UCE Board President, Karen Mills (karenmills@me.com). **A question or concern?** Please feel free to put a note in the suggestion box in our lobby. Messages will be forwarded to the board at the monthly meetings.

***make sure you check the website calendar and orders of service for changes in schedules

If your gathering or meeting uses the coffee nook and/or the kitchen:

- ⊕ Please wash, dry and put away your dishes
- ⊕ Make sure the counters and tables are cleared and wiped down
- ⊕ Sweep and/or mop up any spills
- ⊕ Make sure food is labeled and stored correctly

MESSAGES FROM THE CANADIAN UNITARIAN COUNCIL (CUC)

Please subscribe to the CUC newsletter at

<https://cuc.us2.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=14cdbcb20d193a5636bf18bdd&id=9434666947>

CANUUDLE XIX



ROOTS + WINGS

Canada's Annual National Con for
Unitarian Universalist Youth Ages 13-19

*COMMUNITY ~ GAMES ~ WORSHIP ~ IDENTITY EXPLORATION
WORKSHOPS ~ BRIDGING CEREMONY ~ DEEP FRIENDSHIPS
MUSIC ~ DISCUSSIONS ~ YOUTH LEADERSHIP ~ FUN!*



May 17-20 2019

Hosted by the Calgary Unitarians
1703 First Street N.W., Calgary, Alberta

Registration open until April 30
cuc.ca/events/canuudle-xix
Scholarships available!

RSVP to the Facebook event for
more info and updates
Questions: canuudle@cuc.ca

Chorus 2019

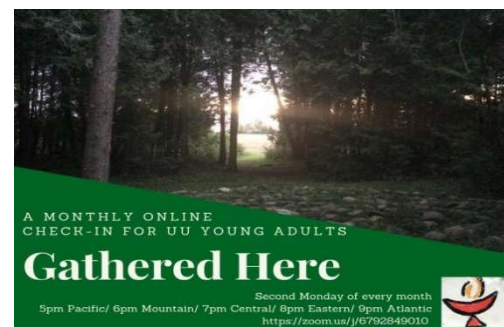
Friday, May 17– Monday, May 20
Each year, Canadian UU young adults (18-35) gather to build beloved community, deepen our cross-country connections, and grow as spiritual beings. This gathering, called Chorus, is a weekend-long conference which happens in conjunction with its sibling youth event, [CanUudle](#).

Join us in Calgary in 2019 for a mix of young adult social and worship time, multigenerational events and workshops, and time to gather with older youth for bridging activities.

RSVP to the [Facebook event](#) to get updates leading up to the event!

Join other UU 18-35 year olds on Zoom (a video-conferencing platform) for the sharing of joys and concerns, deeper check-ins, prayerful reflections, and an opportunity to process current events with a spiritually grounded community. Every 2nd Monday of the month at 6pm MST /8pm Eastern time, you don't need to sign up in advance, just show up online.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1894212357364432/>





Our 2019 Seminar will be April 11-13, in New York City. (Youth and sponsors will arrive April 10th for orientation.) Addressing the 2019 theme of Equity in Action: Gender in an Intersecting World.

<https://www.uua.org/international-justice/un/spring-seminar>

JOIN THE RIPPLE EFFECT - CUC CALL TO ACTION 2019 & 2020

Please have a look at the resources posted on the [CUC website – The Ripple Effect](#).

We also encourage everyone to join our [Facebook group](#) to follow the ripples of action that are happening across Canada.

I am but a drop of water.

Alone, I would disappear.

Dried up by the scorching sun or
Sucked up by the dry, thirsty earth.

**But together, we can wear out stones,
carve out the Grand Canyon, make streams and
rivers, and find our way to the sea.**

Kok-Heong McNaughton, Unitarian Universalist



Do you know specialty groups or organizations dealing with specific water issues? Please invite them to join the Facebook group as well as their input is invaluable.

As the National Social Justice Team, we are committed to walking this journey with you and look forward to seeing what ripples of change we can create together! **Join the Ripple Effect!**

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We gather with gratitude on traditional Cree lands that are now a part of Treaty Six and shared by many nations. A treaty is an inheritance, a responsibility and a relationship. May we be good neighbours to one another, good stewards to our planet and good ancestors to our children.

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