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October Theme: What would it mean to be a people of Sanctuary?

October 7 "Sanctuary" Rev Brian J. Kiely

In ancient times it was said that someone escaping the law could claim sanctuary in any church and be kept safe. Today the meaning of the word has become more diffuse. I will look at the broader idea of Sanctuary.

Children's focus - "Finding your Peaceful Place"

October 14 "Safe Community" Rev. Brian J. Kiely and others

In this all ages service we will look at the steps we take to protect our children, our youth, our elders and all our members in this congregation.

Children's focus - Children will be in service and youth will be the service leaders

October 21 "Making the World Safer" Rev. Brian J. Kiely

Obviously this is too large a topic for a sermon, but today I will discuss what we can do to make our own small part of the world safer and better for ourselves and those around us.

Children's focus - "Sacred Space"

October 28 "A Safe Place for Activism" Social Justice Working Group

Local musician and activist Paula E. Kirman will be performing a few songs as part of the service, which is one of four quarterly Social Justice Sundays at UCE. Paula will also be saying a few words on the topic of "A Safe Space for Activism."

Soup Sunday will follow the service, please join us for food and fellowship.

Children's focus – Halloween Party

#### MINISTERIAL MUSINGS



Every so often I attend the Canada Day breakfast at the Leg - the one provided by the Muslim community. And if I stay long enough, I enjoy the swearing in ceremony of new Canadian citizens.

If you have never been, they process down to the outdoor amphitheatre from the Leg, some wearing the national dress of their birth countries, a colourful festival that ranges from kilts to jalabiyas. A few years ago we

brought our newly arrived Syrian refugee family. In his weak English, Mahammad pointed to the new Canadians on the stage and turned to me and said, "Me...one day!" At a ceremony that tends to fill me with pride, that day stands out.

When I see the Hon. Maxime Bernier forming a party that in early days smells a lot like the nationalist and populist parties we see elsewhere, it makes my heart sick. The idea of claiming that there was ever some pure and unchanging Canada that needs to be reclaimed seems silly. 90 per cent of the people in this land come from settler stock. There is no pure moment of the past in this ever changing ever evolving nation.

I will grant that the government can probably do a better job of fairly managing immigration, but I don't think that's the issue. The real issue is fear. It's usually the driving issue in racism and nationalism. Some people fear what they do not know. They fear the 'other', whether that 'other' looks differently, dresses differently, worships differently...you get the idea.

The 'other' threatens our comfortable world and that makes many people afraid. Sadly, too many politicians are once again seizing on this fear of the 'other' - this boogeyman in order to advance agendas that close off communication, close off dialogue, close off economic and cultural growth.

Look at history. Such isolationism, such nationalism has seldom worked for very long, and usually ended in sadness and even war. If it has brought short term benefit, it is usually only for those at the top of the food chain.

I will support a multicultural, welcoming, open-handed, open-hearted Canada for as long as I live. We have lots. We can share.

See you in Church, Brian

#### INVITATION TO UCE FRIENDS

If you are receiving our monthly *Newsletter* and are not yet a member of the church, but would like to be, please contact our Church Administrator, Janet Polkovsky by phone: (780) 454-8073, email at **chadmin@uce.ca** or on our **website** to start the process of becoming a fully-fledged member of our very vibrant community. **We look forward to welcoming you.** 

#### **RELIGION ON TAP**



Happy news for fans of <u>Religion on Tap!</u> The Metro, our bar of choice in recent years, has a new GM who has turned down the music and understands the value of conversation and is thrilled to have us back.

Religion on Tap is our monthly social/theological chat. It will be Tuesday October 23 at 7 p.m. at Metro Billiards, 10250 106 Street at 7 p.m. These are informal gatherings where we socialize 9 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. Everyone (over 18) is welcome.

#### **CONGREGATIONAL COMPANIONS**



Erica DeNeve and Brian Kiely will co-lead a one-day Saturday workshop on becoming a Congregational Companion on Saturday, October 20 at the church from 10am -4pm. There is no cost to register and no obligation to participate in the program. Register by email at <a href="mailto:chadmin@uce.ca">chadmin@uce.ca</a> or sign up at church.

What are Congregational Companions? Read on...

Unitarians reject dogma and rituals that are restrictive and limiting. But some of the more traditional religious practices have their use. Take prayer, as an example. What if we could take the idea of prayer and remove all of the "problem stuff"? No beseeching or bargaining, no begging for grace or apologizing for sin. What might we be left with? Is there any part worth trying to save? Could the practice have meaning for us, especially those suffering emotional and spiritual pain? I believe it can. And that the effort will be rewarding and enriching for those who choose to participate.

We don't really have a role for a kind of 'chaplain' who could help with that in our church. Which makes sense, given that many of our congregants reject the traditional ideas of God and the practices that go along with those ideas. But I wondered, how could we modify this practice and the role to make it meaningful and relevant to our congregants today?

Our starting point on this journey is a name change. Both terms, prayer and chaplain, carry baggage. We need better terms that suit us. We have come up with Congregational Companions.

A Congregational Companion will serve as a support person for their fellow congregants. To actively, deeply listen to them, hold space for them, be empathetic to their issues and concerns. They will not be therapists. They will not be ministers. They will be companions, sharing their fellow congregants' journey...

Please speak with Erica De Neve (<a href="mailto:edeneve@shaw.ca">edeneve@shaw.ca</a>) or Brian for more details. By Erica Deneve

#### "NEW U" ORIENTATION COURSE

<u>Interested in learning more about the basics of Unitarianism?</u> Brian Kiely will lead two lunchtime sessions on October 14 and 21 from 12-1:30pm. A simple soup and sandwich lunch will be served. The first session explores why we each have become involved in the church and recounts some of our history. The second session focuses on the Principles and the workings of the church. How do things get done around here? Who is who? That sort of thing.

This is open to everyone wanting to know more, newcomers and longtimers alike, and there is lots of room for questions and conversation. Register through the office at <a href="mailto:chadmin@uce.ca">chadmin@uce.ca</a> or sign up in the foyer. And if you can only make one of the sessions, you are more than welcome.

#### **RENEWAL JOURNEY**



Late last year our church received a bequest of \$1,000 from the late Joanne Graham. In her will, she asked that the money be spent on our labyrinth program and on our music program. We are now going to honour the first part of her bequest.

Please join us for Renewal Journey, an afternoon of reflection and centering, on Saturday, Oct. 13 between 1 pm and 4 pm at the church. Drop in between those hours to walk our indoor labyrinth, express yourself in writing or art, and listen to music. Our musician, Karen Stevenson, will play her classical guitar and Renaissance lute. This will be a drop-in event open to all at no charge.

Our Renewal Journey will invite people to walk our wonderful indoor labyrinth, and also to express themselves through art and writing at tables provided. There will be quiet music, including some live music. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/216914619179894/">https://www.facebook.com/events/216914619179894/</a>

#### A THANKSGIVING BLESSING

By Naomi King

Let us join and hands and hearts in gratitude on this wondrous day where we have the abundance of our lives before us.

We remember this day of bounty all of those who do not have enough, who are afraid, who are lonely, and who suffer.

We wish for the abundance of this world to be shared, for fear to become love, for the lonely to feel welcomed, and for the suffering to know rest and joy.

For the labors, the love, the care that gave us the delights of this and every day, we say "thanks!"

For the nourishment of our spirit, the challenges that strengthen us, and the friends we have on the journey, we sing "thanks!"

For all that is our lives, for these good gifts, we whisper, "thanks!" Overflowing with gratitude, let us shout, "Thanks!"



#### SHARING OUR ABUNDANCE



UCE donates half of the loose cash collected each Sunday to a different charity. For the month of September UCE is donating to <u>Unitarian-Universalist United Nations Office (UU-UNO)</u>, New York City, the Unitarian Universalist Association's representative at the UN. It is committed to peace, freedom, environmental responsibility as well as social, civil and economic justice.

#### **\$HEART TO HEART**

- Congratulations to Violet Slevin, who celebrated her 14<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 2
- Also to Lily Kiely who celebrated her 15<sup>th</sup> birthday on Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Robert Begg is comfortably recovering from surgery, and is back at our Chorealis Choir.

While recovering, Robert hosted several visitors with his usual aplomb and lunch.

Our church folk continue to extend help to the larger community by offering food and friendship to people in

the inner city who gather at the Hope Mission each Sunday. We also continue to volunteer each Wednesday in our Keeler Hall, with the Edmonton Food Bank program.

- Sending best wishes to Liz Cloutier who has health concerns, and likes visitors. We had a nice visit and listened to Hal Simons play the grand piano at Rosedale 2 weeks ago.
- As we age, many of us are facing changes in our health, mobility and perhaps not being able to drive Thanks to all who notice who would appreciate assistance with appointment and travel needs and ask if they can help.
- Congratulations to Rev Audrey Brooks on being awarded the Salvos Prelorentzos award for a lifetime of peace and justice work
- "Our mission is love, our race is humanity, our faith is in each other." Rev. Audrey Brooks



#### **UCE WALKING GROUP SCHEDULE**

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.

October 5	Larch Sanctuary – Accessed between Rabbit Hill Road and 119 St on 23				
	Avenue: <a href="https://static1.squarespace.com/static/569ec99b841abaccb7c7e74c/t/593556dce">https://static1.squarespace.com/static/569ec99b841abaccb7c7e74c/t/593556dce</a>				
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October 12	Chickakoo Lake – https://www.parklandcounty.com/en/explore-parkland-				
	county/resources/Maps/chickakoo.pdf				
October 19	Griesbach				
October 26	Terwillegar: Directions for a Sunny Autumn Day. Take The Whitemud Freeway, going				
	southstay in left lane after The Quesnell Bridgeyou need to take Terwillegar Exit., which				
	is on the left side of this Freeway. Exiting will put you on, Terwillegar Drive, N.W. Stay on				
	this DRIVE, until Rabbit Hill Road intersects. Turn Right on Rabbit Hill Road, all the way to				
	Terwillegar Park.				

#### **RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION**

**Dear Care Givers,** Do you have a small one that is need of care during the service? We have volunteers available to watch your young ones that are from nursery to preschool level. Please let us know and we will arrange to have someone in the Quiet Room to look after them.

#### **Taking it Home**

Currently the "Taking it Home" sheets have been posted to the UCE RE Family Facebook page. We will soon have a place for them on the UCE website. You will be able to share more with what they are learning about. As we have not given out any copies yet I will no longer print them out. It you would like it as a paper copy handout, email me at <a href="mailto:ucekids@uce.ca">ucekids@uce.ca</a> and I will make sure to print them for you.

#### **Youth Gatherings**

Our first youth gathering was on September 28 and we had a Movie Night here at the church. Our next gathering is scheduled for October 26. What would everyone like to do? This maybe something simple like having another movie and popcorn night at the church or games night. Maybe something more adventurous like going out Bowling or Laser tag. Contact me with your suggestions by October 14 and we will choose after the service.

#### **Volunteers Needed**

Do you have a Sunday to two that you could spare? Volunteer to be second in the Sunday Religious Exploration Classes. (The CUC safe practices states that there should always be two adults with any group of children or youth) Curriculums are provided. All supplies for all classes are prepared and supplied by DRE prior to each Sunday's class. Teaching is a wonderful way to increase your own knowledge of and connection to Unitarian Universalism and is one of the greatest gifts you can give to the congregation and our children. Come <u>make a difference!</u>

Another way to volunteer is to sign up to provide snacks for the classroom. 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 are sugary or really processed food like cookies or chips. Also for allergy alert we ask for things with gluten, nuts, and dairy to be avoided or kept separately. There is a sign-up sheet on the credenza in the lobby. 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 myself or one of our volunteers can pick it up the stuff for snack.

Please contact: William Adair, Director of Religious Exploration (ucekids@uce.ca, 780-454-8073)

#### PS: New programming coming soon

Keep your eyes open, we have some great new programs in the planning stages to be announced soon!



New and gently used Clothing can be dropped off Monday – Friday 9:30am-1pm Sunday 10:00am-Noon. The mission of Homeless Connect Edmonton is to provide services that will create paths out of homelessness, build lasting partnerships, raise public awareness of homelessness in the community and provide a vehicle for community involvement in addressing the issue of homelessness.

http://www.homelessconnectyeg.com/about/

All year round you can donate to the Bissell Centre: All items donated to our church green box in the foyer go to the Bissell Centre Thrift Shoppe on 88st &118 Ave. Also accepted is all



bedding and linen (with the exception of cushions and pillows), small household items, CD's and videos but no books or tapes.

For further information contact Barbara Forbes 780 439 4553 or Rosemary Falconer 780 472 9287.





Sometimes it's hard to remember names. When we wear name tags, it's easier to greet and get to know each other!

If you would like a permanent name tag, please sign up on the side credenza in the lobby. If you need a name tag just for the day, please use on the sticker name tags on the membership desk.

#### SOCIAL MEDIA CANNOT BE SUCCESSFUL ALONE

Help us help communicate to the outside world what a great community we have plus stay tuned to all the latest!

Every comment, like, share, invite helps us.

Need help with Facebook or Twitter? Contact Karen

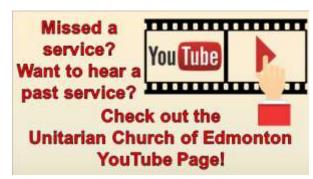
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Click for the: Facebook Group, Page

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Find sermons on the UCE YouTube website.

Need help with YouTube?: Contact Bill Lee billlee@ualberta.net or 780-435-7477



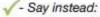
# **Coffee Hour Caution**

...advice for greeting young adults at church



#### "How old are you?"

Why: Is age so important? There's no good answer. Avoid this one altogether.

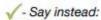


"What did you think of the service today?"



#### "Are you new here?"

Why: A young adult may have been attending for years, you just haven't met them. This implies you think they don't belong in the church.



"I don't think we've met, my name is..."



## "When are you planning to have kids?"

Why: Having or not having kids is a private matter and not one people may want to discuss. This implies you only value young adults for their future children, not as a peer adult, here and now.

√ - Say instead:

"What brought you here today?"

#### X- Avoid saying:

## "What do you <u>do?"</u> or "What year are you in school?"

Why: For those who are un- or under-employed, work is a tricky question; assuming someone is a student implies you think they are of a certain age or life stage. Give them the chance to talk about whatever is meaningful, which might not be school or a job.

√- Say instead:

"So tell me about yourself..."

X- Avoid saying:

# "We need more young people!"

Why: Like everyone else, young adults want to be seen for who they are, not as a token for their age.

√ - Say instead:

"Great to meet you!"

#### 🗶 - Avoid saying: -

## "Have you met our other young adult?"

Why: Young adults enjoy friends of all ages. Welcome them into faith and fellowship.

Sav instead:

"Can I introduce you to my friend?"

## DO: Introduce yourself • Make friends • Be interested • Reach out • Respect boundaries

#### SUNDAY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Coffee	Greeting	Ushering	Piano	Sound Tech
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	Clair Horne	Maurice Bourgoin	Jan McMillan	Gordon Ritchie	Bill Lee
October 14 <sup>th</sup>	Clair Horne	Sylvia Krogh	Wendy Smith	Gordon Ritchie	Marg Booker
October 21 <sup>st</sup>	Clair Horne	Maurice Bourgoin	Jan McMillan	Karen Mills	Bill Lee
October 28 <sup>th</sup>	Clair Horne	Lilas Lysne,	Jeff Bisanz	Karen Mills	Kat Hartshorne
		Jennifer Hinchcliffe			

#### **VOLUNTEER FOR THE FOOD BANK**

There are <u>non-lifting</u> and lifting jobs available. You can come for one week or 52 weeks!

An easy job, but a very important one! Help UCE distribute food from the Food Bank. Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30 pm. We need people to cross names off of lists – something for most everybody. Please sign up in the UCE lobby.



#### **Dragging Youth**



The Unitarian church of Edmonton is happy to sponsor the Dragging Youth Series. Come on down & watch &/or participate in October's ALL AGES Drag Show on October 20! All proceeds going to Youth Initiatives. All are welcome to attend & perform! Doors at 5:30pm and show at 6:00pm. https://www.facebook.com/events/2269983776565000/

Please mark your calendars for the 12th annual Crowns for Kids dinner and a show on Saturday November 17!

All proceeds to the Ronald McDonald House and Kids Kottage.

Come and enjoy a festive dinner and show for \$25.00 (tickets on sale soon) or just the show for \$5.00. You are encouraged to bring new unwrapped toys for Ronald McDonald House and Kids Kottage.

https://www.facebook.com/events/268181880477678/





#### AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL PRESENTS

The Rohingya: Silent Abuse

FRIDAY OCTOBER 5

7:00 P.M.

UKRAINIAN CENTRE - 11018 97 Street

Edmonton, Alberta

ADMISSION BY DONATION.

All proceeds will support Rohingya refugees.



On October 5, 2018, Yasmin Ullah, a Rohingya refugee now living in Vancouver, will be speaking and sharing a video of what she has experienced. Join us to discuss the film and the Rohingya situation. Please plan to attend and support this courageous young woman. Yasmin is currently attending university taking political science and working part time in a dental office. For more information call 780 484 8400, <a href="mailto:phageltete@gmail.com">phageltete@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:https://www.facebook.com/events/246994522630395/">https://www.facebook.com/events/246994522630395/</a>

#### **UU Book Clubs**

- The Edmonton UU Literary discussion group will be reading four Alberta award winning novels this year. We are made up of people from both UCE and Westwood. We meet every couple of months at the home of one of our members. For more information, contact John Pater at <a href="mailto:johncpater@gmail.com">johncpater@gmail.com</a>.
- The Westwood Unitarian <u>FreeThinkers' Book Club</u> meets in the basement of the
  Westwood Unitarian Church at 7 pm on the last Wednesday of the month from Oct-March. All are
  welcome. The book for the Oct. 24 meeting is *Strange Gods: A Secular History of Conversion by* Susan
  Jacoby. It's available in the public library.

## 15th Annual Indian Dinner

Sunday October 28, 2018

Adults: \$60 (Before October 15) \$70 (After October 15)

Children: \$20 (5-12 years old) Free (Under 5)

http://www.childhaven.ca/fundraiser\_edmonton.html

Visa, MasterCard, AMEX, Discover, PayPal

Or by phone at: 780-455-6741 or 780-454-6216 Cheques payable to Child Haven International



Please be on the lookout on Sundays, before and after services, for an opportunity to buy Child Haven Dinner tickets from the UCE members and friends who donate their time to make this dinner a success every year.

Inspired by the ideals and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi, Child Haven International is a registered not for profit charity founded in 1985 by Unitarian Minister Reverend Fred Cappuccino and his wife, Bonnie.

Child Haven International assists children and women in developing countries, who are in need of food, education, health care, shelter and clothing, emotional and moral support. Child Haven has five homes in India, one in Nepal, one in Tibet in China and one in Bangladesh. Further information is available at <a href="https://www.childhaven.ca">www.childhaven.ca</a>

Event details at: https://www.facebook.com/events/1796697610366309/

Karen Stevenson is offering three workshops in the fall of 2018 at her new location in Bonnie Doon (#10, 8925 – 82 Avenue). *From The Heart* is an introduction to exploring art as a healing practice. *Meeting Your Muse* series will run again and is a great way to explore life themes using various tools. Do you have a story to explore? October Weekend Retreat: *Creating Home Within*. In November the *Life Moments: Creative Aging and Art Journaling* workshop gives you time and techniques to visualize your life journey.



Art Therapy | Counselling | Expressive Arts

Past workshop participants and UCE members receive a 10% discount on a session of your choice. Karen continues to offer private art therapy counselling sessions. For more details go to www.sustainingwonder.ca or contact Karen at karen@sustainingwonder.ca or 587-338-9661.

# breathe

#### **Breath & Voice with David Wilson**

Westwood is pleased to host a series of voice workshops with David Wilson.

Build confidence!

Improve technique!

Have fun!

Designed to assist people in singing to the best of their ability. David combines physical and vocal warm-ups with free breathing and internal awareness exercises. Attend one workshop or several for even greater benefit.

Location: Westwood Unitarian Congregation 11135 65 Ave, Edmonton

Time: 9 am to noon, Date: October 27 (on-line registration now open), Cost: \$50

Registration: send a request to info@westwoodunitarian.ca



**Snow Removal** – We are looking for some hardy volunteers who can keep the main doors and fire exits clear of snow on Sundays before the service and throughout the week if possible. There are 6 emergency exits at the church. On the south are the main doors, the door by the mail box, and an emergency exit in the sanctuary. On the west side is an emergency exit from the vestry and the main doors to the hall. On the north side there is an emergency exit from the hall and another one beside the kitchen. The three main entrances will need sand or ice melt as required. The sidewalk on 119<sup>th</sup> Street is also in need of snow clearing and sanding throughout the winter.

#### **AROUND OUR CHURCH (UPDATED)**

If you see a non-emergency problem, i.e. something that is broken or a spill not cleaned up, please follow these guidelines (if you are able):

- 1. Photograph the issue and email it to the Office Administrator: <a href="mailto:chadmin@uce.ca">chadmin@uce.ca</a> including the date and time you first noticed or call the Office and leave a message if I'm not able to answer.
- 2. If it's a hazard for falling or other injury, please do your best to clean it safely (there are cleaning supplies under the sinks and coffee nook cupboards and in the unlocked Caretaker's Room (in the back hallway).
- 3. If it's something that will stain (i.e. marker scribbles on table), your early attempt to clean it may prevent it from being more difficult to remove later.
- 4. If it's broken, please ensure that it will not get damaged further or cause injury to anyone and notify the Administrator. Thank you for your vigilance!
- **UCE** is a scent-free zone. We have members, some of them small children, with severe allergies. So avoid wearing any scents when you come to gatherings at the church colognes, hair spray, etc. Also please remember when cleaning church property (tablecloths, counter tops, dishes, etc.) to use scent-free products.
- **Brunch:** Going for brunch after church is a UCE tradition. Want to join? Contact Marge Roche or Jennifer Hinchcliffe at church.
- **Recycling:** We don't have recycling pickup at the church, so we need help with taking blue bags home for home collection or to the Recycle Centre. The bags are in the kitchen and/or social hall
- Walls: Please do not use scotch tape on a painted wall. If you need a sign printed and posted in the church please contact the office, <a href="mailto:chadmin@uce.ca">chadmin@uce.ca</a>.
- **Pop Cans:** We raise money from returnable bottles, tetra packs etc. donated by members. Drop your contribution in the second storage room (the single door) in Keeler Hall.
- Food: If you use our kitchen, clean it up afterward and don't leave any food behind. Public Health Regulations prohibit the storing of perishable food for more than one day
- **Security:** If your committee or groups are meeting after Church hours, please make sure all the exit doors are locked before setting the alarm and leaving. The exits that need to be checked are Keeler Hall and the side door (on the same as the main doors, by the picnic table).

#### A REQUEST FROM THE BUILDING MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEERS

From time to time, members and friends of UCE find themselves in need of certain tools or other items for the short term and would like to borrow them instead of purchasing. If you are someone who would like to use something that belongs to the UCE, please let the <a href="Church Administrator">Church Administrator</a> know that you need something and for how long. We hope to prevent additional costs to the church by not having to replace items that are "loaned out".

#### **CHANGES TO OFFICE HOURS**

Starting September 2018, I would like to close the Church Office on Mondays and have nonpublic office hours where I can focus on intensive administrative tasks. From Tuesdays to Fridays I will be available through email, phone or in person to assist members, friends and the general public. Thank you for your understanding.

Welcome to the 2018/19
UCE Board of Trustees!
The Board is responsible for governing the organization in the best interests of the UCE ownership, the members of the UCE.
Board meetings are open – you are most welcome to attend!



Board President - Karen M.



Board Vice President - Karen B.



UCE Treasurer - Doug E.



Secretary - Gloria K.



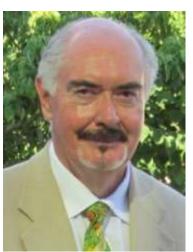
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Trustee - David R.



Trustee - Yvonne M.



Trustee - Robert B.

The Unitarian Church of Edmonton is a liberal, multi-generational, religious community. We celebrate a rich mosaic of free-thinking, spiritually-questing individuals joined in common support and action. We welcome diversity including diversity of beliefs from divine believers to humanists, from pagans to atheists and agnostics. We believe in the compassion of the human heart, the warmth of community, the pursuit of justice and the search of meaning in our lives.

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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