

Rev. Mark Mosher de Wolfe (1953-1988) was born a Unitarian Universalist in the USA to Barbara and the Rev. Bill de Wolfe (a former St Lawrence District rep for the UUA). However he was also proud of his family's connections with Quebec, Scotland and the Universalists of Halifax. He was a summer minister at Toronto First and then hired by the South Peel, Mississauga Congregation. He was the first openly gay minister in Canada and contributed to Canadian Unitarianism well beyond his short life.

Apart from being an excellent all round minister he is well known for four things. He pushed "Contextual Theology" i.e. what is unique in our theology because we live in the North? He wrote our Hymn # 295 which we occasionally sing and a book called "Time to Live". He was a strong supporter of the newly fledged Canadian UU Historical Society and this October in Toronto the CUUHS will broadcast, as its annual lecture (incidentally named after him), a biography of his life and work.

And lastly he became well-known in Toronto for running a very active support group for young men dying of AIDS, doing this right up until his own untimely death of AIDS at aged only 35.

