

## **Annual Report 2018 - 2019 Congregation Chaplain Rev. Audrey Brooks**

Since January of 2018, I visited patients at the Royal Alexandra, Mazankowski, University, Grey Nuns, Misericordia, General, Glenrose, Norwood, Villa Marguerite, Rosedale and the Kipnes Centre. These are hospitals and senior care facilities I visit, often on a continuing basis. I have performed weddings and memorials for members of the church and for the larger community as requested via the church office or by word of mouth. Pastoral counselling has been a significant part of my work, with several persons requesting spiritual support in difficult times. I do home visits, help with small tasks, and offer space in my guest room for those who are in transition.

I represent Unitarian values and principles in the larger community by sitting on the board of the Edmonton Interfaith Centre, which sponsors an annual Interfaith concert, the annual memorial service for the homeless; the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, and the United Nations Day of Peace which takes place annually at City Hall. I help plan and facilitate these events. I sit on the board of the Central region Interfaith Housing Initiative with Rev. Brian Kiely who was a board member and signatory of the Edmonton Interfaith Homelessness Project. Other commitments include facilitating the annual Genocide Memorial Service; participating in the annual Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women advocacy and march with the Raging Grannies; volunteering for years with the Women's advisory group at the Grey Nuns Hospital; working with 12 step programs; continuing to promote the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, "Calls to Action" by promoting and supporting education opportunities about First Nations culture and practices through our UCE Social Justice working group; also participating, with other UCE members in the annual Habitat for Humanity home building projects.

"Our mission is love, our race is humanity, our faith is in each other"  
Rev. Audrey Brooks, M. Div. in Community Ministry and Pastoral Care  
Through the Unitarian Universalist Minister's Association  
Ordained in 1987, Bangor Unitarian Church, Bangor, Maine, USA