

Chorealis 2019-20 Annual Report

Committee Name: Chorealis

Purpose of Committee: To share and model the principles of Unitarian Universalism through music, and grow and enrich our community

Members: Co-directors Gordon Ritchie and Karen Mills, 36 singers

Major Actions of 2019-20

- Led 6 in-person services and 2 online services
- Continued to introduce new hymns to the congregation by contemporary composers such as Jason Shelton and local composer Christopher New
- Coordinated the music stream and music for the Sunday service for the Fall Western Regional Gathering
- Co-hosted the annual holiday concert with Edmonton Vocal Minority in December
- Sang at Brian's farewell party

We did not hold a cabaret this year. After reviewing all the change happening in the congregation, and the many fundraising activities underway, we decided not to dilute people's energy or dollars with another event.

Outcomes Achieved

- Increased awareness of UCE through the EVM holiday party and the cabaret
- Consistently achieved high attendance on Chorealis Sundays
- Provided continuity by leading once-per-month choir services following Brian's retirement

Planned Actions for 2020-21

- Conduct one service each month from October to May
- Arrange an exchange with at least one other city choir
- Resume hosting our annual cabaret and continue to co-host a winter holiday party with EVM
- Welcome new singers and have a lot of fun!

Submitted by Karen Mills and Gordon Ritchie