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Although UCE has suspended in-person worship services, we invite you to participate in our compassionate, supportive community via our Sunday services online and by phone.

**All Sunday Services in May have the same sign in. <http://tiny.cc/fafcncz>
Meeting ID: 200-338-874 Or phone +1-587-328-1099**

April 26: *Protecting Pollinators*, Beth Jenkins, Mike Jenkins

City of Edmonton, will talk about native species as pollinators, how to encourage them, and why they're important even if you aren't interested in honey.

May 3: *Jewish Heritage*, Karen Mills, Gordon Ritchie

What comes to your mind when you think of Sabbath? Do you think of rest? A break from work? What might it mean in this time of uncertainty and unrest? What does it mean to be and do good? We'll ponder all these questions as we look at the wisdom Jewish tradition may hold for us now.

May 10: *Cultures of Motherhood*, Jennifer Askey, Rev. Audrey Brooks

Beginning with the OWL curriculum, we UUs teach and believe that family comes myriad constellations. We celebrate LGBTQ+ chosen family, extended family, aunties of all sorts, and brothers and sisters from other mothers and misters. Join us today as we celebrate family, caretaking, and being loved throughout the ages. Especially today, as we are more likely than not to be physically distant from some of our loved ones, let us reflect on how love, care, and tenderness manifest in unexpected ways.

May 17: *What Does it Mean to Do Good?* - Joint Service with Westwood

Social Justice Group, Jeff Bisanz and Rev Anne Barker

Our commitment to "justice, equity, and compassion in human relations" draws us to social justice and compels us to contribute our resources—donations, volunteering, or political action—to that end. But as Thackeray asked, and as we must ask ourselves, "Who can tell the mischief which the very virtuous do?"

May 24: *Architecture for Social Justice*, Lillias Cowper

How can Design promote Social Justice? Designers, Architects, Urban Planners and Landscape Designers can promote Social Justice because spaces, both interior and exterior, can honour its users and can affect the way people interact with each. Come and listen to find out how design can do that.

May 31: *Radical Theology*, Andrew Mills

Unitarianism originated in a dispute over an interpretation of the bible and the concept of the trinity. I will explore the roots of this dispute and use modern translations of the gospels to show why the trinity is problematic. Content warning: contains bible references, scripture readings, and discussion of god.

Please sign in before 10:20 am for the services.

You are welcome to come early (9:30am) and stay after to chat – double coffee hours!

President's Message

Our bylaws state that, "The Board shall call an annual congregational meeting to be held before the 15th day of May each year." Our AGM is on May 3 this year. As the board has been planning for it, I've been thinking about what a privilege and opportunity having an annual general meeting is.

In the words we use for Sharing Our Abundance, we say, "the Unitarian Church of Edmonton is a self-governing and self-supporting community." This is true and it is awesome—in both the scary and great senses of the word. It can be daunting to take full responsibility for how we decide to operate as a community. But, I think more importantly, it's a tremendous privilege that most groups don't have, certainly not other faith groups.

We are free to chart our course as we see fit. We are not tied to anyone else's plans or priorities. Sure, there is no "higher up" to pass the buck to if things go wrong, but I think the trade-off is worth it. It requires that we "show up" and engage, but when we share our hopes and work toward the plan we have crafted together, it is a gift that we give ourselves.

Our AGM also gives us the opportunity to acknowledge all that happened in the year. Taking time to reflect and appreciate seems to be a rarity in our world. We get so busy jumping on to the next thing that we don't take time to consider and be grateful for the efforts that got us to where we are.

We have a lot to celebrate and acknowledge. We also have a lot to look forward to. I hope you will all bring your voices, ideas, and hopes to share as we build our plans for the next year at our AGM.

Karen Mills
UCE board president

UCE Annual General Meeting – Sunday, May 3

We've had a big year, and we're heading into an exciting time in UCE's history. We need everyone's input at our annual general meeting to help plan our future. At the meeting, we will:

- review the activities of the 2019-20 church year
- set our budget
- elect members to serve on the Board, the leadership and ministerial relations committees

Meeting details:

- Sunday, May 3 at 11:45 am
 - The meeting will be held via Zoom. Join online: <https://bit.ly/2yzRGIG>
 - Join via phone: +1 587 328 1099 - Meeting ID: 927 4372 4889
 - For security, you must **preregister for the meeting** (Please click on <https://bit.ly/2yzRGIG> and follow the prompts)

Reports and the proposed budget are posted on uce.ca under Church Business/[AGM Minutes](#). If you need a printed package, please contact Janet in the church office (chadmin@uce.ca, 780-454-8073).

Everyone is encouraged to attend, and anyone who has been a member for 60 days may vote.

If you have any questions about the annual general meeting, please contact Karen Mills (karenmills@me.com, 780-432-0826). See you on Sunday, May 3!



First let me thank everyone who sent in their pledges this year for canvass. We received over \$145,000 in pledges which is within 1% of last year's pledges. Thank you everyone for making sure you submitted your pledges in this unusual year! That is a fantastic result in a year where we suspended services right in the middle of canvass. I appreciate your ongoing financial commitment to our church.

The next challenge is for us all to pay our pledges. If you have been joining the online services you will have heard our new offertory words which talk about how we can use electronic payment services to support the church. There are three payment methods that you can use.

1. The best way to support your church is to set up monthly preauthorized debits through your bank. Over half of our identified donations are paid with this method. Monthly donations provide a steady income to the church and make it easier on your budget. If you are not already on monthly preauthorized debits I would ask you to please consider setting them up. You can find more about monthly deposits and a sign-up form on the canvass web site here: <https://www.uce.ca/wp-content/uploads/canvass/preauth.html>

2. The best way to pay by credit card is to use a payment service such as Canada Helps. Canada Helps lets you pay with a credit card or PayPal. These online payment systems give you your tax receipt as soon as you donate so you need to save them when you make a donation. Canada Helps is set up so that you can make a one-time donation or you can set up monthly donations. Here is a link to the UCE page on Canada Helps: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/unitarian-church-of-edmonton/>

3. The last electronic method is pay using an Interac bank transfer. UCE is set up to receive Interac transfers though the office email address which is chadmin@uce.ca. To make a transfer you just use your online banking to set up an Interac bank transfer. Send the transfer to chadmin@uce.ca and it will be deposited immediately.

So there you have it. You can set up ongoing monthly donations, pay by credit card, or pay by debit card (Interac). If you have any questions or if you are having any difficulty using any of these methods you can call me any time for assistance.

Of course it is still possible to send cheques to the church. We will accept them but then our tellers need to come to the church and prepare a bank deposit. Right now they are only doing that once a month so your cheques may take a bit of time to clear after you send them in. If you have been using cheques then I suggest giving one of these three methods a try. You will help our volunteers stay safe by not sending cheques that require that they go to the church and then to the bank.

If you have any questions about canvass and payment methods you are welcome to give me a call anytime. You can also find out more on the canvass web site which is on the UCE web site. Here is a direct link to the canvass web pages: <https://www.uce.ca/wp-content/uploads/canvass/>



Summer Services at UCE

Every summer, we open up opportunities for members and friends of the Unitarian Church of Edmonton to lead Sunday church services. This year may be more uncertain in terms of whether those services are in-person or online (still to be determined, and to be based on advice from public health officials closer to the actual time), but we would still like to provide an opportunity for people to gather on Sunday mornings. We are looking for people who would be interested in leading a service that could be made up of a presentation on a subject of interest to you or simply facilitating a discussion circle along with typical UU worship elements (chalice lighting etc.). We are looking to fill services in July and August. A service leader guide - for in-person services or online - will be provided to help you with all the core elements and requirements for leading a service.

Contact John Pater, johncpater@gmail.com or 780-619-6843, to sign up for leading one of the summer services. To help with planning, please provide us with those dates you would be available.

**Even Though We Are Physically Isolating,
We Don't Need to Be Socially Isolated.**
Every Tuesday from 7pm-8pm there will be a Unitarian Coffee Hour.



Like in-person coffee hour, you can stop by for a chat for a couple of minutes or stay for the whole hour.

There will be the large chat room and if enough of us join we will also have smaller rooms available.

<http://tiny.cc/ndfcnz> or Phone +1-587-328-1099 Meeting ID: 118 017 807

Volunteers needed!

Greeters and Hosts for
Sunday Services and Tuesday Coffee Hours.

Or you can create your own online Pub Night,
Poetry Reading, Gardening Group ... let your
imagination flow.

Please contact Karen at
Unitarian.Edmonton@yahoo.ca

Thank you to Bill Lee,
Rhonda Jessen,
Karen Bilida, and
Alex Polkovsky for doing all
the zoom support **so far...**

Thank you to
Yvonne Mireau, Susan
Ruttan, Brandie Moller-Reid
for signing up for April 26
Sunday Service.

I hope more people will sign
up to ensure we can
continue to supply online
services.

**Currently there are no Greeters, or After Service Coffee Hosts
signed up for Sunday Services in the month of May.**

Let's Keep Connecting

What's one of your favourite things about UCE? I bet most of you said, "the people"! I would agree.

I love the conversations before the services, at coffee hour, during committee meetings, book club, choir practice (well, not *during* choir practice), and over soapy water while doing post-potluck dishes. I get glimpses into what makes people tick and learn how to live out our UU principles.

Keeping up these conversations while we're physically distancing is important – for UCE attenders and for those who are seeking community. How can we do it? Online!

UCE already has established social media accounts, but they need your help to keep them engaging, conversational and diverse.

- [Facebook Group](https://www.facebook.com/groups/41659071349/) - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/41659071349/>
- [Facebook Page](https://www.facebook.com/UnitarianChurch/) - <https://www.facebook.com/UnitarianChurch/>
- [Twitter](https://twitter.com/UnitarianUCE) - <https://twitter.com/UnitarianUCE>
- [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/unitarianuce/) - <https://www.instagram.com/unitarianuce/>
- [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/user/EdmUnitarian) - <https://www.youtube.com/user/EdmUnitarian>
- [Podcast](https://soundcloud.com/user-189401827) - <https://soundcloud.com/user-189401827>



It's easy to keep connected and let others know about UCE. Here are a few Facebook and Twitter tips:

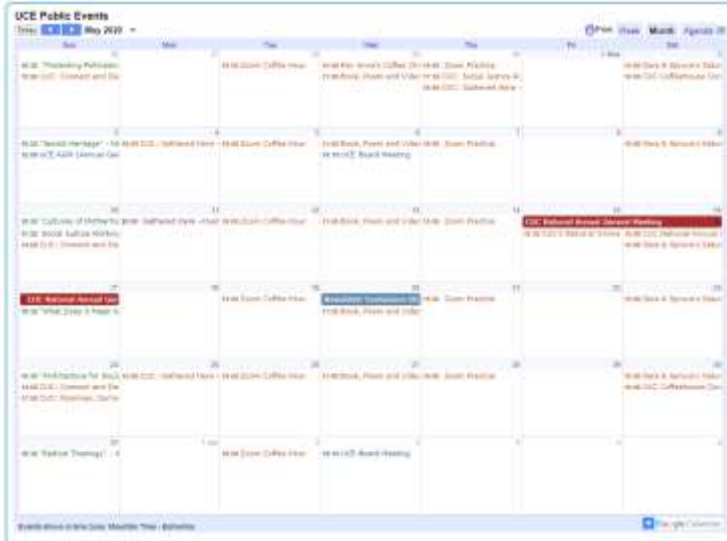
- **“Follow” or “Join” the account/group.** This allows UCE posts to show up in your feed.
- **Like an existing post** by simply clicking on the “thumbs up” or heart icon. This not only shows your appreciation, but affects the site's algorithm and helps ensure more people see the post.
- **Share or retweet an existing post.** Were you inspired by a service? Share the post with the link to the YouTube video or podcast.
- **Comment on a post.** This both creates a conversation and “boosts” the post so the likelihood of people seeing it increases.
- **Post your own content.** This is what really keeps social media lively and interesting and helps create connections. Posts don't have to be long or profound. In fact, short is better. Share a joke, a question, a quote that speaks to you, or a great photo. Original content helps show the real people who make up the community.
 - Be positive and use images with your posts. The items that get the most shares tend to be those that are positive, inspirational and/or funny. Pictures grab people's attention, increase shares, and carry the greatest weight in algorithms (meaning the post gets shown more and “rises to the top” of people's feeds).

If we all did just one of these steps once a week, it would give our connections a real boost and help non-UCE people know what a great thing we have going on here. Happy connecting!

Please make sure that your contact information is up to date

<https://www.uce.ca/membership-information-update/>

“Regular verification” will be appropriate for most



Thank you to Alex Polkovsky for updating the calendar (<https://www.uce.ca/calendar/>).

It is very easy and very clear how to get to the calendar on the website.

Just click on the word calendar at the top centre of the screen, then click on the event that you want to attend, then click on the link. Woo Hoo, you are there and you don't have to look up past emails to find links.

Please go to the calendar now and practice. Don't wait for Sunday, please make sure that you can see the links in the calendar now.

A New Opportunity for Connection: Candles@UCE.ca

Online Sunday Services are proving to be a real blessing in a trying time:



- to gather together for social and spiritual connection,
- to see the faces of many of our loved ones,
- to welcome former members who now live far away, and to greet new visitors who are also seeking connection.

To enhance our experience of Candles and connection, we are going to try something new: [candles@UCE.ca](mailto:candles@uce.ca)

If you have 'Candles' that you want your UCE friends to know about ...








Send your written Candles of Concern & Celebration to this new email address:
[candles@UCE.ca](mailto:candles@uce.ca)

A volunteer will compile them in a document and the office will email them to UCE Members & Friends each Friday, along with Announcements and the link to the Sunday Service.

For private concerns, please reach out to
Rev Audrey Brooks (audbrook@telusplanet.net or phone 780-489-8842);
Phone Check In Team lead by Susan Ruttan (ruttans@shaw.ca or 780-477-3663);
Help Group (to receive help with items such as groceries or offer help)
lead by Jean Lomow 789-454-5301.

This new collection of Candles is only going to "Members & Friends", and will not be read during the online service.

Heart to Heart

-  To all observing the protocols of safe distances, wearing masks and gloves in stores; to
-  those maintaining contact with others virtually and with phone calls, thank you for helping to keep ourselves and our communities safe during this Covid 19 crisis.
-  I hope our church will send deepest condolences to the families of those who were killed by someone dressed as a police officer in the rural areas of Nova Scotia. If any of us has contact information please share it.
-  Many of our members are able to go for walks, otherwise have contact with each other at a distance, lessening the sense of isolation and loneliness, over a time period that could be much longer than expected.
-  The granddaughter of Rev. Audrey Brooks was assaulted by 3 men who tried to take her car, and sprayed her with bear spray. While she is recovering, the experience has left her devastated. Both she and her mom are staying with the elder sister until another residence with a yard and garage can be found at a reasonable rent.
-  A special hug goes to Liz Cloutier, Louise Charach, Lynne Turvey, Whitney, Solomon and baby Karama, Bonnie Sharplin, Lilas Lysne, Jolien Pauw, Ruth Patrick, Margo Mossman, Jean Lomow, Bev. Romanyshyn, Sylvia Krogh, Kathy Stanley, Sheila Parr, Reva Russel, Bonnie McMillan, Rosemary Falconer, Alex and Janet Polkovsky; to all our babies, and those having life changes or celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.
-  May summer bring you sunshine, flowers, friendships, good food and time to be renewed in the outdoors.

“Our mission is love, our race is humanity and our faith is in each other.”

Rev. Audrey Brooks

Remember that if you are experiencing loss, or would just like to chat about something, email audbrook@telusplanet.net, or phone 780-489-8842 and ask for Chaplain Audrey

Earth Day

Earth Day was Wednesday April 22. The International Convocation of UU Women held a Zoom meeting on April 21 with participants from several countries: The Netherlands, Uganda, Paris, Romania, Hungary, many from the United States, and me from Edmonton. We broke out in

groups to contribute a list of Personal Earth Day Promises that each of us will take back to our congregations. Geze, from Hungary, uses the words of Thich Nhat Hanh to inspire us: “The earth is not just the environment. The earth is us. Everything depends on this insight.”

Earth Day promises were made by each person, including commitments to:

Using less: Buying less clothing; Buying local and supporting small businesses; Reduce spending by buying only necessities; Buy green energy when possible; Start a movement against unnecessary packaging; Seriously consider our use of plastics and eliminating this in our churches wherever possible; Speak up as a congregation against the pollution of water resources; Join climate change movements; Eat less meat and more vegetables to lessen animal waste pollution; Compost vegetable scraps; Stop using pesticides on our lawns and gardens; Support Indigenous communities who must boil their water by helping to set up water filtration machinery that has worked in other countries; Learn to make natural cosmetics in order to avoid using products made via animal testing; Be mindful about reducing food waste: Keep observing the health practices we are doing now, Use Less energy by not driving as much. Do inner work with ourselves and with nature. Each UU woman is invited to add to

this list and have virtual conversations about what we can actually accomplish at UCE and Westwood, working together.

It was noted that the earth is giving us a chance to heal her. The fact that pollution was reduced in the major cities because of Covid19 crisis protocols, indicates that it is possible to reverse damage leading to human deaths because of destruction of land, water and air.

- Report by Rev. Audrey Brooks, on behalf of the International Convocation of UU Women

Rainforest Poem by Ganga White "What If?"

What if your religion was each other/
If our practice was your life?
If prayer was our words?
What if the Temple was the earth?
If forests were our church?
If holy water the rivers, lakes and oceans?
What if meditation was our relationships?
If the Teacher was life?
If wisdom was self-knowledge?
If love was the centre of our being.



RE Update

Hi Everyone,

I hope you are surviving the self-isolation that we are all facing right now. I have really missed seeing everyone, and I hope we get to see each other again soon. In the meantime, I plan to continue to post to the UCE RE FAMILY Facebook group. If you need to contact me, I will be available throughout this time and would be happy to hear from you. I will check the FB group and emails regularly and please feel free to message me directly.

I have been spending a lot of time recently on the UUA's worship web page (<https://www.uua.org/worship>), looking for inspiration in this trying time. The reading posted below is one that I came across recently, and it really resonated with me. So I thought I would share it with you all.

BLESSINGS ON THOSE STAYING HOME

Linda Barnes

We're staying home. Love has never asked this of us before.

We're staying home, this is our gift to humanity.

Let us wish each other well.

For those staying home alone, I offer you this blessing. May you grow a deeper understanding of your own worth. Dear one, leaven the aloneness with gentle care, for this too shall pass. May you be blessed with a peace and serenity; may you find the courage to reach out to hear another's voice and to remember others need you too. May you be well.

For those staying home together. I offer you this blessing. May you find moments of patience and grace in your relations. May you offer each other enough time apart, reassurance and space enough to cry, to safely rage, for this too shall pass. Then, let peace come again into your home. May you see one another's whole self as a gift.

May you be well.

For those working from home, I offer you this blessing. May you remember to take breaks. May you find the means to relish your imperfection and the imperfection of others as evidence of our shared humanity. You are enough even when there isn't enough. Make order in your days and then let it go.

May you be well.

For those staying home with children, I offer you this blessing. May you find humor and compassion in your days. There will be learning of a different kind, deeper no doubt, unexpected for sure. May there be patience and forgiveness, again, and again, and again. For this too shall pass. May you all remember the deep love that brought your family into being. May there be peace and understanding in your home.

May you be well.

May we be well.

May it be so.

Again I hope you are all doing well, and if you need to speak with me or would just like to chat, please contact me. I would love to hear from you.

Stay safe, William

Update from the Walking Group



UCE WALKERS: As you can imagine, our walks have been canceled for the foreseeable, however, we are finding ways to keep in touch. We regularly see each other walking in different areas of the city, we have had a Zoom mtg and recently we met up on the verandah at Government House with our chairs and coffees in hand. Lillias also made us fresh scones. We abide by all the Provincial regulations with respect to gatherings and we all feel better for seeing each other and chatting face to face. We are lucky to be part of this group and this congregation. Sheila Parr

Sharing Our Abundance

For the month of May UCE has identified YESS as our charity of the month. Please take time to send them some financial support through their web site as you are willing and able to do so.

<https://yess.org/donate/>

Youth Empowerment & Support Services (YESS), Edmonton provides immediate and low-barrier shelter, temporary housing, and individualized wraparound support for youth ages 15-24.

They focus on working collaboratively with youth-supporting partners on prevention and diversion out of homelessness. And ultimately, aim to walk beside traumatized youth as they heal through relationships.



Our History: Chapter Three

The Edmonton Unitarian congregation first got going in 1912, a time when women's right to vote was a hot issue. The congregation had a Women's Alliance at the time, which contained Unitarian members and other women. It could be quite a feisty bunch.

In 1918, as the terrible First World War was drawing to a close, an alliance member named Mrs. East was called before the church board to answer a report that she said she would rather see her son carried out of the house in his coffin than wearing a British or American uniform. Mrs. East said it was indeed true, except she didn't say "British or American", just uniform.

The board was not impressed, and it told Mrs. East she was unlikely to be accepted as a church member. Accompanying her to the meeting was Mrs. Bell, who said she had heard she was being accused of being "too socialistic". No, the board assured her, there were no charges against her. Anyway, the Women's Alliance appears to have been a hotbed of radicalism.

■ Susan Ruttan

New Lights in the Sanctuary!

Sections from Andrew Mills' Facebook posts:

I started changing out the lights in the Sanctuary. The dangling marshmallows are going to go to be replaced with LED fixtures attached to the ceiling.

Since the church is empty I've got the place pretty much to myself.



Karen asked that I take as long as I can so that I check on the building every weekday. So I am only going

to do one light per day. Each one takes me a couple of hours to do. Should take me the rest of the month to finish all 18. Taking it easy, one light each day. It is much brighter now at over 300 Lux. That's twice the light we had with the old lights. Finished the first 9 lights in the sanctuary. That completes the centre section. I hooked up the new switches and dimmers today to complete this centre section. ... watch Facebook for more updates



Recordings of UCE Services for March & April 2020

UCE podcasts the audio of Sunday services on our SoundCloud.com channel. Anyone using a podcast app can subscribe to the channel and receive new episodes as soon as they are published. To subscribe, open your app and search for UCE. Once subscribed, you can stream any service or you can download it to your phone, tablet, or computer and then listen without an internet connection.



If you don't wish to use a podcast app, you can stream the services directly from SoundCloud. Here are direct links to all March services and to April services uploaded prior to the Newsletter publication.

Mar 1 Radical Hospitality, Jennifer Askey & Yvonne Mireau <https://bit.ly/3coNmVO>

Mar 8 International Woman's Day, Rev. Audrey Brooks with Yvonne Mireau & Ruth Patrick <https://bit.ly/38lrJMQ>

Mar 15 The Rhythms in Life, Chorealais <https://bit.ly/2ITqUNO>

Mar 22 Connection in a COVID-19 World, Rev. Anne Barker <https://bit.ly/33FUKlw>
YouTube: <http://tiny.cc/88umnz>

List of Services Sep 2018 to Jun 2019 <https://bit.ly/2PnYPef>

List of Services Sep 2019 to Present <https://bit.ly/3bYzAJ8>

Lists Services on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/EdmUnitarian/featured>

Apr 5 Wisdom From Africa, Karen Mills & Gordon Ritchie <https://bit.ly/2xNWSls>
YouTube: <http://tiny.cc/obvmnz>

Apr 12 Easter Spirit, Open Mind, Rev. Anne Barker & Dawn Hunter <https://bit.ly/3b8l7bx>
YouTube: <http://tiny.cc/mevmnz>

Apr 19 *New Birth Earth Day*, Corinne Jackson & Maria Jenkins <https://bit.ly/2RR9FL5>
YouTube: <http://tiny.cc/uivmnz>



Thank you to Bill Lee and Geoff Jackson for editing, and posting to SoundCloud and YouTube.



From Westwood



**“Rev Anne’s Coffee Chat”
All Are Welcome**

Wednesdays (10:00-11:30 AM)
<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/492570211>

Or phone +1-587-328-1099
Meeting ID: 492 570 211

From Vancouver Unitarians

Book (and Poem and Video) Sharing via Zoom

You are invited to the book (and poem and video) sharing discussion via zoom video conferencing starting this and future Wednesday 10 - 11am Pacific time (11-noon Edmonton time)

<https://vancouverunitarians.ca/zoom-gatherings/>

Check in and Zoom Practice

Every Thursday between 3-4pm Edmonton time with Mary hosting.

You are welcome to just drop-in - wave, chat, say "hello" or stay as long as you want to.

<https://vancouverunitarians.ca/zoom-gatherings/>



From the CUC

CUC Coffee House Connections, Saturdays April 25, May 2, and May 30

You're invited to join us for CUC Coffeehouse Connections. These online gatherings bring us together virtually to connect across the country. Each gathering will have a different theme.

We'll gather for about an hour and a half via Zoom: <https://bit.ly/2Vrz7rr>

April 25: Storytelling, May 2: Music, May 30: Multigen Music by, for, and with kids and youth

If you want to participate as a performer, please go to the CUC website to register.

<https://cuc.ca/events/cuc-coffee-house-connections/1587837600/1587843000/>

Gathered Here – UU YA (18-35 yr olds) *Thursday, April 30, 9 pm ET, Monday, May 4, 8 pm ET, Monday, May 25, 2 pm ET*

Gathered Here is a monthly online check-in for Canadian Unitarian Universalist young adults. Join other UU 18-35-year-olds on Zoom for sharing of joys and concerns, deeper check-ins, prayerful reflections, and an opportunity to process current events with a spiritually grounded community.

<https://bit.ly/3el3316> casey@cuc.ca

<https://cuc.ca/events/gathered-here-may/1590436800/1590442200/>

Connect and Deepen – Virtual Gathering (Online)

April 26, May 10 & 24 2 pm MT (90 minutes) – Register Now!

Connect and Deepen is a monthly online gathering for those seeking Canadian Unitarian Universalist (UU) connections.

There are many people across Canada who find themselves geographically separated from Unitarian Universalist meeting places. We welcome you to this on-line opportunity to gather with other kindred spirits in small groups to discuss matters of personal, spiritual, theological and lifestyle significance.

While there is no cost to the program, we still require you to register below so we can plan accordingly.

<https://cuc.ca/events/connect-and-deepen/1587916800/1587922200/>

CUC's National Online Gathering Ceremony

Friday, May 15, 3:30 pm PT | 4:30 pm MT | 5:30 pm CT | 6:30 pm ET | 7:30 pm AT

We will gather across the country, virtually, on the Friday of what was to have been the start of the National Conference. Come, we will join together to celebrate our connections and our faith. Event details to follow.

CUC National Annual General Meeting *Saturday, May 16 from 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm AT*

There is no charge to attend the AGM.

More information, and AGM documents: please check the Annual General Meeting and Conference page for updated information. <https://cuc.ca/events/cuc-agm-2020/1589630400/1589643000/>

Pipelines, Democracy and Aboriginal Title: A Conversation with Dr. Niigann Sinclair *Sunday, May 24, 2020, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm ET*

Join Dr. Niigaan Sinclair in a conversation about how non-Indigenous people can be in solidarity with Indigenous Nations when they are divided. This session will explore issues around Aboriginal land title, hereditary vs. colonial leadership, consent, consultation, and the various layers of justice to be considered when addressing issues such as climate action. This session is intended for settlers who want to engage in relationship building and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples and communities. Purchase Tickets at Eventbrite <https://cuc.ca/events/thr-conversation/1590346800/1590352200/>

Social Justice Roundtable

Activism and Social Justice in a time of Physical and Social Distancing. What does social justice work look like now? How can we be most effective during this time?

Join us a lively conversation as we re-imagine what social justice might look like as we adapt to new realities and respond to the needs that are arising.

Apr 30, 2020 07:30 pm Eastern Time / 5:30 pm Edmonton time

Please register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0sdOuqrTopHtLwnNPkSJVOT2U7rPiVqssG>

<https://cuc.ca/social-justice/>

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.

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