



The Victoria Unitarian

FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VICTORIA
Growing in Spirit, Living with Compassion, Inspired to Serve

SERVICES IN AUGUST 2021

SUNDAY SERVICES BEGIN AT 10:30 am

Sunday, August 1, 11:00am ****later than usual****

Unitarian Church of Vancouver: *Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor: Six White People Take the First Step*

Six Unitarians from UCV agreed to meet and study the controversial book, “Me and White Supremacy” over a twelve-week period. They weren’t all on the same page but they persevered. Five of them describe the experience.

First Unitarian Church of Victoria will join Unitarian Church of Vancouver for the first of two weeks of combined services. **Please note that the service time for this Sunday is 11:00am.** Join the service live using the following link: <https://ucv.im/live>. After the service, join the coffee hour via Zoom starting at 12:30 pm using the link: <https://ucv.im/coffee>

Sunday, August 8, 10:30am

Letting Go

Emily Tietz, homilist

Lynne Bonner, worship associate

Winter yawned into spring, then spring roared into summer. It might be hard to imagine now but, before we know it, summer will give way to fall — a time of letting go in order to make way for fresh life to break through. What might our lives be like if we followed nature’s lead and periodically took stock of what to let go so that new life can bloom?



Emily Tietz is a member of First Unitarian Church of Victoria. Her career is in the world of educational publishing. She enjoys exploring the natural wonders of Vancouver Island, or simply strolling with her husband, coffee in hand, watching for seals and otters. After nearly two years in this pocket of the globe, she still finds the changing of the seasons endlessly fascinating.



Sunday, August 15, 10:30am *Promoting a Death Positive Culture*

Tracey Thompson, homilist

Victoria Barr, worship associate

Livestream begins each Sunday by 10:25 am.
view [please click on this link](#).

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Tracey is a trained death doula from the Institute of Traditional Medicine. She desires to create and hold space for conversations about death and dying, to reduce stigma and hopes this will lead to a more death positive culture. This supports all of us to have valuable dialogues in our homes and communities. Tracey will discuss the varied roles of death doulas, how to start a personal conversation and will share how small rituals keep her and her family connected to the memory of her dad.

Tracey Thompson is the eldest of three daughters of church member Glenys Thompson. Tracey moved to Victoria in 1992 to study at the University of Victoria completing her undergraduate and graduate degree in Human and Social Development. Over the past 30 years, she has worked in a variety of settings including: schools, hospitals, community organizations which included a local crisis line. Currently, Tracey works with the Vancouver Island Health Authority as a Regional Harm Reduction Coordinator in Population and Public Health. This position supports compassionate engagement in the context of the Drug Poisoning Public Health Emergency.

In her personal time, Tracey trained as a death doula through the Institute of Traditional Medicine in 2017. Her interest and involvement in becoming a death doula parallels her life experience. As friends and sisters were starting families, she was asked to support them during their pregnancy and birth. She felt honoured to discuss with expecting parents their birthing wishes. As requests steadily increased, she paired her experience with education and became a DONA (Doulas of North America) trained birth doula. Now finds herself supporting friends and family in pivotal health transitions including end of life. Since 2011, Tracey has volunteered with Victoria Hospice and organizes community dialogues with the Victoria Holistic Death Care Community.

Sunday, August 22, 10:30am

Be Calm. Be Kind. Again. Still.

Rev. Melora Lynngood, homilist

Emily Tietz, worship associate

As we prepare to transition out of the pandemic and begin to figure out how to do church in person again (likely Sept 12, stay tuned!), how do we want to be with one another? How do we navigate our variety of comfort levels – masks, no masks, personal space, hugs, no hugs? (And where are the candles again?) Some of us will be ecstatic to leave the pandemic behind and finally be together; some of us will actually miss some features of the quieter pandemic period; many of us will have mixed feelings. It will be awkward. It will be strange. It could be wonderful - AND awkward and strange. What do you need to maximize the wonderful? At this point in history, at this point in your life, how do you want to be in the world?

Sunday, August 29, 10:30am

The Risk of Living

Rev. Shana Lynngood, homilist

David Vest, worship associate

Being alive is inherently risky. The pandemic made the risks that we choose and choose to ignore clearer than ever. What else did the pandemic make clear? While we no doubt spend the next several years sifting through the learnings from this time, some places of clarity seem to be obvious even from this vantage point. What have you figured out personally, in light of the last year and a half? What do you think (or hope) we have collectively learned from this time? How have we been changed by the risks we all felt and witnessed?

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COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Talk to us. Do you have a concern about our church that you would like the ministers to know? One purpose of the Committee on Ministry (CoM) is centered on developing a strong, healthy relationship between the Minister(s) and the Congregation. Members of the CoM are: Andy Lee, Chair, Lorna Anthony, Jeri Dause, Bill Glassman, Jan Thomson, Shelley Motz.



REVISED CONTACT LIST WHILE OUR MINISTERS ARE AWAY

Now through Aug 9, 2021

Please print and save this list

The Reverends Lynngood have been on a well-earned “mini-sabbatical” during the months of May and June, followed by four weeks of annual study leave and two weeks of holiday in late July and early August. They will return to work August 10th and be back in the pulpit August 22nd.

While they are away the ministers will not be available, however our church has a wealth of resources to support our ongoing shared ministry. ***Here’s who to call:***

1. Pastoral Listeners offer a trained, sympathetic and confidential ear to help with crises and emotional issues. (They do not, however, provide counselling.)

Liz Graham	hello.liz.graham@gmail.com	(250) 384-4351
Hanny Pannekoek	hannyhugo@shaw.ca	(250) 385-2299
Darcy Alder	darcyalder@gmail.com	(250) 818-0419

2. Care & Concern Committee provides practical support with a caring spirit by making casseroles, phone calls and (virtual) visits. The committee is organized by Neighbourhood Groups.

Farout	Margaret McKelvie or * <i>(see list of asterisks at the bottom of this list)</i>	mmckelvie@richmond- systems.co	(778) 351-3458
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Grand Central	***		
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**** Barbara Boyle – C&C Liaison	barbara.boyle@shaw.ca	(250) 381-0264

3. Lay Chaplains are trained and qualified to perform **rites of passage** such as weddings, child dedications and memorial services. To find out more, please contact:

Anne Vaasjo	annevaasjo70@gmail.com	(250) 385-1603
Oceanna Hall	oceanna.hall@gmail.com	(250) 886-1077
Jenny Heston	jfheston@gmail.com	1-(250) 509-1240

4. Dispute Management volunteers can help anyone experiencing difficulty in their relationships with other church members or groups while working on church-related matters. A solution-focussed process will invite participants to co-create ideas that lead to a successful outcome.

Steve Sharlow	sharlowsteve@yahoo.ca	(250) 514-4919
Jan Thomson	aurora2u@telus.net	(250) 480-1462
Bill Glassman	glassman@ryerson.ca	(250) 595-6990

5. The Committee on Ministry helps foster congregational health by facilitating communication between the congregation and our ministers. The committee acts as a clearinghouse for questions and feedback in the ministers' absence. Do you have a question or a concern, or do you need help and don't know who to call? Call us and we will help you find the resources to address your concerns.

Lorna Anthony	lranthony@shaw.ca	(250) 592-4831
Jeri Dause	jkdause@gmail.com	(250) 384-4530
Bill Glassman	glassman@ryerson.ca	(250) 595-6990
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Shelley Motz	shelley.motz@shaw.ca	(250) 388-0654
Jan Thomson	aurora2u@telus.net	(250) 480-1462

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6. The Board of Trustees can answer your questions about the ongoing governance of the church.

President	Jim Willis	jimwillis568@gmail.com
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ABOUT SABBATICALS A sabbatical is a period of rest and renewal that allows our ministers an opportunity to do some deep study and reflection, learn new skills, and renew their energies. As a condition of their employment our ministers earn one month sabbatical leave for each year of service to the church. While our ministers are away the congregation can experience again the fact that the church isn't just the ministers, nor is it the building; it is the people – the community we form and the work we do together to make our mission a reality.

We Have Lift-Off!

Lift Off!

Auction Goal: \$30,000

- 1** Auction Donation Total: \$8,609
- 2** Online Auction Total: \$21,466
- 3**
- 4**

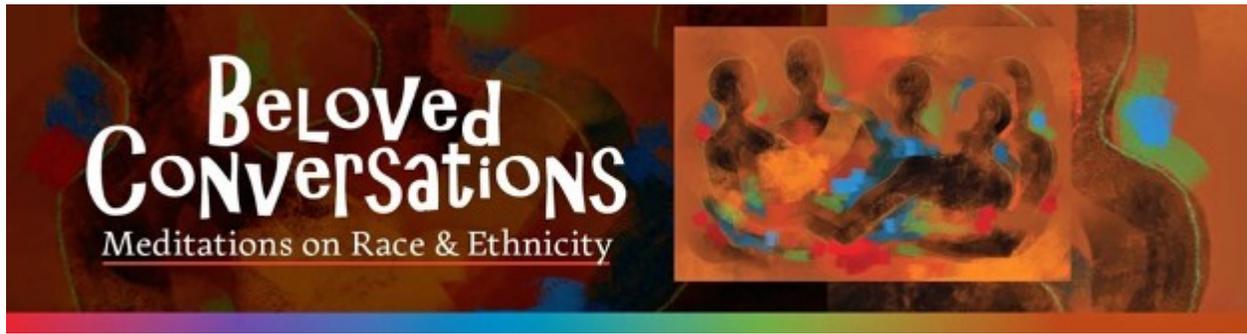


Auction total: \$30,075



A generous donor has saved the mission!

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to fire up Auction Fever and make it such a success!



Beloved Conversations Anti-Racism Program Online

Sign up before Aug 14 for this fall!

30 congregants, your ministers, your director of children & youth programming, and 2 children's programming staff participated in this program last fall. Now you can too!

A deep dive into **soul-nourishing & mind-opening resources, worship, and personal conversations** to support you in the communal work of dismantling racism.

Deadline to register is August 31.

Deadline for early bird **10% discount** is **August 14**.

They have a generous sliding scale and scholarship program.

No one should feel they cannot take the program due to financial hardship.

To register and learn more:

<https://www.meadville.edu/fahs-collaborative/beloved-conversations/>

The program this fall (phase one, called "Within") runs **mid-September** through **mid-December**, and includes:

- **Individual study** of videos and readings, accompanied by reflection prompts.
- **conversations with a "critical friend"** chosen by the participant.
- Bi-weekly **small group conversations** in a "learning pod" with other UUs across the continent.
- Larger, monthly, '**meaning making sessions**,' facilitated by Beloved Conversations staff.

The "Within" work is different for White folks and for Black, Indigenous and other People of Color and will be done entirely in race-based caucuses.

"...this is a program for Unitarian Universalists who are seeking to embody racial justice as a spiritual practice. We believe that **we are here to heal the impact of racism on our lives in order to get free together**. Beloved conversations is intended to be a tool in your toolbox, for you as an individual, and [as] a part of a congregation, to eradicate white supremacy, to work to become anti-racist, and to make our faith a welcoming place for everyone."

– Rev. Kierstin Homblette Allen, co-creator of Beloved Conversations



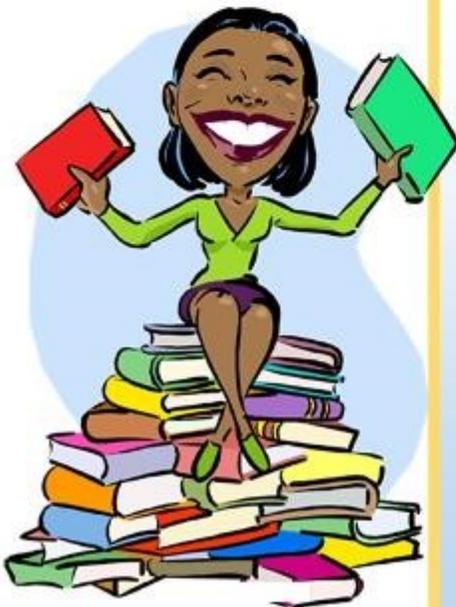
The Giant Book Sale is Cancelled!



There are too many complications this year to schedule a book sale.

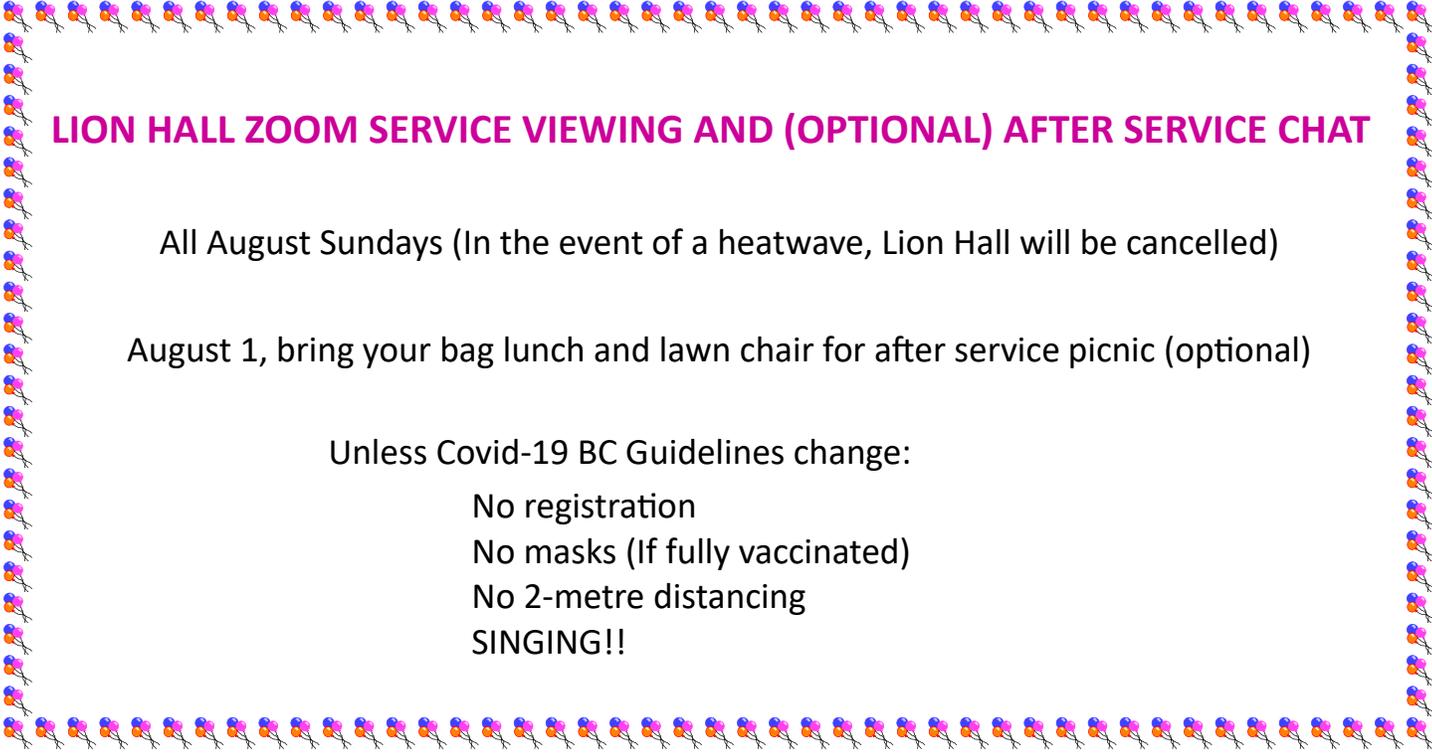
Amplify UU needs the sanctuary in early September. We have renters in the sanctuary beginning Sept. 13.

We don't know if people will feel safe yet in large crowds.



We suggest you exchange books with your friends or within your neighbourhood groups, so you have new things to read for the winter.

Please consider saving your best books for our sale a year from now or donate them to a worthy cause. Russell Books has a donation bin and Value Village takes books. We are not storing books at the church this year. They get silverfish and become musty if stored too long under the sanctuary.



LION HALL ZOOM SERVICE VIEWING AND (OPTIONAL) AFTER SERVICE CHAT

All August Sundays (In the event of a heatwave, Lion Hall will be cancelled)

August 1, bring your bag lunch and lawn chair for after service picnic (optional)

Unless Covid-19 BC Guidelines change:

No registration

No masks (If fully vaccinated)

No 2-metre distancing

SINGING!!

INDIGENOUS MATTERS

Indigenous Matters is taking a break for the summer. We will be back in fall.

Refugee Committee Update

Good news! We have finally heard from the Canadian government that the Abo Qayass family has been approved to come to Canada!

Mohammad, Fatemah and their son, Abdulrahman will need to be in quarantine for 14 days after they arrive. We don't know the exact date yet, but expect it to be just a few weeks away, likely before the end of August. We expect to rent a suite for the quarantine at the Hotel Zed, whose owner has been very accommodating for refugees.

The Refugee Committee will be discussing a number of tasks needed to help them settle here, with the help of their son Khaled and daughter-in-law Raweah as interpreters of course. And we will need to do a bit more fund raising, as the quarantine adds to the cost of supporting the family for their first year.

Anyone who would like to be involved, please contact Kristina Stevens at kristinalstevens@gmail.com or 250-595-5949.

We will plan a celebration for all once we can do so safely!

Kristina Stevens, Chair, Refugee Sponsorship Committee

Board Talk. Steve Sharlow's medical situation has changed, and his doctor has advised him to immediately reduce stress and activities. As of July 5, he has resigned his position as FUCV Board President. Jim Willis, the Board Vice-President, is temporarily assuming the position of Board President until the next annual general meeting as per the FUCV bylaws. The Board met on July 15th to determine next steps, and more information will be provided as available on the Board's restructuring. We wish to thank Steve for all of his hard work on behalf of the congregation and look forward to seeing him on the road to recovery and back in the Sanctuary sometime soon.

Vacant Positions.

Vice-President. [If you would like to be the Vice-President contact Pat Kinrade at the Nominating Committee.](#)

Outreach Council Chair. If you would like to be the Outreach Council Chair contact Pat Kinrade at the Nominating Committee.

CUC Grants to FUCV.

Theological Education Fund grant of \$8,350 to FUCV in support of a ministerial internship

Sharing Our Faith grant of \$4,200 to FUCV for audiovisual upgrade and enhancement project

COVID-19 Update.

The COVID task force is busy trying to pull together information on when building permits will have arrived, when parts of our facilities are rented out, what facilities will be available for the worship associates and choirs, etc in order to find the most appropriate date to restart services in the Sanctuary, likely in mid-September. We'll let everyone know as soon as possible.

Solar Panel Update.

Signed contract with Viridian Energy Co-operative for purchase and installation of 60 solar panels on Sanctuary roof

Installation will take place over a couple of days in late August/early September

AmplifyUU Update.

Building permit application from Saanich for the sanctuary sound booth was submitted on July 5th and expected in 5 -7 weeks. John Armitage, the original architect of the sanctuary, is assisting in the building permit for the acoustic panels in the sanctuary.

8th Principle Update.

Begin by reading the documents at <https://victoriaunitarian.ca/proposed-8th-uu-principle/>

Contact Rebecca Mellett for more information

The ministers will be holding a three-part series Expanding the Beloved Conversation later this year.

Congregational Life Council (Katherine Maas)

Care & Concern: continues to send cards of support or email notes to those who would appreciate it; and they also make ongoing telephone calls to check in and chat with isolated members &/or friends. Caring Corner, a column in Eweekly, gives the church community information about individuals who might appreciate extra contact and/or TLC. Individual meal support, assistance with rides and other forms of assistance is provided within neighbourhood groups as required.

Depression & Anxiety Support Group: During Covid went from meeting twice a month to meeting weekly via Zoom. They also have twice monthly social gatherings in parks, when allowed and weather permitting. Weekly attendees have doubled since Covid and they have started up a second support group to accommodate new people, but so far, no one has joined this second group. Starting in August, they will meet once a month in person at the church and the other 3 weeks on Zoom.

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Pub night: resumed in-person gatherings at Canoe Brewpub on July 5 with over 20 attending at 4 or 5 tables on the patio. We surveyed our email list and learned that many wish to continue with mid-month Zoom gatherings even after monthly in-person gatherings resume, so a Virtual Pub Night is planned for July 19.

Many groups are still inactive due to the pandemic: Book group, Community dinners, Fun & fellowship, Greeters, Name tags, Souper Sundays, and Sunday coffee coordinator.

UU synchronicity sisters has stopped functioning and will be removed from the FUCV website. Marya plans to write a small piece for the Archives and hopes the group might resurrect in the future.

Outreach Council (Vacant)

SRC taking a pause over the summer. Mark your calendars for the 5 September SRC Sunday service including a recorded presentation for us by Seth Klein, author of *A Good War: Mobilizing Canada for the Climate Emergency*

GVAT FUCV Core Team are keeping very busy with church members meeting with the ARTs. See the article in this issue for more information

Share the Plate Team has charities scheduled until October and is looking for charities needing support for November and December and into the new year.

Environmental Action Team taking a pause over the summer.

Property Management Council (Peter Hancock)

Garden and Grounds (Earle Anthony). Committee Executive agreed that the gardens in front of the church office needed a complete remake into an attractive, low maintenance garden area. Brad Clarke and Mike Fibiger-Crossman will be undertaking this project beginning in mid July. During work, access to the Church office will not be blocked but may be a little messy. The new gardens will be in place before September 1. Some plants may be added to the new gardens in the Fall.

Ants are back in the floor under the Lion Hall Deck. Victoria Pest Control has been called in.

Allan Dakin has placed an attractive bench on the bed of flagstones at the front entrance of the church.

Water damage is anticipated in the Farmhouse bathroom due to a leaking tap in the shower. The shower stall will be removed to inspect the wooden floor.

Spiritual Development Council (Wally du Temple)

Dar Levy has purchased drums and equipment for the new spiritual drumming circle at a cost of \$800.23. A budget of \$1000.00 had been approved. Contact Dar for more information.

Arran Liddel has been busy getting plans and supplies ready for the 'summer camp'.

Jazz events still cancelled by COVID-19. Many other programs are on hold.

Choir members still practicing at home and performing via zoom.



Gary Theal, Jamie Twidale, Nancy Dobbs

After your overwhelming approval and generous donations, the Amplify UU Implementation Team continues to work on the Audio-Visual transformation project moving from vision and imagination to reality and fulfilment.

Initial steps, preceding the new equipment purchases and installation stage, include the hope that we can return to the Sanctuary mid-September (sans Covid-19 restrictions). The most likely date is 19-September, but we are trying to meet the September 12th deadline for “Homecoming” Sunday. We’ll keep you updated.

Why mid-September? In June, we discovered that we needed a building permit for both the Sound Booth and the acoustic panel installation. The permit request was submitted at the beginning of July and will take at least 6 weeks for Saanich Municipality to process them. Work has been discontinued until those permits are granted. Once granted, we’ll reconnect the old audio components to enable systems to be temporarily functional for a return to the Sanctuary.

While awaiting the permits, we have acquired our new audio mixing console and that will be integrated with the existing audio components and Zoom. With the mixing console operational this will assist with training time for operators in advance of the return to a totally AmplifyUU renovated facility. Reaching that milestone, we’ll be able to conduct complete hybrid services to accommodate both in-person and online congregants joining us via Zoom.

So, to outline the process from now until completion, the original Acoustic and Audio-Visual Assessment has undergone a detailed Concept Design phase. The resulting report is now being converted into a Request for Proposal (RFP). The RFP will go out for bids to three potential contractors in three separate sections: the electronics, the acoustics and the lighting. A pre-existing and related need for a sunscreen on the east windows has been traced to only one company offering to do the complex job required to shield our projection screen from direct sunlight when required. This remains in the design phase at this point.

The RFPs will be issued August 3rd and close on August the 20th. We anticipate the contract will be awarded on the 27th of August with the procurement of required equipment and materials running through September, October, and November. During the final phase, the new acoustic panels, audio components, cameras, lighting fixtures and a new control panel for renters will be installed. With all of the foregoing proceeding smoothly, the on-site installation is estimated to begin on December the 8th with a setup, commissioning and training taking us to a completion date of December the 20th.

Our hope is to have the Sanctuary ready in time for our Christmas/Solstice services.

AmplifyUU has received over \$175,000 in pledges. Not only does this allow the AV project to happen, but it is also validation of the importance of the project to our community. Thank you very much for your generosity. Throughout the fall, beginning in September, payments will be required for equipment. For those of you who have already donated your 2021 pledge, thank you. If you have not yet made your 2021 Capital Fund contribution, please consider donating as soon as possible to assist in the project cash flow.

UUA General Assembly

The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) held its annual General Assembly virtually from June 23 to 27th virtually with 2000 delegates participating. Five days full of the most wonderful programming along with the usual tedious but necessary work on business and bylaw issues. Some highlights are:

Statement of Conscience (SOC)

This is a policy statement which gives direction to the Board and implies serious commitment by the organization. The 2021 statement is called *Undoing Systemic White Supremacy: A Call to Prophetic Action* and calls for action in dismantling racism. It arises out of the report *Widening our Circle of Concern* which examines systemic racism and oppression in our organization. Details are at https://www.uua.org/files/2021-06/SOC_Undoing_Systemic_White_Supremacy.pdf Many participants were frustrated by the slow progress on the Eighth Principle and are insisting on action rather than further consultation.

Actions of Immediate Witness (AIW)

Current issues needing attention are proposed and three are selected by a poll of participants. The three for 2021 are:

The COVID-19 Pandemic: Justice. Healing. Courage. (PDF) This call to action reflects the disparity exposed by the pandemic. Parts of society have higher risks and fewer resources.

Defend and Advocate with Transgender, Nonbinary, and Intersex Communities (PDF). This is a response to legislation recently enacted in State governments which are bringing harm to other gendered children, trans girls in particular.

Stop Voter Suppression and Partner for Voting Rights and a Multiracial Democracy (PDF). This call to action is in response to widespread measures taken to make voting difficult for BIPOC, disabled people, women, poor people, the incarcerated and others.

UU History

There were two lectures on Black history. One referred to the Black walkout at the 1969 General Assembly. Some Blacks and their supporters walked out of the meeting because they felt that there was a racist motion. Permanent damage was done and many Black UU's left the Church. On the other hand there were several UU Ministers who were killed by mob violence during the sixties civil rights movement.

People with Disabilities and LGBTQ+

We were struck by the effort made to meet the needs of all people by everyone. There was an excellent workshop with many good suggestions. The most prominent comment is that speakers need to slow down and speak up. The UUA Board presenters described themselves and their background on Zoom so that visually impaired people would have some of the advantages of sighted people. For example, the Moderator said "I am a thirty-year-old, black, queer man, with short dark hair and glasses and I am wearing a silver shirt. I am sitting in front of a plain white wall." The disabled community's slogan is "Nothing about us without us."

The Environmental Action Team (EAT) is revisiting the topic of plastic waste, particularly in the oceans, in conjunction with the August Share the Plate allocation to Sea Change. Sarah Versteegen, a former FUCV staff member whose life we recently celebrated, was also a driving force behind Sea Change, a charity which has removed tonnes of plastic and other debris from eelgrass beds in many local inlets.

EAT felt it would be appropriate to honour Sarah's memory via a donation to continue her work.

Unfortunately plastics in the oceans continues to be a major problem, however there are some signs of hope in such things as better analysis of pollution sources and some creative recycling of retrieved debris.

The most comprehensive recent study has found that 75% of pollutants are from only 10 sources.

“Single-use bags, plastic bottles, food containers and food wrappers are the four most widespread items polluting the seas, making up almost half of the human-made waste, the researchers found. Just 10 plastic products, also including plastic lids and fishing gear, accounted for three-quarters of the litter, due to their widespread use and extremely slow degradation.” <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/jun/10/takeaway-food-and-drink-litter-dominates-ocean-plastic-study-shows>

The Canadian government has a very comprehensive website detailing strategies, agreements and policies which it hopes will lead to zero plastic waste by 2030. In one of the few details on actual achievements, there is an amusing quote” In 2020, 63 tonnes – the equivalent of 11 elephants – of lost or discarded fishing gear was retrieved from Atlantic Canada. “

<https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/managing-reducing-waste/zero-plastic-waste/canada-action.html>

As individuals, we can help by continuing to avoid single use plastics and by supporting proposed legislation by municipalities and other levels of government. We need to beware of the fossil fuel industry which is gearing up to perpetuate its existence by converting natural gas and other fuels to even more plastic production and is lobbying hard to prevent plastic bans.

A useful overview with good graphics can be found here <https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/hazards/marinedebris/plastics-in-the-ocean.html>



We might also want to support some of the creative ocean debris recycling such as converting retrieved fishing line into swimwear, see https://subscriptions.cbc.ca/newsletter_static/messages/whatonearth/2021-06-24/

or a company which sells bracelets and other items made from ocean plastic to fund the retrieval of more debris <https://www.4ocean.com>



Greater Victoria Acting Together

First Unitarian Church of Victoria Core Team



Marion Pape, former GVAT Board member, formerly ex-officio Core Team Member as president of First Unitarian Church of Victoria



Susan Layng, Core Team chair person, GVAT Board and Strategy Hub member, member Mental Health & Addictions Action Research Team



Hanny Pannekoek, member GVAT Housing Action Research Team



Philip Symons, Core Team secretary, member GVAT Climate Action Research Team



Rev. Melora Lynngood, member Core Team ex officio, and enthusiastic supporter of GVAT



Our newest Core Team members:

- Jim Willis**, Church Board representative, retiring;
- Audrey Taylor**, replacing Jim as Board representative, member GVAT Mental Health and Addictions Team, and member of ACCESS (to mental health);
- Lynn Beak**, Co-lead, GVAT Housing Action Research Team, member of working groups on Renovictions /demovictions, community conversations on affordable housing, and backup GVAT Strategy Hub member

Our Core Team can always use a new member or two. We have long- and short term positions that need filling. Please contact one of us if interested!

Donation of Publicly Traded Securities

The First Unitarian Church of Victoria can now accept your donation pledge in publicly traded securities.

We have established brokerage and bank accounts to facilitate these transfers. You may benefit tremendously from this added incentive to reduce the after-tax cost of your charitable giving or increase the amount of your gifts without increasing the after-tax cost.

For further information please send an

email to treasurer@victoriaunitarian.ca



CALENDAR:

[CLICK HERE](#)

Membership Changes

Resignation: Katrin van der Leeden

FROM THE EDITORS: GUIDELINES FOR YOUR SUBMISSIONS

*We try to standardize the presentation, to avoid
the dog's breakfast aspect...:*

- Where possible we use Calibri font.
- One space between sentences and between lines.
- No pdf files, please, use Word.
- Send pictures in jpegs... Don't send text as jpegs.



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EVERY MONTH!**

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First Name	Last Name	Birthdate
Galina	Coffey---Lewis	AUGUST 1
John	Monaghan	AUGUST 1
Oceanna	Hall	AUGUST 2
Beth	Woodland	AUGUST 2
David	Hoadley	AUGUST 3
Mary	Burcher	AUGUST 5
Gayle	Elson	AUGUST 5
William	Glassman	AUGUST 5
Kim	Hines	AUGUST 6
Diana	Kozinuk	AUGUST 6
Demetrius	Lynngood	AUGUST 7
Kimberly	Bramadat	AUGUST 8
Frances	Dearman	AUGUST 8
Ernest	Kassian	AUGUST 8
Marya	Nijland	AUGUST 9
Sophia	Petronis	AUGUST 9
Glenys	Thompson	AUGUST 9
Madelaine	Clarke	AUGUST 10
Mel	Johnston	AUGUST 10
Susan	Breiddal	AUGUST 11
Karen Lee	Pickett	AUGUST 11
Don	Mills	AUGUST 12
Diane	McLaren	AUGUST 13
Scott	Sollazzo	AUGUST 17
Katherine	Jones	AUGUST 18
Linda	Siegel	AUGUST 18
Linda	Stanton	AUGUST 20
Emma	Lentz	AUGUST 21
Elizabeth	Weijs	AUGUST 21
Karla	Thomson	AUGUST 22
Evan	Guengerich	AUGUST 26
Adeleine	Morris	AUGUST 26
Glenyss	Turner	AUGUST 26
Patrick	Conroy	AUGUST 27
Astrid	Firley---Eaton	AUGUST 28
Anna	Sollazzo	AUGUST 29

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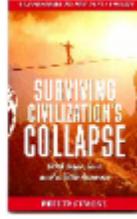
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Looking for a 4-bedroom rental in Victoria or Saanich for a lovely, respectful family that has recently arrived here as asylum-class refugees.

This Syrian family came to Victoria the long way (through multiple countries and unstable living situations) and are happy to finally settle somewhere they can flourish. Since settling, they have found stable work, schooling, and community in Victoria. They are looking for a long-term accommodation that will help them move forward with their lives here.

This notice has been posted by the family's refugee sponsorship group, whose responsibility it is to support the family's transition during their first year in Victoria.

Thank you so much for reading.

Sincerely,
The family and their supporters

Please contact Deb Rutman (drutman@uvic.ca) or Hope Hickli (ahopeh@outlook.com) if you know of a possible home rental or have questions.

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