



BELONG WITH HEART. THRIVE IN SPIRIT. ACT IN SERVICE



Lynn's Retirement *June 19th at 4 pm*

Celebrating 40 years

Lynn Sabourin is retiring after 40 years of faithful service to our church. Please join us in honouring Lynn and celebrating her 40 years with us.

Lynn is retiring at the end of June! All whose lives have been enriched by her 40 years of service to NSUC and the wider UU community are invited to help us celebrate Lynn's 40-year career:

Saturday, June 19, 2021; 4-5:30 pm

Participate LIVE on our [YouTube Channel: North Shore Unitarians Canada](#) (with in-person attendance as health orders permit; watch for updates on our website and in our eBulletins).

Help Us Prepare for This Special Event:

Help build the ceremony and contribute to Lynn's Memory Scrapbook by **emailing** or **mailing** the following items to us:

- Photos of Lynn during her 40 years with us.
- Photos of yourself (and your family) holding up signs with your names and messages for Lynn.
- Photos of children who participated in Children's or Youth programs at NSUC (now or then).
- Messages, notes, and/or letters of appreciation to Lynn expressing what she has meant to you and your children.
- Favourite memories or stories about Lynn.
- Original artwork that you or your children have created to honour or thank Lynn.
- Greeting cards or thank-you cards for Lynn.

Email these items to:

lynnfest@northshoreunitarians.ca



—OR—

Mail them to:

NSUC
370 Mathers Ave
West Vancouver, BC V7S 1H3



From Our Minister



Rev. Ron Phares

rev.phares@northshoreunitarians.ca

Greetings North Shore Unitarians,

It's been weird, hasn't it? Doing church during a pandemic with a minister new to your pulpit. There are so many of you I was only just beginning to know. It is often the case that due to reflections and newsletters and facilitations that the congregation knows more about the minister's life than the minister knows about all the individual congregants. But this covid situation has amplified that.

When we return to in-person Sundays, my relationship with you will be BOTH two years old AND half a year old. We'll do something about that. Immediately, it is on my list to set up a brown bag "lunch with the minister" on Thursdays. This would be a one-on-one (or two) luncheon, a chance to get to know folks who don't frequently populate my zoom windows. I'm still setting up the mechanism on that, so please be patient and keep your eye on the e-bulletins for updates. I look forward to getting to know you.

The first part of this church year was spent trying to figure out how we hold together as a community in a time of physical distancing. Just like in normal times, it takes intention and opportunity, only more so. To that end we engineered two far-reaching vehicles; the Circles of Light (which you can still join at any time), and the anti-racist reading groups.

If you are a part of either or both of those groups you have been able to enter into thoughtful, vulnerable, bonding spaces with others. These groups continue (Circles of Light thru June, and the anti-racist reading group for however long each group's elected rate of reading carries them). As a side note, I know the Saad book can be hard sometimes, disagreeable at times, and simply challenging at other times. My advice is to stick with it. So much good has come from the discussions in the groups I am in, whether in agreement or argument, that I am convinced the exercise is worthwhile.

In the coming months, I will turn my attention from building containers for community engagement to reflecting on community itself, ours in particular. Primary in that effort will be a review and possible rewrite of our covenant. This will require your thoughtful participation. I will provide some food for thought and framing in some upcoming Sunday reflections. Soon thereafter I will invite you to engage in a few workshops in order to review and possibly rewrite our covenant and raise its profile in our community.

That will need more voices than those coming from faces I frequently see in the teams and committees with whom I often engage. A covenant needs to reflect the entire community and so needs the thoughts of the entire community to generate it. This is important work, critical to our future as a congregation. And because we will be "there" together, it will be fun! It's an opportunity to think in both essential and particular terms in order to produce a set of promises that we can use to bind and guide us. I look forward to seeing you there!

Until then, be well, breathe easy, stretch and give thanks when the opportunity strikes.

Yours in faith,
Rev. Ron Phares

Lynn's Retirement

This June, our Director of Lifelong Learning, Lynn Sabourin, will retire after a long and successful career at NSUC. It would be impossible to overstate all the love and work that she has put into this community.

Please join us in celebrating Lynn's accomplishments at the Retirement Celebration we're holding for her on June 19th. (Details elsewhere in this newsletter). Working with Lynn has been a pleasure. I know we will all miss her, but wish her well in this new chapter of her life.

From Our Board President



Robyn Newton, Board President
president@northshoreunitarians.ca

As I never like to reinvent the wheel, I have often referenced the path followed by my illustrious predecessor, Past President Jim Stephenson, to decide how to proceed. In fact, Jim gave me a little gem of advice when I agreed to take on the role of president for 2020-2021. He told me to leave space in my calendar, “because things always come up”. To call that an understatement is, well...an understatement! Luckily I followed Jim’s advice, because a little thing called COVID-19 turned our lives around last year, including the way we do church. Reinventing became a way of life, and a necessity. And sometimes reinvention and change are very good things. Like reinventing the way we do Sunday worship.

As Rev. Ron said in his reflection on January 24th, “We have been an evolutionary faith. That is our fundamental story: adaptation.”

Sometimes we don’t need to reinvent. Sometimes, it suffices to revisit old ways of doing things. For example, I believe we have much to learn from Indigenous ways of caring for the earth and each other. Likewise, we are revisiting Sunday mornings as a time when families come together to tend to their spiritual needs together, and parents take a big role in their children’s religious education. We welcome your input on how we can support the changing needs and shifting priorities of young families, youth, and young adults, while also meeting the ongoing social and spiritual needs of our long-time members and our wise elders. The Transition Task Force welcomes your comments at transitions@northshoreunitarians.ca.

Your Board is also working with the CUC to reinvent the way we do leadership development and training, and how we can use internet technologies and distance learning to provide more expansive and inclusive training opportunities for all our members. Stay tuned!

When I look back at last year’s Spring newsletter, Jim and his partners in crime were celebrating a very successful “Masked Hysteria” event. We were gearing up for a very busy spring, with upcoming Our Whole Lives sessions for Grade 5 & 6 children, an All-Ages Potluck in March, the FundFest Dinner and Auction in April, the CUC AGM in Halifax in May, and Rev. Ron’s installation May 30th, not to mention all the other groups that were meeting, and the reintroduction of soup Sundays as a youth fundraiser.

(Remember Soup Sundays? Remember Coffee Hour?)

Not that we aren’t looking forward to some exciting events this spring, not the least of which will be Lynn’s retirement party on June 19th. For 40 years Lynn has been the Heart, Soul and Memory of NSUC, and that is worth celebrating. We also have the CUC AGM on May 8, its online format making it more accessible for members to attend. Let [John Slattery](#) know if you are interested in becoming a delegate. Many of us are part of one or more small groups, helping us stay connected in Beloved Community, even when we can’t meet in person. Look at the church calendar to see just how busy and engaged our congregants are in church life!

As I look forward to 2021, I am filled with **hope**.

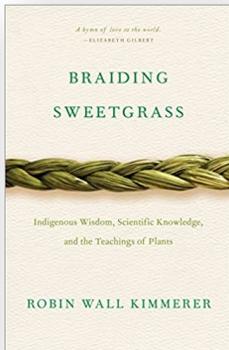
Hope – that we will be able to meet again in person very soon.

Hope – that President Biden and Prime Minister Trudeau will take effective action to address climate change, while supporting a Just Recovery from the pandemic.

Hope – that we will continue to embrace our diversity and learn from each other and recognize the wisdom in embracing different perspectives.

I also look forward with faith – faith that we will continue the journey together to live our lives with greater depth, meaning and purpose.

~Robyn Newton



Braiding Essays Together 1-3 pm every other Friday on Zoom

If you love beautiful writing about the natural world filled with wisdom and grace, and if you love being read to, this may be for you. We'll continue this series as we move into Winter with the book *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

There's no need to have the book, although if you do, you may want to take a turn reading from it. Just bring your ears, imagination, and a notebook (if you wish). Contact facilitator [ElJean Wilson](#) for the Zoom link. So far, we've shared half of the book. We treasure feeling the author's beautiful and sacred words come through our own mouths and knowing how deeply we share them, and ourselves, together. We discover her wisdom together, moment to moment. With reading aloud, there is no skimming. Each sound, each syllable (often mispronounced when they're Indigenous words) happens in real time.

Our Spring dates will include March 5th & 19th; April 1st, 16th & 30th; and May 14th & 28th. Attend this Heart, Mind, Spirit event as often as you like. The light from this book and our time together shines.

~ElJean Wilson, Facilitator



Free-Thinkers Forum on

Anti-Racism
7-9pm on four Fridays

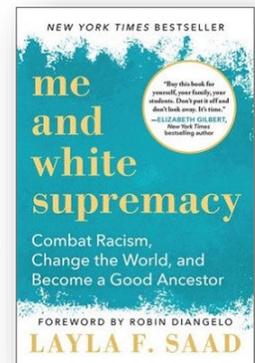
Are you confused when people tell you that you live in a White Supremacy Culture and that you are inherently racist because of your skin colour? Are you curious

about the persistent attention to race, gender and group identity in the media today? Do you know what "White Fragility" and "Critical Race Theory" are? We invite you to join a group of 'Free Thinkers' who want to critically explore these issues to understand how they impact our church and our country. Join us in four Free Thinker zoom workshops/dialogues on Fridays March 5th & 26th, April 16th and May 7th (7pm to 9pm). Suggestions for reading and watching (videos, films, etc.) will be provided before each workshop. To register for these workshops please call or email hwayneanna@shaw.ca or phone Wayne Hanna at 604-649-0042. (Afternoon workshops could be organized so if that is your preference please let Wayne know).

Anti-Racism Book Club Continues

The newly formed Justice Equity Diversity and Inclusion Team is hosting a year-long book club

working through the book *Me and White Supremacy* by Layla Saad (see her website [HERE](#)). The book club consists of small groups that are meeting monthly in person or using Zoom. Although most groups have already begun meeting, we hope to form a new group soon. To be placed on the waitlist to join a newly forming book group, click [HERE](#). An extra copy of the book is for sale (\$35) at the Church Office.



Soul Matters is a small group ministry program using curriculum put together by a group of UU ministers. Monthly study packets are available in the eBulletin or on the foyer table. Groups meet monthly by Zoom or in person (when it is allowed and can be done safely) to share their reflections. New groups are forming—a great way to meet people! Contact [Anne Mayall](mailto:Anne.Mayall@shaw.ca) (778-686-3643) or the [Church Office](#) to join or facilitate a group. Themes are:

- March: **Commitment**
- April: **Becoming**
- May: **Story**

B&G

Building & Grounds

A Property Committee has sprung into existence after several years of gestation. With members from the Building and Grounds Team, the Beloved Building Task Force, the Finance Committee, a Board Liaison, project leaders, and the Church Administrator, this committee ensures that the property is properly maintained and safe, recommending upgrades and capital expenditures, getting insurance, establishing budgets and rental rates. A multi-year plan will be developed for these matters. Staff, who we count on to alert us to maintenance needs, and Sunday service teams are the main building users during the pandemic. Thermostat adjustments have been made to accommodate them and reduce heating costs. Kuddles, which now pays 55% of our utilities costs, is functioning at near full capacity. Boiler maintenance was performed in the summer by our usual gas fitter. Ground water drains were inspected and cleared in September, as usual.

~ Brian McConnell

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch really miss each other. Some do not have computers or don't want to go on Zoom; alas, so we call each other periodically. Hopefully, we will convene again at the church on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month — perhaps in April. I will connect when our time is near to coming together.



~ Joanna Vaughan



From Our Production Team

labeled as live or recorded, and their length. Ross is the director,

optimizing the equipment we have and working with an experienced sound consultant to improve the audio even more.

We are also updating our social media: coming up with a regular publishing schedule for Facebook/Instagram/the website, pulling together all of the content that we can find into one place in the cloud, starting up a podcast with Rev Ron, and making some major upgrades to the website.

We will always broadcast the services live going forward, and services will always be available to watch at a later time on [Youtube](#), even when we are all back in church able to give each other big hugs in person!

If you have questions or comments for us, please write us at: production@northshoreunitarians.ca

~Cynthia Becker, Chair
Ross Harvey, Malcolm Mallory,
Erin McNeill, Rev. Ron, Alison Nixon

We have appreciated everyone's support as we explore the best way to "do" church digitally. Here is a bird's eye view of what we do:

Our current approach is a combination of live and recorded pieces. Every Sunday, we are in different locations as we start the morning, with most everyone working from their home and usually Rev Ron, Malcolm and the Sunday Service Associate physically at the church. We kick off a Zoom session at 10am to run a test from all locations. Then at 10:30, Ross broadcasts the Zoom session via the [church's YouTube channel](#). We follow a detailed technical Order of Service in which all sections are

giving cues to the people live at the church as to when to start.

He uses switching software on the production church laptop to move back and forth between video files, images, and the live reflections from the church building. Since there is a small delay between what happens live and what you see, Malcolm monitors on [YouTube](#) to make sure that all is well with no freezing, large gaps, lack of audio, etc. When we get to the Benediction, Erin starts up the Zoom session for the after church chat so we are ready even before the service ends. Every Monday, we meet to do a debrief and to start on a new service.

We are planning for the eventual return to services in the Sanctuary,

Environmental Action Team

The Environmental Action Team launched January 27th with a group of 17 Zooming to the first open meeting in our series on the fourth Wednesday of each month. **All are welcome:** check the weekly eBulletin for the Zoom link. We'll meet at 7:15pm on these Spring dates: March 24th, April 28th, and May 26th.



Barb Kroon shared a summary of responses to the NSUC environmental survey and presented a start-up plan for the team, featuring Education, Advocacy, and Community Service. Marcia Stephenson guided us through a virtual tour of organizations offering online programs or welcoming volunteers: Metro Vancouver; Creatively United; Force of Nature; Climate Hub; For Our Kids. Judith Gordon challenged us to apply the knowledge gained from the analysis of the **Draw-down** project and to get involved in action such as Habitat Protection Projects later this spring.

At each meeting, join us for a spotlight on a local environmental organization, occasional speakers, and "Tips of the Month" from Judith Gordon about ways to lower our carbon footprint. Sign up to receive email bulletins about EA Team projects by contacting Marcia Stephenson or the [Church Office](#), and read their March update [HERE](#).

~ Marcia Stephenson, Chair

Want to learn more about the CUC (Canadian Unitarian Council)?



Sign up for CUC news updates: <https://cuc.ca/about-cuc/communications-publications/>

International Council of Unitarians and Universalists

In the Philippines there are now 2,500 UU's in over 20 congregations, mostly on the island of Negros. They began in the 1950's when a circuit minister of the Iglesia Universal de Cristo, a Protestant group, went looking for religious materials for the six small, rural congregations he was responsible for. He found the answer on a newspaper page used as a wrapping around some fish he had received in payment for a baptism he was due to perform. And the rest, as they say, is history. Read all about the Church and its fascinating story on the UUCP home page and its links that can be found at <https://www.uucp.ph/>.



Holiday Office Closures:

The Church Office will be closed April 2nd for Good Friday, and Monday, May 24th for Victoria Day.



The CUC's Annual General Meeting (AGM) & Conference

The CUC AGM will take place on Friday May 8th with related activities on the days preceding and following the meeting itself. Like last year's it will be a Zoom get together. See the CUC Conference website at <https://cuc.ca/annual-general-meeting-conference/>. We are looking for delegates (up to four) to represent NSUC. For more information contact [John Slattery](#).

The CUC National Conference takes place the following weekend, May 14th—16th. Details at <https://cuc.ca/events/national-conference-2021/>. See a summary of event details [HERE](#).



Artarian News

Art in the Sanctuary is available for people who stop by the church. Art is also displayed on our Monthly Art Show webpage [HERE](#).

We change the art on the wall behind the podium so something beautiful can be seen during the weekly services on [YouTube](#). The name of the artist is included in the list of acknowledgements for that service.

Our March and April show will feature the following artists from Three Brushes Studio: **Danyne Johnston**, **Sylvia Bayley**, **Jennifer Demery**, and **Marguerite Mahy**. In May and June the artist will be **Lisa Ochowyz**.



Connections Team

Our Connections team has met on Zoom over the last few months. We enjoy convening to keep us all up to date. We continue to keep in touch with newer folks. We look forward to gathering at the church, when possible. Our Ushers and Greeters are ready to go when needed. We keep in touch with the Care and Concerns Committee to assure that we are not missing those who may need our support.

~ Joanna Vaughan,

Outreach

Each Sunday, 100% of our offering plate collections, unless otherwise marked, are given to the charity featured that month. Here are the recent amounts we've raised:

December: \$1158 the NSUC Pastoral Discretionary Fund

January: \$392 [North Shore Women's Centre](#)

February: (TBD) [Rainbow Refugee Fund](#)



And here are our upcoming Recipients:

March: Our Partner Church in Hungary

April: [The Edible Garden Project](#)

May: [SOS Children's Village](#)

AGM

1pm on Sunday, June 6th

Members, mark your calendars
and watch for details
as the time gets closer.



Cares & Concerns Team

If you have any ideas of how we might assist you or others within the church, please let us know. Now through March, contact [Joy Silver](#) (604-941-2606).



**1pm on the Third Thursday
of each month**

Air your views and listen to those of others on religious, spiritual and related topics. Participants from all religious affiliations (and those without one) are welcome to this non-denominational Café. To register and get the Zoom link, phone the West Vancouver Seniors' Centre at 604-925-7280.

The moderator, NSUC member John Slattery, has degrees in Physics, Philosophy, and Education, and a Certificate in Theological Studies.

Sessions begin at 1pm. Spring dates and topics are:

March 18th Native Spirituality,
April 15th An Easter Question:
Who Was Jesus?

May 20th The Underpinnings of
Belief and Disbelief.

Children's Program



Lynn Sabourin
Director of Lifespan Learning
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This is my last newsletter article as a NSUC staff member and I know that I should be saying something profound, touching, smart and maybe with a little humour thrown in for good measure. However, I find that I'm a little verklempt, with memories flooding in and filling that space in my brain that should be for writing.

While there are many things that I'm looking forward to, there is a tinge of sadness at leaving a role that has been so fulfilling and purposeful. I was likely the right person at the right time when I came on board 40 years ago and there were so many wonderful programs and projects that we did together. But we all know that the times, they are a-changin' and we need to as well.

I take heart in hearing the plans of the Transition Task Force, headed so ably by Gail Lehman. Their vision and commitment are incredibly inspiring and as the song so aptly says "...we are building a new way." In the two services that Ron led outlining our new direction going forward, he talked about "intentional adaptation" which perfectly describes what we as a congregation need to do if we are to survive. And survive we must. There is too much to do to turn this world around and we can only do it by working together. We need each other and we need a fresh model for these turbulent times.

After June, I will no longer be the religious educator here, but I will still be a member of North Shore

Unitarian Church. My professional guidelines require that I lie low for a couple of years to give the new person a chance to

establish themselves and to get the new systems up and running. We have much to look forward to and thanks to the Transition Task Force we are already on track.

I want to acknowledge and thank all the people who have enriched my life and who have been the stalwarts of the religious education program: Cara Elrod, our RE Assistant who is tried and true

and has been working with me most of this time; the teachers and assistants who gave their time, talent and energy, working with ever-changing curricula and children, too many to mention; parents, many of whom are still church leaders to this day, ministers (settled and interim), music directors, administrators, and LREDA (Liberal Religious Educators Association) colleagues who are the most supportive and creative group of people ever.

Really, all I can say is THANKS for the amazing opportunity to work, play, sing and worship with you all.

~ Lynn Sabourin

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The Staff wish Lynn a
Happy Retirement.



We'll miss you, Lynn!

Lynn Sabourin: A Tribute

If you're having trouble remembering or even imagining a time Lynn Sabourin wasn't part of this church, you're not alone. Consider:

She started this job in 1981. The number one movie that year was *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. And like Indiana Jones, Lynn has basically been one breathless step ahead of that giant rolling boulder ever since. Forty years. Of this. With us. Somewhere in Lynn's heart is a private tally of what that actually means. Like:

- 375 rounds of King Frog
- 55 sleepless nights on the basement floor
- 310 AA batteries procured for flashlight tag
- 1,802 Eggo waffles served
- 3,778 dish clothes washed
- 49 grant applications proofread
- 1,200 off-rhymes finessed
- 812 how-ya-doin? calls to departed former members
- 1510 pinecones hot-glued to boards
- 250 Superman blessings led
- 52 forgotten lines stage-whispered to small people dressed as shepherds or mice
- 4,002 bits of straw picked out of the sanctuary carpet on Christmas Eve
- 75 kilos of raw sewage shoveled out of the basement after a sewer-line break
- 42 database updates completed
- 450 outrageous secrets kept in confidence
- 175 condoms rolled on to bananas
- 87 toilet-paper runs to Costco
- 15 gentle reminders of the "one body one bag" rule for youth at cons
- 76 epiphanies kindled
- 514 fears assuaged
- 64 kids made to laugh while they were drinking juice
- 27 chalice burns
- 13 ministers broken in

The Lost Ark, when Lynn finally found it, was anticlimactic. It just contained glue sticks.

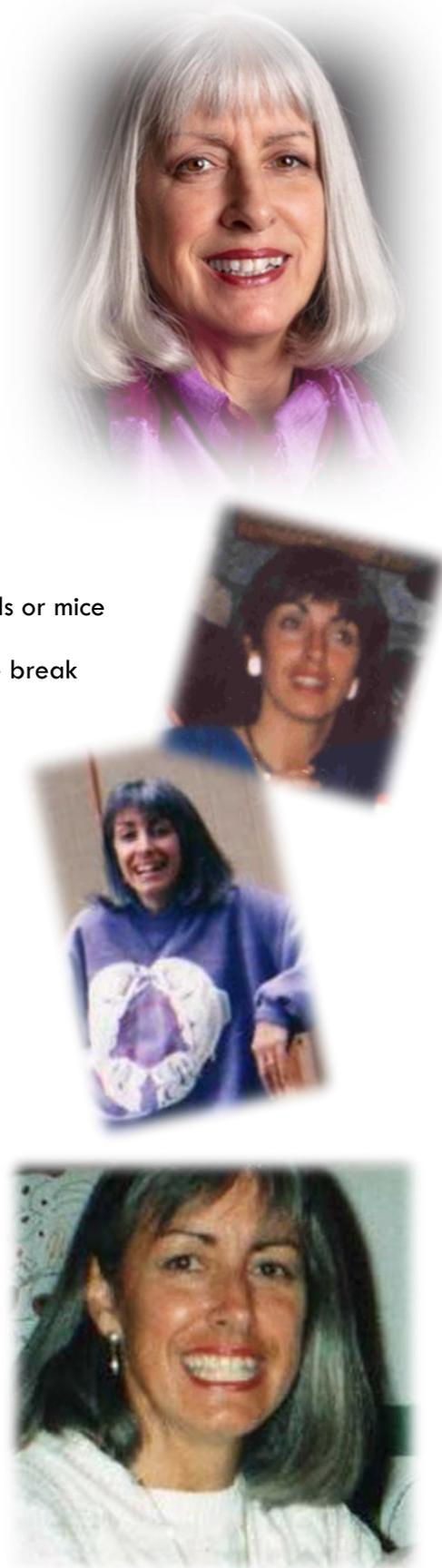
But there's another tally that never made it into Lynn's books. It's the number of lives she changed. Think about how many folks came through these doors just to check out this strange faith. And they met Lynn, and they got it. All seven principles, embodied right there in the Yukon blonde. And they never left.

If it were up to us, Lynn herself would never leave. Ever. We'd bury her bones under the chancel.

She finally had to make the first move and quietly slip out the back of the theatre. She'll forgive us for not getting up, even as the credits roll. We'll just sit in the dark here for a bit.

Feeling sad, feeling grateful.

Mostly grateful.





Youth Group Update

It ain't easy, being a youth in 2021. Covid has stolen from youth the two things they need most: privacy and their friends. There's no escaping your parents, and there are no meet space meetups.

But that's what Zoom is for. It's not perfect, but it's not bad. And it's getting better.

Youth Group continues on Sunday evenings, and we keep tweaking ways to be in community together virtually.

Keep an eye out for Murder Mystery night — a role-playing event — and another round with a fun drawing game called “A Fake Artist Goes to New York.”

~ Bruce Grierson, Youth Advisor

THANK YOU!

Special thanks to all the Advisors who are working hard to keep the youth connected: Paul Symons and Sacha Wassick leading the Grade 12 program, Jessica Motherwell McFarlane and Bill Richardson (the dynamic duo designing special Zoom games for Youth and other congregants and who substitute for Sunday programming), and Sacha and Kalan Wassick, Kit To, Bruce Grierson and Sofia Osborne who facilitate the Sunday night program which is currently on Zoom.

~ Lynn Sabourin

Grocery Receipt Program

City Market and

IGA Dundarave participate in our Grocery Receipt Program. For each \$5,000 worth of receipts, these stores give us gift cards that Nora Coates converts into cash donations to the church. Since 1999, this program has earned over \$7,000 for the church! If you shop at these stores, put your receipts on the bulletin board in the stairwell. It results in “free money” for the church!



Our Seven Principles

Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote seven Principles, which we hold as strong values and moral guides.

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
2. Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

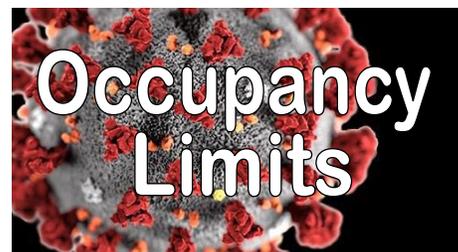
We will continue to observe the orders of local, provincial, and federal health authorities relating to Covid safety, including suspending in-person meetings and services when required.



Covid-19 Protocols

We ask everyone for complete cooperation in complying with the following protocols while attending services and other in-person events at the church:

1. Pre-registration is required for each person attending a church service (including all children and adults).
2. Occupancy limits (see article at right) must be observed.
3. We will pre-screen each person before they enter the building, asking a few Covid-related questions, and taking everyone's temperature using a non-contact thermometer.
4. No one may enter who is sick or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.
5. No one may enter who is in 14-day quarantine or who has been in close contact with someone suspected of having COVID-19.
6. Everyone must use hand sanitizer upon entering.
7. Please bring your own mask(s). Masks are required in the building for everyone (except the Minister and Service Associate during the Sunday morning services).
8. We will track attendance in case contact tracing is necessary later.
9. Wind instruments and singing are prohibited. (Humming is allowed).
10. Everyone will observe social-distancing, staying at least 2m away from others who are not in their immediate household. (Chairs may be re-arranged so people from the same household can sit together).
11. Sanctuary doors will be left open for improved air flow.
12. Please use washroom at home before attending the service, as our washrooms are limited to one person each.
13. There will be no coffee or tea served during or after events.
14. The church kitchen is "closed". Please bring with you any food or drink you will need while you're at church.
15. Disinfectant spray and paper towels are provided throughout the church building, including the washrooms. Please use these supplies to disinfect commonly-touched surfaces before you handle them.



COVID-19 Occupancy Limits

Our COVID-19 Safety Plan (see article below) included establishing and posting occupancy limits for the various rooms and spaces in our buildings.

Please do not enter a space if the maximum occupancy has already been reached:

Foyer.....	6 people
Sanctuary	25 people
Chancel.....	6 people
Rev. Ron's Office	3 people
Lynn's Office.....	1 person
Janni's Office	2 people
Sound Board room	1 person
Fireside Room.....	20 people
Each Washroom.....	1 person
Kitchen	(closed)



Our COVID-19 Safety Plan

Our Board and staff developed a COVID-19 Safety Plan, as required by WorkSafe BC and Vancouver Coastal Health. The Plan outlines our policies, guidelines, and procedures to reduce

the risk of COVID-19 transmission at church. Our COVID-19 Safety Plan is available [HERE](#) and on our website, and a printed copy is in the foyer. We encourage everyone to continue general recommendations such as frequent hand washing, avoiding contact with shared surfaces, staying home when sick or required to self-isolate, social distancing, wearing a mask when in public places, and avoiding crowded places.



July Eliot: July 17-24th “Music Lessons & Rhythm Revelations” with Matt Meyer

Explore what music can teach us about being in harmony, moving in rhythm, and making a difference. Through song and rhythm, story and reflection, we'll explore what a radically inclusive, spiritually alive, and justice-centered movement of Unitarian Universalism looks like. More info [HERE](#).

August Eliot: August 7-14th “Sailing to the Other Side” with Rev. Cheryl M. Walker

We live in turbulent times, navigating choppy waters. Knowing we cannot go back from where we came, and that we have not reached a new land, we need to learn the skills to survive and thrive the journey. How will we get there together? More info [HERE](#).

Creative Arts Eliot August 14-18th

As in previous years, participants will choose their workshops based on personal interest. Watch for additional information [HERE](#) as the time gets closer.



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