



starting**POINT**



New(ish) to Our Church? You're Invited To Starting Point: An Introduction to the Unitarian Universalist Journey

Do you want to discover how this church can help you live with greater depth, meaning and purpose? Do you want to connect more deeply with newer people in the church, and learn what brought *them* here? Do you want to start life-long friendships? If so, **Starting Point** with Rev Ron Phares might be up your alley. **Starting Point** is exactly what the names implies: a good starting point for deciding if you want to make this community your spiritual home.

Starting Point has two parts:

First, during the day on **Saturday, January 11th**, Rev. Ron will lead a participatory workshop using the metaphor of a journey to help you think about your spiritual life. The first half will be like getting to a rest stop on a hike, and thinking about your journey so far.

The second half will be like planning your route to the next leg. Child care and lunch will be provided! (Think "Oh boy... time to do adult stuff while the kids are entertained nearby!")

The following **Saturday evening, January 18th**, we'll host a dinner with leaders from the church. Here you'll have a chance to meet longer-time members, and learn of the many ways that you can become as involved as you want to be. Again, child care is included.

For more details, and to sign up, click [HERE](#), contact [Janni](#), or see the poster and sign-up sheet in the stairwell.



All are invited to our **Christmas Eve Service**

at 7pm

on Tuesday, December 24th

featuring traditional

Christmas stories,

carols,

and candle lighting!



Rev. Ron Phares

rev.phares@northshoreunitarians.ca

Greetings North Shore UUs!
Look at us, three months in! I can tell you that my family and I are loving being here, loving Canada, and loving this congregation. I am aware that the more I know about all of the above the more I know how much I don't know. As a testament to my progress, I point to the fact that I now know (usually a bit after the fact) when I have identified you by the wrong name!



Holiday Office Closures: December 24th—January 1st and February 17th

The Church Office will be closed December 24th through January 1st while staff enjoy the holiday and use some of their vacation time for winter break. The Church Office will also be closed Monday, February 17th for Family Day.

I look forward to learning more about your needs (conscious and otherwise) and how best to meet them. Where shall I push? Where shall I tread gently? What wants to happen? Where are the fault lines and where are the unstated, taken for granted strengths? All that will unfold in due time.

One thing that will be most helpful to me and beneficial to all of NSUC is direct feedback and communication. I've been warned that Canadians, being the polite and sometimes modest bunch they are, tend to shy away from giving direct feedback. Well, I love it. See, it gives me the chance to be a minister. It gives me the chance to get to know you and it gives me the chance to respond. The first part of that statement is far more important than the last.

Also, I am afraid that I can not respond to anonymous feedback of any kind. There are just too many variables unaddressed in anonymity. In turn, I promise to give you feedback too, both per-

sonally and congregationally. We will grow closer by being together and being honest. Gentle, but honest. It will be okay. It will be good.

And lastly, though certainly not least, is gratitude. As many of you by now know, my family and I have a home (read the full story [HERE](#)). We are feeling so blessed to call North Vancouver our home this holiday season. Honestly, I have a hard time celebrating as much as I should because part of me feels so spoiled to be here and in a lovely, comfy, cozy, beautiful house. Setting that aside for a moment, let me holler, "Yahooo!" It has been a long time since we have been able to nest. There is a constant stress with a family unrooted. It feels so good to set that down and hang pictures on the wall. Thank you all so much for all the wisdom, work, and generosity of spirit and money that enabled us to be here. Thank you. And may your winter days be merry and your long nights cozy.

~ [Rev. Ron Phares](#)

Janni Unavailable for Most of December

Janni will be in the office only 7 days during December, as she has run out of budgeted hours for the year.

Her only working days in the month are: December 2nd & 3rd, and the 16-20th.

At Rev. Ron's insistence, **Janni will not read emails while away**, and due to the sheer volume of emails she receives, most will be deleted unread upon her return (eTransfers are the exception). So if you send Janni an email in December and don't get a response, please email her again in January.

If you have an emergency while Janni is away, please email: Rev. Ron (rev.phares@northshoreunitarians.ca) or Lynn Sabourin (lsabourin@northshoreunitarians.ca).



From Our Board President



Jim Stephenson, Board President
president@northshoreunitarians.ca

The Little Church That Does

It's probably that vision thing. How else can you explain how a small, suburban congregation would decide to recruit a young, dynamic minister (or two) and relocate to a new building closer to a hub of activity and transit?

But vision is only the first step. Next comes a lot of careful planning and hard work. And then come the setbacks. Three years ago, we had a dynamic, young ministerial team in place and a New Building Task Force making progress. Then the young ministers had to leave, and a shift in municipal politics delayed the new building progress. Vision interrupted.

That's when patience and determination came into play. A Consulting Minister was called and a new Search Committee went to work. Recognizing that suitable housing on the North Shore was a challenge, a co-ownership program was developed, requiring creativity, initiative, and unprecedented generosity. We succeeded in call-

ing Ron Phares and are now once again turning dreams into reality.

Under Ron's guidance, we will continue to lead lives with greater depth, meaning, and purpose. We will also continue to realize our vision with an updated strategic plan, a communication strategy aimed at increasing our visibility, and programs to bring in younger people starting with our recent "Generation Next" event. Our current Stewardship Vision 2020 will provide the financial support for these activities.

The vision for a new building is still in the stage of requiring patience and determination with potential for a great outcome.

In the meantime, we have enhanced our current premises with upgraded flooring and seating. We have also upped our level of maintenance thanks to the Building and Grounds team under the dedicated leadership of Brian McConnell.

Your Board continues to support all of these efforts and guide the way to the future. One example is the new "Member Login" section of the NSUC website to provide greater access to congregational information. You are invited to ask [Janni](#) for the password to that area.

Keep your eyes open. We're all about vision.

~[Jim Stephenson](#)



Church Members can now access Annual Reports, Board and Congregational Meeting Minutes, Budgets, our eBulletin archive, and more! Contact [Janni in the Church Office](#) to get the instructions and password for accessing this new section of our website.

Partner Church News

As you may know, the long-time minister of our Partner Church in Hungary, Rev. Mihaly Kiss, passed away in August of complications from meningitis. He and Tunde (his wife) had moved to Erd, just South of Budapest to be near their grandchildren and the best facilities for Tunde's cancer treatments. I've extended condolences on behalf of all of NSUC.

Rev. Csengele Szabo, the new minister at our Partner Church in Hungary, had previously served her congregation in Gyor and they were very sorry to lose her. I am looking forward to forging a strong bond again between NSUC and Rev. Csengele's congregation.

Please speak with me if you would like more details or contact information. ~Brian Welwood
Chair of Partner Church Team



The purpose of the Heart, Mind, Spirit Team is to further our church's mission by providing programs that deepen our heart connections and inspire actions in the service of life. We welcome all our members and friends to participate in the inception, development and delivery of workshops,

talks, and ongoing programs. We invite you to indicate your interest to Janni or myself with any recommendations or suggestions.

The Heart, Mind and Spirit Team is sponsoring a number of programs this Fall and Winter, including environmental awareness building (through "Drawdown" and "Third Circle Coalition"), the Soul Matters program, Theologians' Café, and a carpool and follow-up discussion to the UBC Symposium and opera performance. More details about these programs can be found in this newsletter.

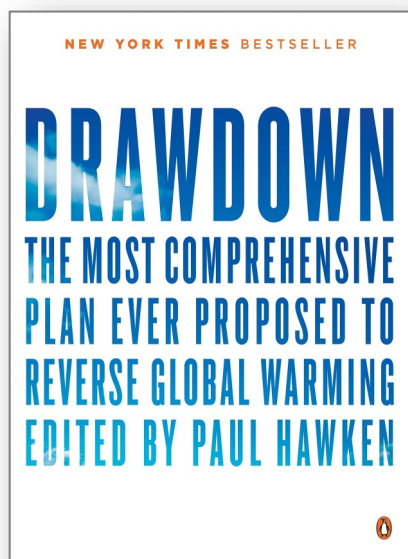
~ [Marga Hanna](#)
Chair, HMS Team



Third Circle Coalition Climate Emergency Action Plans in your community

Our Third Circle Coalition at NSUC invites you to partner with others in your neighbourhoods to learn more about municipal policies and the Councils that vote on their implementation. We're currently focused on tracking Action Plans created by the Districts of West Vancouver and North Vancouver to align with their 2019 Declarations of a Climate Emergency. Sign up on the bulletin board in the stairwell to get your name on the email list and co-create ways to think globally and act locally TOGETHER. You'll also receive notices about future habitat restoration projects on the North Shore.

~ [Judith Gordon](#)
& [Marcia Stephenson](#)



7:30pm Friday, January 17th "DRAWDOWN: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming"

[Judith Gordon](#) continues to be deeply engaged in bringing environmental issues and volunteer opportunities in this regard to our awareness. She is sponsoring the "Drawdown Ecochallenge" — a solution-focused engagement program to reduce carbon in the atmosphere.

A qualified group of researchers from around the world identified, researched, and modeled the most substantive, existing solutions to address climate change. What was uncovered is a path to roll back global warming within 30 years. At this event, learn more about DRAWDOWN and meet others in our community who are actively making a difference. More information at: www.drawdown.org. Contact [Judith Gordon](#) for more info about the presentation at NSUC.



Do you receive our weekly eBulletin (which is emailed on Fridays)? If not, please contact Janni in the Church Office so we can add you to the list (604-926-1621 or info@northshoreunitarians.ca).



Upcoming themes are: **Awe** (December), **Integrity** (January), and **Resilience** (February). Group discussions are immensely heartwarming and rich for participants. Some people use the monthly theme packets for self-study, while others use them for group discussions. Printed copies of current packets are available on the foyer table, or you can access the packets online using the link provided in each eBulletin. A new group is forming — and all are welcome! To facilitate or participate in a group, contact the [Church Office](#) or Anne Mayall, the Soul Matters Coordinator at 778-686-3643 or annemayall51@gmail.com.



Join NSUC member [John Slattery](#) at 1pm at the West Vancouver Seniors' Centre for a monthly Theologians' Café discussion. Upcoming dates are December 12th (So What Really Happened in 0 AD?), January 9th (Medical Assistance in Dying: Religious Perspectives), and February 13th (The 'Ideal' Religious Service: What Would it Look Like?).

"Soul Matters" is a small group ministry program that uses carefully chosen UU resources, exercises, and questions to inspire soulful inquiry and reflection on universally common themes. Each month, we focus on a new topic.

Lunch Bunch

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the Month in the Fireside Room.

Upcoming dates: December 12th, January 9th & 23rd, and February 13th and 27th. We begin at 12:30pm and usually finish around 2pm. Pack a bagged lunch and join us for conversation and tea. Call Joanna at 604-904-9535 if you need a ride or have questions.



Circle Dinners

The Circle Dinner Tradition nurtures our community by combining familiar and new acquaintances in small, informal groups over a potluck meal and fellowship in individual's homes. (Special dietary needs are accommodated).

Dinners are usually held on the last Saturday of the month. Our winter date is scheduled for Saturday, January 25th (locations and start times vary from host to host). Contact Joy Silver (odetojoy@telus.com or 604-941-2606) to participate as a host or guest, or sign up on the sheet in the stairwell.



Symposium Recognizing the 75th Anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz

Carpool to UBC
dates/times to be determined
(watch [eBulletins](#))

Follow-up Discussion at NSUC
7:15pm Tuesday, February 4th
in the Fireside Room

Join a carpool to attend the UBC Symposium and/or see one of the opera performances "The Passenger" at the Chan Centre (UBC) during the week of January 27th - February 2nd. A follow-up discussion will be offered by the NSUC Heart, Mind, Spirit Team on Tuesday, February 4th at 7:15pm. Watch for eBulletin updates.

More information about the UBC Symposium beginning on International Holocaust Remembrance Day January 27th is available [HERE](#) or in the Church Office. Click [HERE](#) or contact the Church Office for dates/times of the opera performances at UBC.

Children's Program



Lynn Sabourin
Director of Family Ministries



Thanks so much to all the adults who helped with the Gift-Making Workshop on November 17th. It was a wonderful afternoon with happy children leaving with gifts they made for family and friends. Thanks to Jasha Ramsey-Latter, Lynda Fownes, Anne Dyer, Donna Massey, Janni Kretlow and Erin McNeill for advance prep work. To the right, see a list of what we did, and the wonderful people who made it happen!



Spirit Play (3-6 years)

The children are asked wondering questions and then are invited to express their thoughts through various artistic materials. What happens each Sunday in that classroom is magic and thanks to Jilly the children are being encouraged to think for themselves about the big questions in life.

Jilly Watson, our Spirit Play teacher, is very happy that we now have a small group of 3-6 year olds who can be involved in our Spirit Play program. Each week the children hear a story that uses manipulative materials to enhance the telling and that they can use in their creative time. They have started with stories that illustrate our Unitarian Universalist (UU) principles.

Gift-Making Workshop Projects & Volunteers

Wax Print Cards
Beeswax Candles
Reindeer Ornaments
Button Cards
Washer Pendants
Flower Angels
Sock Penguins
Bead Wreaths
Painted Treasures
Cookies in a Jar
CD Card Holder
Tickets
Refreshments
Set Up etc.

Jessica Motherwell & Calli Moore,
Robyn Newton & Susanne Krebs
Gabi Harvey & Joan Cox
Janni Kretlow & Carla Mandy
Caryl Chamberlain & Donna Massey
Anne Dyer & Jasha Ramsay-Latter
Erin McNeill & Betty-Ann Osler
Kit To & Peggy Sloan
Jen Williams & Allyson Yee
Marcia Stephenson & Tricia Edgar
Cindy Leitner & Anne Mayall
Elizabeth Cody-Rutter & Vicky Naranjo
Barb Moore & Krista Tulloch
Linda Vance & Cara Elrod



Children's Program



Primary Class (7-8 years) and Middle Class (9-10 years)

Thanks to Sam Moller and Erin McNeill, with backup from Gabi Harvey and Catarina Gomes, both classes have been experiencing the Truth, Healing and Reconciliation Reflection Guides that have been developed by the Canadian Unitarian Council.

The children have been exploring Indigenous spirituality and culture, particularly that of our local Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh. The impacts of what happened at Indian Residential Schools have been explored and they have had the opportunity to reflect on their feelings and thoughts about those times. They have applied our seven UU principles in their discussions and have thought about how they can respond in just and respectful ways. It has been interesting to hear them articulate that they never want something like this to happen again and that our government needs to set this right.



Intermediate Group (11 & 12 years)

With guidance from Jessica Motherwell, Bill Richardson and Doug Sabourin, our 11-12 year olds have generated a list of questions that they would like to explore this year, with room for current

situations and concerns. Some of the simplest questions have generated the most thoughtful responses. For example, "Why Do People Litter?" led to the bigger question of climate change, Greta Thunberg and who is responsible for cleaning up our world. Other topics have included Thanksgiving and why it is important to give thanks, memory, remembrance, war and peace. Darius, one of the class members, illustrated his world view and invited discussion of it. "What is the Best Movie?" led to a discussion of what makes something worthwhile enough to give our precious time to. There is never a dull moment in this class and it is fun to pop in while all the energy is high.



Many thanks to Cara Elrod, our Religious Education Assistant and our amazing teachers without whom our church school would not exist!!!!

SECRET BUDDIES



Secret Buddies is an opportunity for adults and children 5 years and over to get to know one another and have fun. It's easy to do!

Adults and children sign up between January 26th and February 2nd using the forms on the bulletin board downstairs. Then, I match adults and children into pairs. Starting on Sunday, February 9th, both adults and children use the "mailbags" with the child's name on the bulletin board downstairs. Secret Buddies exchange letters, jokes, puzzles, drawings, baby pictures, book and movie recommendations etc. – anything that will help adult and child get to know each other.

Identities will be revealed at a potluck supper and games night 5-7pm on Sunday, March 8th.

For more info contact Lynn Sabourin at 604-926-1621 or lsabourin@northshoreunitarians.ca

Secret Buddy Dates At a Glance:

Sign Ups
January 26th—February 2nd

Exchange
February 9th—March 8th

Potluck
5-7pm Sunday, March 8th

Youth Group

Youth Group's Vital Signs Are Getting Stronger

Though we lost our paid leader when Ariel left this summer to join her husband in his settled ministry in Seattle, a solid six-person volunteer advisor team is in place. A small but committed core of 13-17-year-olds has been showing up for semi-structured, semi-chill gatherings on Sunday nights. We check our phones at the door and tune in to each other, share our enthusiasms and concerns and do fun stuff.

And the numbers are encouraging down on the "farm team" — that's the group of 11-12-year-olds Bill Richardson and Jessica Motherwell have been cultivating in their question lab in the secret precincts of the Rod Stewart building on Sunday mornings. We glimpsed the future of Youth Group when this bunch was called up at Halloween to help the youth put on the haunted house in the Sanctuary. There

were a lot of hands on deck. Some of those hands grabbed random ankles (scare-level three) as visitors toured through the flexible new pewless space in the dark.

Exciting things loom on the horizon for Youth Group. There will be field trips and sleepovers, some of them with youth from the Vancouver church. We're brainstorming fundraising strategies to subsidize youth to go to "cons," which are super-valuable opportunities to fraternize with and learn from UU youth from across Canada and the Pacific Northwest. Rev. Samaya Oakley, whose heartbeat still shakes the chalice in the Fireside Room, has agreed to run a youth-advisor training for both our advisors and the Vancouver church — likely in the spring.

~ Bruce Grierson
Youth Advisor

Questions about Youth Events?

Need more information? Here are four ways to learn more:

1. See the Youth Bulletin Board downstairs.
2. Subscribe to our church's [eBulletin](#). (Youth events are posted there weekly).
3. Contact our Youth Advisors: [Bruce Grierson](#), [Jessica Motherwell](#), [Kit To](#), [Rose Reynolds](#), [Paul Symons](#), or [Sacha Wassick](#).
4. Contact Janni in the Church Office at 604-926-1621 or info@northshoreunitarians.ca.



Haunted House pictures





From the Library

With proceeds from the used book sales, we purchased the following titles from the UUA InSpirit Bookstore. Ariel Hunt-Brondwin, Marcia Stephenson, and Lynn Sabourin assisted with selection. *Pagan and Earth-Centered Voices in Unitarian Universalism*, J.K. Hildebrand & S.A. Ranck, Eds; *Buddhist Voices in Unitarian Universalism*, W. Arnason & S. Trumbore, Eds; *Jewish Voices in Unitarian Universalism*, L. Hart-Landsberg & M. Keller, Eds; *Christian Voices in Unitarian Universalism*, Kathleen Rolenz, Ed; *Humanist Voices in Unitarian Universalism*, K. Gibbons & W.R. Murry, Eds; *Welcome: A Unitarian Universalist Primer*, Patricia Frevert, Ed; *The Nested Bowls: The Promise and Practice of Good Governance* by Laura Park; *Tending the Flame: The Art of Unitarian Universalist Parenting* by Michelle Richards; *Life Tides: Meditations* by Elizabeth Tarbox; *Man's Search for Meaning* by Victor E. Frankl.

~ [Nicole Hostinsky](#), Librarian



Artarian Updates

During December and January, the Sanctuary walls will display the work of North Shore Unitarian artists. In February, we will show the works of Leanne Hildebrand. The church receives a 20% donation for works that are sold. We welcome referrals, suggestions and comments from the congregation (contact [Beverly Grice](#) or the [Church Office](#)).

Grocery Receipt Program



City Market and IGA Dundarave both participate in our Grocery Receipt Program. For each \$5,000 worth of their receipts, these stores give us gift cards that Nora Coates converts into cash donations to the church. Since 1999, this program has earned \$7,465 for the church! If you shop at these stores, please put your receipts in the folder on the bulletin board in the stairwell. It results in "free money" for the church!

Save the date for the 2020 CUC Annual General Meeting & Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia May 15-17, 2020



Hosted by the Universalist Unitarian Church of Halifax, this conference promises to have a unique Atlantic flavour. The theme for Conference 2020 is MAKING WAVES! Building on the imagery of The Ripple Effect, the Canadian Unitarian Council's campaign on water and its related environmental issues, this theme encourages and challenges UUs to make waves that practice radical inclusion, challenge the status quo, and push us to remain relevant into the future. More info [HERE](#).

Interested in representing NSUC as a delegate to the AGM? Contact [John Slattery](#), [Liz Moffitt](#), or [Janni Kretlow in the church office](#).

Outreach

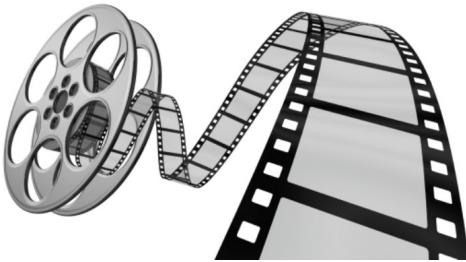
Each Sunday, 100% of our offering plate collections, unless otherwise marked, are given to the charity featured that month.

Recent Outreach Recipients and amounts (rounded to the nearest dollar) are: **August:** [Dying with Dignity](#) (\$703), **September:** [St. James Music Academy](#) (\$1,734), **October:** [North Shore Multicultural Society](#) (\$1389), **November:** [Sheway](#) (TBD). Upcoming Outreach Recipients are **December:** Minister's Discretionary Fund, **January:** [North Shore Women's Centre](#), **February:** [Rainbow Refugee](#).



Upcoming FundFest Events That are Open to All

Each spring, we host an annual fundraising auction called “FundFest”. Many of the items auctioned off are events that can include an unlimited number of people — so it’s not too late to participate! You’re invited to these inspiring and fun events (proceeds go to the church):



Feasting on Films

**7pm on Fridays January 31st,
February 28th and March 20th**

This series of critically acclaimed and thought provoking films is offered at the church, followed by optional discussion. Film-themed food and drinks are provided. Cost: \$15. Watch eBulletins for film titles. Questions? Contact [Jan-ni in the Church Office](#).



Family Potluck & Ceilidh Dance

5:30pm Sat. February 29th

Bring the whole family for an evening of food, music, traditional dancing and community fun! Bring food to share at the potluck. Caller Bob Rentz will show you how to move to the lilting strains of [Alison Nixon's](#) fiddle music. Cost: \$15 for adults (children are free).

Masked Hysteria Returns Sat. February 15th

The legendary gala night in Venice is back, and better than ever. Take your place at the long table with other costumed diners: enjoy a multi-course Italian feast; revel in the music and merriment of the masquerade; and admire the sumptuous hand-painted murals evoking the city of canals. Extra added attraction: masked mystery guests are returning from across the sea to astound old friends and entertain new ones. 10 tickets available at \$45 each. Reserve your space by contacting [Marcia Stephenson](#) before January 31st.



Snow Closures

When weather is bad, our main concern is for the safety of our congregants. It is up to individuals to determine whether or not they feel safe coming to church in inclement weather.

On very rare occasions, church services (and other events scheduled that day) may be cancelled due to poor weather conditions. On a Sunday, the decision will be made by 8:00 that morning.

If a Sunday Service is cancelled, we will try to notify the congregation several ways, including:

- Posting a message on our Home page and Blog.
- Emailing church members and friends.
- Changing the message on our phone’s answering machine.
- Encouraging “word of mouth” communications.
- If possible, putting a note on the door.

Unforeseen situations may prevent these methods of communication, in which case we will use whatever means we can to notify congregants of the closure.

Church events other than Sunday Services may be cancelled for bad weather at the determination of the event leader. It is the responsibility of the event leader to communicate the cancellation with the participants.

B&G

Building & Grounds

Whether you are committed to finding and moving to a different NSUC home or are content at present with our current property, especially given the current North Shore political climate, we have to ensure that our building and grounds are appropriately maintained. The much appreciated flooring and seating renovations indicate a willingness on your part to invest some time and treasures in 370 Mathers Avenue. The tenant, Kuddles, also deemed it worthwhile to do upgrades to the playground and Rod Stewart Building (RSB).

Staying at our present digs has two consequences. First, we need to budget for and commit to doing the necessary work. Your B&G Team is currently considering these items: LED lighting in the main building, furnace work in RSB, exterior painting, a major boiler overhaul, and more grounds care. The second consequence is that as the B&G Team is getting older, fewer of its members can do the heavy lifting and high ladder work that was natural just a few years ago.

It was good to see more people show up for the amazing July work party. In the past two years, the B&G Team (welcome Dennis Cooper, Jel Coward and Andy Laird), has accomplished or supervised over 100 projects, including September drain inspections. Some tasks are completed by our custodian. Your previous and current Boards of Trustees have become more involved in the many aspects of NSUC property management. We trust that their actions will lead to a sustainable future, wherever that home is.

~[Brian McConnell](#), B&G Chair

Cares & Concerns Team



Our Team has been busy making calls to those who are feeling out of touch, visiting those who can't attend church, and sending support for those who are in need. At times we can offer transportation to and from church, medical visits, and other appointments. We try to be aware of those among us who need extra support or are in vulnerable situations. If you know someone who is needing additional support that we can offer practical assistance to, please contact our Co-Chairs: [Barb Kroon](#) at 604-617-2310, or [Jean Prescott](#) at 604-924-6006.



Potluck & Games Night 5pm Sunday, February 16th

Join us for a winter potluck and games night! At this dark time of the year, let's have some fun together. Bring a dish and a beverage to share and know that EVERYONE is welcome.

Annual Budget Meeting Sunday, January 26th

Our annual Budget Meeting will take place at 12:15pm on Sunday, January 26th.

As our Bylaws state, in order to vote a Member must have signed the membership book at least 90 days before the meeting *and* must make a qualifying financial contribution in the past 12 months (or obtain a waiver from the Minister). Sandwiches will be available for sale before the meeting. Please let [Lynn Sabourin](#) know if you need childcare for your children during the meeting.





Since 1947...
*inter-generational camps
 for Unitarian Universalists,
 their friends, and families.*

Winter Eliot 2019

Give Light: Spiritual Nurture for Climate Activism with Rev. Fred Small

Saturday, December 28, 2019 to Wednesday, January 01, 2020

Registration and details [HERE: https://www.eliotinstitute.org/calendar/9080-winter-eliot-2019-give-light-spiritual-nurture-for-climate-activism-with-rev-fred-small](https://www.eliotinstitute.org/calendar/9080-winter-eliot-2019-give-light-spiritual-nurture-for-climate-activism-with-rev-fred-small)

As we come to understand the gravity of climate disruption, it's easy to become disheartened. How do we maintain equanimity and compassion for ourselves and others while sustaining effective

activism? In this interactive program, Rev. Fred Small will invite us into meditation, reflection, conversation, and song, fortifying our spirits and deepening our resolve in the struggle for climate justice.

A Unitarian Universalist parish minister for nearly two decades, Fred is also a singer-songwriter and environmental lawyer. In 2015, he left parish ministry to devote his energies to climate advocacy.



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 and Tsleil-Waututh
 traditional territory*

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We actively welcome
 all genders
 and sexual orientations
 in our faith community.