



## ***UN Sunday & Gibbard Award***

Rev. Steven Epperson  
with John Gibbard Award Committee and this year's award  
recipient: Gurkiran Mann

– October 23, 2016 –

# UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

## Celebration of Worship

October 23 2016

At the front of the church you will find unlit candles. You are welcome to light a candle in remembrance, in gratitude, in prayer, in celebration.



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*The prelude helps to create a spirit for shared celebration and worship.  
Please refrain from conversing and please turn off your cell phones.*

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### **Prelude**

Medley of National Anthems #1  
played by E. Dainow

### **Invocation**

*This is My Song* words by L. Stone  
music by J. Sibelius  
with the Chalice Choir

### **Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours**

Rev. Steven Epperson

### **Kindling the Chalice Flame**

### **Opening Hymn #148**

*Let Freedom Span Both East and West*

### **Story for All Ages**

read by Rev. Steven Epperson

Let's Sing the Children Out "*Go now...*"

### **Welcome and Announcements**

Marg Fletcher

### **Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns**

Marg Fletcher

**Offering:** *We deeply appreciate  
your presence here, your offerings  
and the gifts you share.*

Medley of National Anthems #2\*  
played by E. Dainow

### **Meditation, Spoken then Silent**

Rev. Steven Epperson

### **Musical Response**

*Lo Yisa Goi*  
Jewish Folk Song with English words by C. Porter  
with the Chalice Choir

**This Year's Gibbard Award honours  
Gurkiran Mann\*\*\***

**Remarks**

Rev. Steven Epperson

**Closing Hymn #318**

*We Would Be One*

**Closing Words/Extinguishing the Chalice Flame**

**Valediction**

*Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.*

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\* Kiran has helped people in places other than here and these are the anthems of some of those countries: Guatemala, Haiti and the Phillipines.—*Elliott*

\*\***John Gibbard** was a supporter of the United Nations Association and a long-time member of UCV. Each year the UN Association of Canada, Vancouver Branch, gives this award in the name of John Gibbard, to recognize local young people doing exemplary work in the spirit of the United Nations.

\*\*\*Kiran is in her fourth year of studies at UBC in the Faculty of Science.

Among her many achievements and activities, Kiran is the Co-Founder and Director of Special Events of Youth Transforming Society (YTS), a registered non-profit organization that aims to raise awareness of global issues and encourage volunteerism among young people.

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**Next Sunday Service: October 30, 2016, 11 am**

## ***Encountering our Ancestors XII***

**Rev. Steven Epperson with guests from the past.**

The seats in the rear of the church are ***reserved***:  
(when facing the front) *left side for parents with babies or small children in childcare, and right side for persons in wheelchairs*

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[ucvevents@gmail.com](mailto:ucvevents@gmail.com) Please include your name.

## ***UCV 2016-17 Vision Process and Timeline:***

The Vision process aims to involve as many members of the congregation as possible—it needs to be a shared undertaking, empowering congregants both through engagement in the process and ownership in its outcome. The Taskforce creates and facilitates a process that will be inclusive, participatory and transformational.

### **Timeline:**

- ★ 1. Summer 2016—UCV Board creates the Vision Taskforce; its members meet to agree on the purpose and scope of the Vision process, and to create and schedule Vision events.
  2. September-October 2016
    - ★ a) Forum, September 18
    - ★ b) Children's RE activity, September 25
    - ★ c) Vision worship service, October 2 (*We had a fabulous response. Thank-you!*)
    - ★ d) Vision oriented Messy Church, October 14
    - e) Other events/media, eg: online surveys, etc
  3. November 2016—Vision Taskforce drafts a Vision Statement with initial priorities arising from collected information; it shares the draft Statement with the congregation and invites further reflection/response
  4. January 2017—all responses in for final Taskforce review. Taskforce works up final draft of Vision and priorities list.
  5. February 2017—Vision statement sent out to congregation.
  6. March 2017— Celebration Gathering and vote by congregation to accept Vision Statement.
  7. April 2017—Taskforce meets with the UCV Board of Trustees, reviews outcomes and decides on next steps and implementation.
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### **HOW WE'RE CHANGING THE WORLD!**

We have lots of great letter writers at UCV, including Ursula Litzcke, who wrote to every MP regarding her concerns about the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) agreement and also had a wonderful letter published in Oct 3rd Maclean's p. 7 entitled (in very large print) "Good Point." Thanks Ursula.

## TODAY'S EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAM:** Childcare is available free for the younger ones (aged three and under) in Servetus Room on the main floor of Hewett Centre.

**ART AT UCV:** The art exhibit this month is by Rev. Katie Stein Sather and Karen Johnson. The theme is *Soul Journeys: the quest for completion and connection*. Some of you will remember Rev. Sather as UCV's intern minister in 1995-96. The Artists' Reception is Sunday, Oct 23, 3—5 pm in the Fireside Room. This show explores the yearning some have for connection with nature, or is it divinity?

### **BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY RELATED TO TODAY'S SERVICE**

*Too Close for Comfort: Canada's Future within Fortress North America* by Maude Barlow.  
Spine label 327.7 Bar

*Clayoquot and Dissent: Essays* by Tzeporah Berman, et. al. Spine label 971.12 Ber

*Navigating a New World* by Lloyd Axworthy. Spine label: 327.17Axw

*Power of Nonviolence: Writings by Advocates of Peace*. Spine label: 327.17 Wei

*Unitarian Way* by Phillip Hewett. Spine label: 288 Hew.

**FORUM:** Today, 12:30–1:30 pm, Fireside Room.

*Food Security in Vancouver*. Second in a 3-part series dealing with food policy, today's forum will focus on food security. How can we work towards a food system based on the right to food? How can public policy and community organizations contribute towards a just and sustainable food system in Vancouver?

Susanna Millar is a social worker, food advocate, and farmer in Vancouver. She is currently working as the 'Farmer/Community Programmer' for Gordon Neighbourhood House, in the West End. Gordon Neighbourhood House runs a variety of food programs for the surrounding community, many of which Susanna has been involved in for the past 2 years.

Sponsored by the Social Justice Committee

### **GIVING THANKS, SHARING FOOD. THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE!**

Food donations are at an all-time low right now, but the need is not. We are aware that there are many problems with our food distribution system in Canada, and food banks are only a band-aid for a larger problem of access to good nutrition. We as a nation can do better. As a congregation please let us do what we can to support people in need now and work towards a more generous and humane solution to hunger. During October, the children have been collecting your healthy non-perishable food donations before and after services. Today will be the last day to donate food.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### A REMINDER TO ALL

The Annual Committee and Program reports were due Oct 7. Please get them to [diane@rubyslippers.ca](mailto:diane@rubyslippers.ca) if you haven't already.

**LOVE SOUP** last Sunday was huge success! Thank you very much for coming to eat and enjoy visiting! A big thank you goes to soup (5 different kinds) and dessert contributors and all help, whether large or small!

Next date will be the third Sunday, Nov 20. Please mark your calendar!

**MECHANICAL SKILLS REQUIRED** to figure out why the UCV ping-pong table doesn't fold down and fold up as it should. If you may be able to help, please contact Hunter at the church office. Many thanks. [hunter@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:hunter@vancouverunitarians.ca)



### **CELEBRATE OCTOBERFEST WITH FRIENDS!**

OCTOBER Movable Feast will be:

Saturday Oct. 29, at 6:00 pm. Alpen Club 4875 Victoria Dr.  
(Victoria & 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave.) German cuisine.

RSVP to Karen Bartlett or Dianne Crosbie

[Karen.bartlett@ubc.ca](mailto:Karen.bartlett@ubc.ca) or [dcrosbie@uniserve.com](mailto:dcrosbie@uniserve.com)

**OUR RE PROGRAM IS LOOKING FOR THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS FOR OUR CHILDCARE ROOM AND PRESCHOOL CLASS:** Music players—either a CD player or Bluetooth speakers; puzzles; infant bouncy seat; infant play mat; dramatic play props; manipulatives; ethnically diverse dolls (clothed); an easel/chalkboard. Please see Kiersten Moore before or after the service.

**THE CHILDREN** will be setting up an Ancestor Shrine during the October 30th service. You will all be welcome to come reflect and leave your own remembrances upon it after the service. If you have a picture or memento of a loved one that you would like to be displayed please bring it with you on the morning of the 30th.

**COME DANCE WITH THE ANCESTORS** on Tuesday, November 1 from 7 - 9 pm.

This is the time of year when the veil is thin between the worlds. Many cultures honour their ancestors so we have planned a Sacred Circle Dance on this theme with a pagan structure of calling the circle, invoking directions and deities--all in dance and with a Unitarian flair. Bring a photo or object to remember an ancestor. Bringing a snack to share is always welcome.

Coordinator: Mary Bennett, [circle-dance@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:circle-dance@vancouverunitarians.ca)

**THE OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY FUND (OOF)** is looking for one new member. We have four short meetings a year to discuss which community groups we allocate funds to from the Sunday offerings. If you are a UCV member and interested, please respond to [mlage@shaw.ca](mailto:mlage@shaw.ca) or [oof@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:oof@vancouverunitarians.ca)

**BOOK BASH!** The library committee is having its next Book Bash on October 30 and we welcome all donations of gently used books. Please bring any donations to the library, any Sunday between noon and 1 pm.

**LAST FRIDAY CAFÉ OCTOBER 28:** 5 – 9 pm, Fireside Room.

5–7 pm. *Fast Food for Thought*. We gather to network, share, listen and dialogue. Bring ideas, challenges, recent readings and/or BYOD. If you wish, bring food or order from across the street.

7–9 pm. Program Feature: American election. Bring memorable quotes or articles to discuss.

We welcome interesting, provocative and debatable topics for January to June 2017. Spiritual, social, psychological, environmental and economic issues and topics are particularly encouraged. We reach out to Unitarians and the community at large.

[RandallMacKinnon@yahoo.ca](mailto:RandallMacKinnon@yahoo.ca)

**THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE** is

1. endorsing a fundraising art auction for two programs that provide bicycles to residents of the Downtown Eastside (Pedals for the People) and to seasonal agricultural workers in the Fraser Valley (Bici Libre).
2. **LOOKING FOR DONATIONS** of art and bicycles. Please contact [yvonnemarcus@shaw.ca](mailto:yvonnemarcus@shaw.ca) if you are able to make a donation before November 10<sup>th</sup>. The auction “Pedalling Art” will take place on Nov 12 at Red Gate Arts Society, 855 E Hastings St, Vancouver.

More info about these projects:

<http://www.pedalpower.org/pedals-for-the-people.html>

<http://www.bikecoop.ca/2015/07/bici-libre-repairing-bikes-for-migrant-agricultural-workers/>

### ***UCV CARE AND CONCERN ANNOUNCEMENT***

*A new way to reach out in time of need:*

*“If you or others in the congregation are in need of support in times of transition, loss, illness, moving, etc.,*

*please contact: [careandconcern@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:careandconcern@vancouverunitarians.ca)”*

*sincerely, Rev. Steven Epperson*

## ***A Warm Welcome!***

Please visit our Visitors' Table and get a nametag in the Sanctuary foyer. Drop by the Welcome Table in Hewett Centre after the service and stay for coffee or tea and friendly conversation. Learn about our church and our community. Look for people wearing yellow nametags, who are welcoming you today.

If you are a new family visiting with children or babies, we look forward to welcoming you in person. Free childcare is available for children 3 and under, and children 4 and over are invited to join in this week's program activities. Children are also welcome to stay for the church service if they prefer. If you feel that you need to slip out of the service with a crying baby, please feel free to rejoin the service at any time. The service can also be heard in the foyer and in Hewett Centre.

### **SUPPORT TEAM TODAY**

**COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS**

Raj Pendakur, Pat Johnson

**FLOWERS**

Carolyn Innes

**LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL**

Aphrodite Harris, Hilda Wiebe

**LUNCH**

No Lunch

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

Hunter MacNiven

**SOUND**

Rob Greig

**GREETERS**

John and Rae Smith, Greg Grant, Gary Smook, Hilda Wiebe

**WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE**

Wendy Bryan, Huguette Sansonet

### **STAFF**

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Rev. Steven Epperson

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**SUNDAY RECEPTIONISTS**

Virginia Crabill, Robert Schultz

**UCV LAY CHAPLAINS**

Nan Gregory, Sherry King, Louise Bunn

*The red pulpit hanging is a gift from our partner church in Brassó, Romania.*

### **The Unitarian Church of Vancouver**

*We are a community of diverse beliefs and shared values.*

*In fellowship with one another, we seek spiritual growth, social justice, and environmental sustainability through worship, ethical action, education, and artistic expression. We welcome all who would join this compassionate and visionary community*

The UCV campus is a Smoke-Free Environment