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No Room in the Inn: Part II

- Rev. Steven Epperson – April 3, 2016 -

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER

Celebration of Worship

April 3, 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.



The prelude beginning at 10:45 am helps to create a spirit for shared celebration and worship. Please refrain from conversing and please turn off your cell phones.



Prelude

*Songs Without Words
April
Homeless*

Mendelssohn
Tchaikovsky
Mendelssohn
E. Dainow, piano

Opening Words /Greeting Our Neighbours

Rev. Steven Epperson

Kindling the Chalice Flame

Opening Hymn #118

This Little Light of Mine

Story for All Ages

read by Rev. Steven Epperson

Let's sing the children out: "Go now..."

Welcome and Announcements

Patrick Dubois

Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns

Patrick Dubois

Offering

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

Walk These Halls

Kerry-Anne Kutz*
with K.A Kutz & E. Dainow

Meditation, spoken then silent

The Streets of London

Ralph McTell
with K.A Kutz & E. Dainow

Musical Response

Sermon

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Closing Hymn #121

We'll Build A Land

Valediction *Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.
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* I am very pleased today to welcome a fellow Unitarian from my home-town of Montreal - Kerry-Anne. As well as being an accomplished singer, she also composes. Among her accomplishments is the honour of having sung for the Royal family, with Celine Dion and at the opening of a Canadiens hockey game! She has also appeared on CBC radio and TV and just recently finished this year's version of 'Festival de la Voix' of which she is founder and artistic director. She also currently works with Nicholas Fairbank of Victoria Unitarian Church on a project called 'The Art Songs of Canada.'—*Elliott*



April 10, 2016, 11 am

Building Community: Sustaining Our Vision

Rev. Steven Epperson

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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APRIL 3, 2016

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. Children aged 4 through 12, enjoy our core program.

ART THIS MONTH: Developmental Disabilities Association. Artist Reception Friday, Apr. 15, 5—8 pm.

LUNCH: LOVE SOUP is hosted by Amy Megumi's lunch volunteers.

Please come and enjoy our delicious hot soup, fresh salad, fun cookies and tasty Terra Bread in our very friendly and happy dining room in Hewett Centre. Your support and help in any size is greatly appreciated! —*Amy Megumi Anderson*

FORUM: 12:30 pm in Fireside Room. *Reducing Fossil Fuel Consumption* with Joe Gilling.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL FOR FAVOURITE POEMS FROM REV. EPPERSON FOR APRIL 17 WORSHIP SERVICE. It's been said that religion is poetry. April is National Poetry Month. On April 17, we will be worshiping through the medium of poetry—favourite poems, written or chosen and read by members of the congregation. Please send in your favourites for selection and reading to Rev. Epperson before April 10 at rev@vancouverunitarians.ca

NEW ADDRESS FOR UCV JOYS AND SORROWS EMAIL GROUP: This group posts the weekly announcements read at the service from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns. It also lets you know about illnesses, memorials and even a few joys. If you would like to join this group, contact Connie (cwigmore1@shaw.ca). Those of you previously in the yahoo group will still be getting notifications. Thank you to Mary Bennett for getting this group switched over to Google Groups.

UCV WILL HAVE AN OUTREACH BOOTH AT THIS YEAR'S PRIDE FESTIVAL at Sunset Beach Park on Sunday, July 31, following the Pride Parade. We need about 20 good souls to represent the church as a warm, LGBTQ-friendly place that invites all people to express and explore their spirituality. Can you to commit to a two-hour chunk of that day, to help with morning set-up, staffing the booth, or afternoon take-down and clean-up? We need your ideas and enthusiasm to make this a success! Contact Nan Gregory, nangregory@shaw.ca or Geoff Rempel, g_rempel@yahoo.com

DELEGATES WANTED to represent UCV at the CUC Annual General Meeting, Friday, 20 May 2016 at UBC. Requirements: 1) UCV member; b) available all day; c) study proposed CUU=C vision, CUC funding options, & previous CUC resolutions; d) engage in discussion at the ACM; & e) vote in UCV's best interest. UCV Board will approve 8 delegates in April. Contact keith@cuc.ca, tel: 604-838-5643.

BILLETING, A WAY OF BUILDING COMMUNITY: Please consider offering a bed to one or two visitors attending the national CUC conference at UBC, May 20-23. If you are interested, contact Connie Wigmore (cwigmore1@shaw.ca, 604-879-6243)

TPP FORUM APRIL 10TH: The federal government is conducting a preliminary public consultation on the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) with an April 30th deadline. Please attend our April 10th Forum at 12:30 pm in the Fireside Room for details and for assistance with making submissions. Bring your laptop or alternative device if possible.

SACRED CIRCLE DANCE: We gather every first Tuesday and second Monday to dance in community, 7—9 pm in Hewett Centre, by donation. No experience or partner needed. Contact Denise, ditzah@telus.net, for any further information.

ARE: 7 WORLD FAITH TRADITIONS DISCUSSION GROUP with Stanley Tromp. Tuesdays at 7 pm, with a month on Roman Catholicism.

NEW U IN A DAY: Interested in learning more about Unitarianism and the Unitarian Church of Vancouver?

Come to NEW U in a Day, Saturday, April 16, 9:15 am – 2:30 pm, Fireside Room. Coffee and muffins 9:00 am, lunch provided. Attendance encouraged prior to becoming a UCV member. Interested current members also welcome. Registration forms available at the Welcome Table or church office. Babysitting requests 2 weeks in advance. Questions, contact Dianne Crosbie at dcrosbie@uniserive.com or the church office, 604-261-7204.

NEEDED – PERSONAL ARCHIVE SORTING SPACE FOR MAY:

Dear UCV members: Am looking for a modest-sized archive sorting room – perhaps in a basement or elsewhere to sort, cull and organize archives that are in self-storage. Willing to pay a modest rent. Suggestions/offers will be appreciated. Michael Clague: mclague@telus.net. 604-224-0604.

CUC Resolutions – 2010 – Affordable Housing

Posted on [May 1, 2010](#)

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING

MOVED BY Rev. Dr. Steven Epperson, Vancouver, duly seconded and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY as amended, that:

WHEREAS access to adequate housing is a fundamental human right (paragraph 25(1) of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights); and

WHEREAS in 1976, Canada signed the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, legally committing Canada to make substantive progress to fully realize economic, social, and cultural rights, including the right to adequate housing; and

WHEREAS in 1998, the mayors of Canada's largest cities passed a resolution declaring homelessness a "national disaster;"; and

WHEREAS currently, an estimated 300,000 Canadians are homeless; 700,000+ Canadian households are in overcrowded housing; 1.5 million Canadian households are in "core housing need"; 3 million households are in unaffordable housing; 3.3 million households are living in substandard housing; and

WHEREAS since 1993, when the Canadian government cut its national affordable housing program, this nation has had no national housing strategy or framework; and

WHEREAS in 2009, through its "Universal Periodic Review" of Canada's compliance with international obligations, the UN's Human Rights Council "raised specific concerns about housing insecurity and homelessness in Canada;" and

WHEREAS in May 1996, the CUC adopted an "Economic Justice" Resolution which stated: "BECAUSE as Unitarian Universalists we are covenanted to affirm and promote justice, equity and compassion;

WHEREAS Canada is a country wealthy enough to afford just and compassionate programs for those in need.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Unitarian Council...calls for public policies to address and overcome disparities between rich and poor...[and] urges its member societies to become actively engaged in issues of economic justice in their local communities;" and

WHEREAS numerous surveys, assessments and task force reports have shown conclusively that Canadian Unitarians desire that the CUC "speak with a national voice, express a clear vision, and assert a stronger public presence"; and

WHEREAS, Bill C-304 directs the federal housing minister to engage with partners to create a comprehensive national housing strategy that reflects the needs of local communities; and

WHEREAS Bill C-304 will be presented to Parliament for a third and crucial reading in June 2010:

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED:

- that Delegates of the 2010 CUC ACM immediately call on all Members of Parliament to vote in favour of House of Commons Bill C-304: "An Act to ensure secure, adequate, accessible and affordable housing for Canadians"; and
- that Canadian Unitarians and Universalists be encouraged to write their MPs and campaign for the passage of Bill C-304;
- that the CUC Economic Justice Monitoring Group work with the Special Resolution Group to initiate an action plan for the Canadian Unitarian Council, its staff, Board and member congregations and fellowships to promote passage and implementation of a comprehensive, achievable national housing strategy;
- that copies of this resolution be forwarded to all member organizations, to the Prime Minister of Canada and to federal party leaders, and to local and national media.

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	Catherine Stewart, Susan Krug, Adele Cleverdon
FLOWERS	Carolyn Innes
LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL	Jean Stanton, Randall MacKinnon
LUNCH	Love Soup
ORDER OF SERVICE	Hunter MacNiven
SOUND	Rob Taylor
GREETERS	Ursula Litzcke, Denise Nereida, Melody Mason, Diana Lambrou
WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE	Alison Pearson, Eleanore Dunn

STAFF

PARISH MINISTER	Rev. Steven Epperson
COMMUNITY MINISTER	Rev. Laura Imayoshi
DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Morgan Reid
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Donna Brown
MUSIC ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER	Elliott Dainow
CASUAL CARETAKERS	Bruce Murray, James Wilson, Matt Yeung Ben Yeung, Mark Klassen, Marcus Hynes
CONGREGATIONAL ADMINISTRATOR	Ravina Sangara
OFFICE ASSISTANT / BOOKINGS	Hunter MacNiven
SUNDAY RECEPTIONISTS	Virginia Crabill
UCV LAY CHAPLAINS	Robert Schultz, Randall McKinnon Nan Gregory, Nicola Hamilton, Sherry King

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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