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Refugees and Distress Migration: Where Are We in 2019?

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UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER



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

Warm Welcome!

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

The seats in the rear of the church are **reserved**: (when facing the front) left side for those needing to slip in and out of the service, and right side for persons in wheelchairs & strollers. The UCV Campus is a non-smoking environment.

TODAY AT UCV

MEDITATION: Join us for the Sunday morning sitting meditation at 10 – 10:45 am in the Meditation Room. There is brief guidance at the beginning of each sit. Inquiries: victoriaoginski@gmail.com

LOVE SOUP is today! Please come and enjoy delicious and nutritious soup, fresh salad, Terra Bread, and yummy dessert. We appreciate your continued support, and any help you are able to provide would be welcomed. All the money raised goes toward our beautiful church and its important programs.

THE ENVIRONMENT TEAM is meeting today in Biddle at 12:30. Interested or curious to hear what is going on? Come by and check out what we are doing within the church, around town, and beyond!

SERMON DISCUSSION: 12:15 – 12:45 pm at a designated table in the Hall. Newcomers/regulars welcome!

ART SHOW: *Free to Be... Me!* This year's Children's Art Show was inspired by a project we did in March around the transgender day of visibility. They talked about what it means to be an individual and the importance of being free to express yourself and not hide who you really are. Each child had the opportunity in April to create a portrait of themselves in any way that spoke to them. Here are self-portraits of many children in our Religious Exploration program. Portraits in words, pictures, symbols, and colour. Each personal to the individual artist. I hope you enjoy this small peek into our children's creative reflection of themselves.

Families with Children, Welcome!

Our Director of Religious Exploration, Kiersten Moore, coordinates a team of staff and volunteer teachers to provide programming for children (up to age 12) and youth (secondary school age). We build community, explore traditions and spiritual practices, ask big questions, and nurture individual power to bring love and justice forward. Visit our website for more information at www.vancouverunitarians.ca or email Kiersten at dre@vancouverunitarians.ca. There are many volunteer opportunities within the program and it is a great way to be involved, deepen spirituality, and build connections.

Buddy Bags with a small stuffie, themed colouring book, and crayons are available in the foyer for use during the service. Please return them to the basket at the end; you may keep the colouring book. There is also a playroom for family use across from the kitchen in Hewett Centre.

Nursing parents are welcome in any part of our building. If you wish for more privacy there is a comfy chair and a rocking chair in the Hewett Hall playroom.

Children and Youth on Sundays

Everyone begins the morning together in the sanctuary for the first 10-15 minutes of worship through the *Story for All Ages*. The First Sunday of each month everyone remains in the Sanctuary for worship together (nursery care is available during all-ages services), 2nd to 5th Sundays children (up to 12) and youth (13-19) continue their Explorations across the courtyard in Hewett Centre.

Responsible adults must pick up children under age 9 from their classroom at 12:15 pm, Youth Group runs until 12:30 pm, older children and youth will be released to meet their families in the hall for coffee hour. You may join your child in Explorations, but we encourage giving them their own time whenever possible.

Colour Buttons Identify Teachers and Advisers

Orange: Toddler Watch—attending to babies and children under 4 within the Children's Program.

Green: Children's Program Leaders and Assistants

Yellow: Youth Advisers

Children and babies are always welcome in our worship services. To parents and responsible adults, we offer some tips to help you and your children be at ease:

- Mother Nature put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in our church.
- Sit towards the front where your child can see what is going on; backs of heads are boring! Help your child by being a role model.
- Gently and quietly explain what is going on, how people are listening or participating.
- Answer your child's questions with a quiet whisper—they often whisper back.
- Encourage your child to work with their Buddy Bag to help them concentrate on worship.
- If your child needs to leave the service, please feel free to come back. We believe children belong in sacred spaces.
- The service can also be heard in the foyer and in Hewett Hall where a playroom is open for your use.

Celebration of Worship: May 19, 2019

Prelude	<i>Music by Chopin*</i>	E. Dainow, Piano
Invocation	<i>The Turning of the World</i>	By R. Pelham With the Chalice Choir
Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours		Tara Bonham
Kindling the Chalice Flame		Christian, Leo, and Benny Malcolm
Opening Hymn #159		<i>This Is My Song</i>
Story for All Ages	<i>Stepping Stones: A Refugee Family's Journey</i>	By Margriet Nuurs Read by Sarah Neff
Announcements		Marg Fletcher
Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns		Marg Fletcher
Offering: <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>Waltz in C sharp minor</i>	E. Dainow, piano

Text-to-Give!

Did you know that you can now donate to UCV via text message? Simply text an amount to 778-771-1707 to get started today, or visit <http://bit.ly/2VFEWDS> for more information!

Introduction to Meditation		Catherine Stewart
Silence for Meditation		
Musical Response	<i>The Road Home</i>	By Stephen Paulus Solo: Patricia Cory

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Closing Hymn #407	<i>We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table</i>	
Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice Flame		Huguette Sansonnet Hayden

Recessional

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

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** Chopin left Poland just before a rebellion against the Russians, so in a sense he was a refugee, but an immigrant in any case: He went to Paris and spent the rest of his life there. Elliott*

UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

GREEN NEW DEAL TOWN HALL: Friday, May 24, 7:30 pm, in Hewett Hall. This event is one of many Green New Deal town halls being held in communities across the country in May 2019. The conversation is being led from the ground up through town halls bringing together people from all walks of life to discuss our vision for a new economy — one that cuts global warming pollution, sees the full implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Right to Free Prior and Informed Consent, and the TRC recommendations, creates millions of green jobs, and makes sure no one gets left behind. The input from these town halls will be used to inform a vision for a Green New Deal for all.

Please RSVP at: <https://act.greennewdealcanada.ca/town-halls/vancouver34/>

POSTER DESIGN WORKSHOP: Learn the fundamentals of poster design to help promote your team's events! This introductory workshop will provide a crash course in effective design principles, with examples and case studies, before jumping into some hands-on instruction using OpenOffice, an open-source software package that is free and accessible to everyone. Saturday, May 25 from 1 – 4 pm with UCV Office Assistant and graphic designer [Marcus Hynes](#). You *do not* need a laptop computer to participate in this workshop (instructional handout materials will be provided), but if you want to follow along, feel free to bring one with OpenOffice pre-installed.

SITE REDEVELOPMENT CIRCLE OF CONCERN WORKSHOP: Please join us on Sunday, May 26 from 12:30 to 2:30 pm in the Fireside room to share any issues or concerns you have about the current site redevelopment project and process and to explore these issues and concerns in more depth. This is a followup to the March 31 Listening Circle forum where at least 35 congregants shared their concerns, which were summarized and grouped into 8 categories of concerns. This 3 page report is available here: <http://bit.ly/2V5bov2> or in the sanctuary foyer on Sundays until May 26 or in the office. For further information, contact Rob Dainow at rdainow@gmail.com.

TRADING MEETUP & KOMBUCHA DEMO: Trade your stuff for other stuff! Cayla and Mary are organizing another mini-meetup for trading. There will be a kombucha demo and herbs for trading (mints, chives, etc.) Zero Waste Team zerowasteucv@gmail.com tinyurl.com/bunzucv for more details. May 26, 2 – 3 pm. Weather permitting, we'll be outside.

ONLY FOUR SPOTS LEFT – RECONNECT TO LIFE (RTL): The UCV [Enviro Team](#) is hosting a 2-day *Reconnecting to Life* workshop led by highly skilled facilitators based on the work of eco-philosopher [Joanna Macy](#). RTL is a safe and transformative group process which has the potential to empower our activism as we work together for a sustainable future. We will draw on dialogue, ritual, contemplation, experiences in nature to explore new ways of seeing and being. Join us May 31-June 1, 9am-5pm, in Hewett Hall. Cost is \$125 (includes veg lunch). Register now with ca@vancouverunitarians.ca.

MESSY CHURCH COFFEE HOUSE: Saturday June 1st, 5 – 8:30 pm. Coffeehouse is Back! Performers of all ages brush up your musical talent, put on your poetry-jam hat, and come take your place in the spot light. All ages and aptitudes are welcomed to the stage. We've had 2-year-olds through octogenarians alike perform at this much anticipated and beloved event. Dinner theme is "Family Favourites." Bring a food that is a must-have at your family gatherings. Eat, sing, and be merry! Donations support our Childcare staff funds.

IMPROVE YOUR TEAM'S WEB PRESENCE: Saturday, June 8, from 1 – 4 pm with Luke Zukowski. (This is Level 3 – at least one of your team needs to be able to post news and events).

THE SECOND SUNDAY BOOK GROUP meets at 12:30 pm, June 9, in Biddle to discuss *Warlight*, by Michael Ondaatje. The work is a perceptive and poetic examination of the damage done by the making of war and the possibilities for healing and reclamation as well. Participants are asked to bring food to share and several titles for consideration in the coming season. No meeting in the summer. We gather again in September. Everyone is welcome to attend.

PRACTICING INTERACTIVE THEATRE FOR LIVING: We meet to practice techniques in interactive, improvisational theatre. Anyone welcome! Wear comfortable clothes and be prepared for fun and insight. We won't be meeting on May 11 so our last practice before summer break will be: Saturday, June 8, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm in Hirschmanova. Would you like more info? Contact Rev. Meg Roberts, 778- 870-9015 or mroberts@uuma.org.

UCV'S THIRD COMPASSION CIRCLE – 2019: Want more compassion in your world? Consider UCV's new Compassion Circles (practicing Compassionate Communication, CC) plus the Compassion Course Online 2019 from New York (receiving 52 weekly emails covering CC concepts we then practise in the Circle). The 2019 Circle's 1st session is on June 23rd, 9:30 - 10:55 am in the Fireside Room. It will thereafter meet on the 4th Sunday each month. Two sessions at 9:30 - 10:55 and 12:30 – 2 pm in the Family Room. Please contact Sheila R. at sresels@gmail.com or Cindy Cashin at cindy_returns@yahoo.com to register prior to May 31st. *Registration is required.*

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU TO THE CANADIAN UNITARIAN COUNCIL! I am pleased to announce that our Harry and UU Summer Theatre Camp has received a generous grant in the amount of \$3,000 from the [Canadian Unitarian Council's Sharing Our Faith Fund](#). This grant will help us hire camp staff at a fair compensation rate, provide an excellent student-counsellor ratio, and insure affordability for Vancouver families. Check out our summer camp web page at www.vancouverunitarians.ca/education/summer-camp for more details.

MR. SHARP IS BACK! Clarence Phelps is bringing his precision diamond knife-sharpening equipment to Hewett Hall on **Sunday, June 9**. On that day, bring your knives, scissors, garden shears, scythes and other bladed implements, and enjoy your cutting experiences for months to come.

THE EARTH HAS A SOUL--NATURE WRITINGS BY C.G. JUNG: We are starting a new small group on the 4th Sunday of each month 12:30-1:30 pm. Each session will focus on a chapter from this book and the process will use covenant group guidelines of check-in, sharing, deep listening (rather than debate or discussion). Leadership will rotate. Contact Mary if you want to register or learn more: earthspiritucv@gmail.com. As with covenant groups, once we reach 10 members, the group will be closed.

OPENINGS FOR 1-2 MEMBERS IN THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE: Do you have experience and knowledge about human resources issues? Would you like to join a committed group of HR committee members? Help us contribute to making our UCV workplace a positive, satisfying experience for staff, members and the general public. Contact Sheila R., chair of the HR Committee at sresels@gmail.com.

UCV NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS:

- New Westminster: Rob Dainow (rdainow@shaw.ca)
- East Vancouver: Mairy Beam (mairyelesbea@gmail.com) and Paul Prescod (paul@prescod.net)
- Westside: Jeannie Corsi & Sheila Resels – contact ucvconnect@gmail.com
- Fairview/False Creek – Vivian Davidson (vdavidsonsc@gmail.com)

Is your neighbourhood not listed? Would you like to meet Unitarians who live near you? Contact Mary Bennett ucvconnect@gmail.com for help at connecting with your neighbours.

WHERE IS THE PHONE NUMBER? If a printed announcement, a poster, or some other document doesn't include a phone number to call to find out more and you don't do email or whatever, just call the office – (604) 261-7204 – and ask for me to call you back. — George Atherton

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND: West Coast Environmental Law (WCEL) will be the recipient of OOF funding from 1 February to the end of May. Over the years, WCEL has worked with communities, NGOs, the private sector and all levels of government to develop legal solutions to protect the environment. It has supported First Nations in articulating, revitalizing and applying their laws to protect land, air and water and has taken a leadership role in developing models for co-governance in BC and Canada.

UCV CARE AND CONCERN COMMITTEE

A 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. Sincerely, Rev. Steven Epperson

Do you receive our e-newsletters? If not, please go to vancouverunitarians.ca/newsletter to view recent newsletters (and sign up to receive in your inbox.)

Next Sunday Service: May 26

Air Communion

Louise Bunn and Rev. Steven Epperson

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS

Karen Hertz, John Smith, Eva Allan

FLOWERS

Diane Donaldson

LUNCH

Love Soup

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

Frances Anderson, David Buchanan

SOUND

Kaelyn Elfert

GREETERS

Shirley McLeod, Carolyn Grant, Denise Nereida, John Boyle

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Geoff Rempel, George Atherton

CARETAKER(S)

Edgar Silveira, Max Carranza



We actively welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities!

Our Vision

Because we envision a more compassionate world, we seek to deepen our spiritual and religious lives, grow and enrich our congregation, and advocate for love and justice.

Living Our Vision

As Unitarians, we are dedicated to spiritual growth, social justice, and reverence for nature and all life. We embody these values through worship, ethical action, artistic expression, and religious education for all ages that aim to connect hearts, heads, and hands. Our congregation welcomes all ages, orientations, abilities, and identities in our joyous search for meaning.

MINISTER AND STAFF

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