



Vancouver
Unitarians

DIRECTORY

of UCV Small Groups & Committees/Teams

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information contained herein (sresels@gmail.com)*



List of UCV Small Groups, 2019-20

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Please contact Sheila R. Connect & Engage Committee, to update this information (sresels@gmail.com). Note that most groups meet Sept – June. Check the UCV events bulletin or online listings for most current list. up-to-date information.

Group Name	Description	Meeting Time/Place	Contact Person(s)
Arts/Arts Display	The Arts Committee is responsible for the visual art exhibitions in the Sanctuary and Fireside Room. We seek out artists, most of whom are Unitarian members or adherents, and arrange dates for their shows. Welcomes new members.	2 nd Sundays, 10:30 – 11am, Lindsey-Priestley room, Hewett Centre	Caede Pungent: pungente_1@hotmail.com Chris Pearce: ppearce@shaw.ca
Book Group	This group discusses fiction and non-fiction books – suggested and facilitated by members. Drop in.	2 nd Sundays, 12:30 – 2pm, Biddle Room. Closed Dec, Jun, Jul	Rob Dainow: rdainow@gmail.com
Book & Lunch Club	Each member shares a book or two they think others would enjoy hearing about. The discussion is followed by a pot-luck lunch. Drop in but registration appreciated.	Last Thursdays, 11am – 1pm, Fireside Room	Nan Gregory nangregory@shaw.ca
Bridge Group	Friendly bridge. All levels welcome but you should know basics of play. Drop in.	1 st Tuesdays, 7 – 9pm, Fireside Room	Donna Brown: quinnbrown44@gmail.com
Cross-Country Unitarian Governor General's Fiction Book Group	This Canadian Unitarian group selects winners of the Governor General's Literary awards. Discussions take place using zoom technology. Registration is required.	2 nd Tuesdays, 1pm	Keith Wilkinson: keithwilkinsonconsulting@gmail.com
Circle Dance – Earth Spirit Circle	All welcome. RSVP appreciated.	1 st Tuesdays, 6 – 7pm, Hitschmanova Room	circledanceucv@gmail.com
Circle Dance – Sacred Circle	No partner or experience is needed. Dances are always taught & reviewed. Various facilitators. Drop in.	1 st Tuesdays, 7 – 9pm, Hewett Hall	Leslie Kemp: lkemp@telus.net circledanceucv@gmail.com
Circle Dance – Sacred Circle	No partner or experience is needed. Dances are always taught & reviewed. Facilitated by Corrine Chapel. Drop in.	2 nd Mondays, 7 – 9pm, Hewett Hall	Leslie Kemp: lkemp@telus.net circledanceucv@gmail.com

Circle Dance – Sunday Afternoons	'Gentle' introduction to Circle Dance. We do four dances and repeat them three times each.	1 st Sundays, 2 – 3:30pm	circledanceucv@gmail.com
Chi Gong	A physically coordinated meditation practice with visualization and sound. Facilitator: Victoria Oginski. Drop in.	Every Sunday, 9:15 – 9:45am, Family Room	Victoria Oginski: victoriaoginski@gmail.com
Chalice Choir	No auditions required, but previous singing experience is helpful (although happy to help new singers).	Every Thursday, 7:15 – 9pm, Sanctuary	Donna Brown: quinnbrown44@gmail.com
Compassion Circle	This group meets to practice/discuss Marshall Rosenberg's principles of compassionate communication. Registration required. At capacity. New group to start in June 2019. Contact sresels@gmail.com or cindy_returns@yahoo.com	4 th Sundays, 12:30 - 2pm, various rooms	Elizabeth Dunn emdunn3@gmail.com Mairy Beam: mairylesbea@gmail.com
CompuTutor	Come by with or without a laptop or smartphone along with questions, ideas & social media challenges. Drop in.	1 st Sundays, 12 – 2pm, Lindsey Room	Randall MacKinnon: randallmackinnon@gmail.com
Covenant Group – 7 UU Principles	A small group where everyone has a voice and is heard. Where members can share the ways Unitarian principles come up in life. Registration required.	Every Wednesday, 10 – 11:30 am, Fireside Room	George Atherton: notrehta@gmail.com
Covenant Group – Westside	Exploration of spiritual topics chosen by the group members, e.g., pride, attitudes toward death, what do we mean by 'spiritual', etc. Registration required. At capacity.	2 nd Fridays, 2:30 – 4:30pm at private residence	Eva Allan: evamaiallan@gmail.com
Covenant Group – Mostly Listening	The topic to be discussed is chosen by the group member whose turn it is to facilitate. Registration required. At capacity. More info at tiny.cc/ucvrth .	4 th Sundays, 12:45 – 2:15pm, Lindsey Room	George Atherton notrehta@gmail.com
Dinners – Hygge	"Hygge" is a Danish word meaning "cosy". Members host 6 – 10 guests in their home. Hosts provide a hyggelig space and bring all the food. Registration required.	Generally on the 3 rd Saturday, 6 – 9pm. Various private residences.	ucvhygge@gmail.com

Dinners – Messy ChUrch	Relax together, cook/potluck and eat. Downtime with peers, child supervision provided. Themed activity after dinner. Donation: \$5/adults, \$3/children. Drop in.	2 nd Fridays, 6 – 9pm, Hewett Hall	Kiersten Moore, DRE: dre@vancouverunitarians.ca
Earth Spirituality		Sundays closest to equinox, solstice, and cross-quarter days. 12:30 – 1:30 pm, Sanctuary stage	earthspiritucv@gmail.com
Genders & Sexualities Alliance / Welcoming Congregation Committee (part of Connect & Engage)	To offer educational and social programs to welcome all genders and sexualities. Genders and Sexualities Alliance gsaucv@gmail.com Meet for a social potluck. More info search website for "gsa".	Every month or so	Mary Bennett ucvconnect@gmail.com
G.L.A.D. – Gathering for Labyrinth, Art & Dance	Drop in.	3 rd Thursdays, 11am – 1pm, Lindsey-Priestley Room	circledanceucv@gmail.com
Meditation & Study Group	Everyone is welcome to come to either meditation or book discussion or to both. Facilitator: Victoria Oginski. Drop in.	Every Wednesday, 6:30 – 8:30pm, Family Room	Victoria Oginski: victoriaoginski@gmail.com
Meditation	Drop in. Facilitated by Victoria Oginski.	Every Sunday, 10 – 10:45am, Family Room	Victoria Oginski: victoriaoginski@gmail.com
Men's Groups	There are several private men's groups. The best way to learn more and get involved is to come to our annual retreat. Info and registration at http://heyuu.ca	September 28 – 30, Sasamat Outdoor Centre	http://heyuu.ca
Neighbourhood Groups – Westside	A monthly gathering which is focused on a topic of interest to the group. Facilitated by members. Drop in, but registration appreciated.	Generally on 4 th Tuesdays, 2:30pm. Private residence	Sheila Resels sresels@gmail.com Jeannie Corsi jeanniecorsi@telus.net
Neighbourhood Groups – False Creek, East Vancouver, New Westminster	Each neighbourhood group develops its own ideas about when, where, how and why to meet. They generally meet in one of its members' homes. Drop in, but registration appreciated.	Private residences	False Creek: Vivian Davidson vdavidsonc@gmail.com East Van: Mairy Beam mairyelesbea@gmail.com New West: Rob Dainow rdainow@shaw.ca
Parenting Group – Coming of Age	This group is focused on the transition in parenting experience as children move from childhood into adolescence. For parents of children ages 12 – 14. Please RSVP.	1 st Sundays, 9:30 – 10:30am, Biddle Room	Kiersten Moore, DRE: dre@vancouverunitarians.ca

Philosophers' Cafe	Philosophers' Café is a series of informal public discussions. Registration not required. Drop in.	1 st Thursdays, 10:30am – 12pm, Fireside Room	Randall MacKinnon: randallmackinnon@gmail.com
Sermon Discussions	Informal weekly discussions on the Sunday's sermon. Newcomers and regulars welcome. Drop in.	Sundays, 12:15 – 1pm, at a designated table in Hewett Hall	Sheila Resels: sreseks@gmail.com
Women's Groups (2 groups – 1 daytime, 1 evening)	Want to enrich and empower the lives of women? Two women's groups meet monthly. Registration is required.	Third Mondays, 7 – 9pm, Fireside room; First Fridays, 2 – 4pm, Fireside Room	Sheila Resels sresels@gmail.com
Youth Group	Open to new members.	Starting in the Fall	Kiersten Moore, DRE: dre@vancouverunitarians.ca



The Chalice Choir (Top) and Maypole dancers (Bottom)



List of UCV Committees & Teams, 2019 – 20

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Committee or Team Name	Mandate / Meeting Details / Membership Status	Contact Person(s)
Arts/Arts Display Committee	To stimulate visual forms of creative expression that reflect the congregation's principles and purposes. Meets the 2 nd Sunday of the month at 10:30am in Lindsey-Priestley. Open to new members.	Caede Pungente: pungente_1@hotmail.com Chris Pearce: ppearce@shaw.ca
Audio-Visual Team (Subcommittee of Buildings & Grounds Committee)	To manage the sound system within the sanctuary and the foyer and to ensure the congregation can participate in the worship service. Meets as needed. Open to new volunteers.	Galen Elfert: guelfert@gmail.com
Board Nominating Committee	The committee recommends to the congregation a slate of qualified nominees to serve, or compete to serve, in Board roles that become vacant at the next AGM. Only open to nominees & voted on by the Board.	Margaret Fletcher mfletcher508@gmail.com
Budget Committee (Subcommittee of the Finance Committee)	To draft a church operating budget for the period 1 July – 31 June annually for the board and membership to review, amend as necessary, and approve. Meets on a flexible schedule. Open to new members at the discretion of the Treasurer.	Cathy Sevcik cathy.sevcik@gmail.com
Buildings & Grounds Committee & Working Groups	To ensure that UCV buildings and grounds are maintained at a standard to protect and enhance their value, to maximize their utility for the congregation and the broader community. Meets on the Second Sunday every other month in the Family room at 6pm. At capacity.	Dianne Crosbie: dscrosbie@uniserve.com
Canvass Committee	To coordinate the annual Apr Canvass when members/friends are invited to sign a Pledge Card with the amount of their planned financial contribution for the next year. Various meeting times and places. Open to new members.	Cathy Sevcik cathy.sevcik@gmail.com
Care & Concern Committee	To care for members of the community in times of sorrow and joy, in concert with the minister. Neighbourhood leaders meet a few times yearly. The committee is organized mainly into neighbourhood groups. Open to new members.	Patti Turner: pgaleturner@gmail.com Connie Wigmore: Cwigmore1@shaw.ca
Communications Committee & Working Group (Web Support: Galen Elfert)	To oversee a consistent, appropriate, and proactive UCV communications strategy. Meets quarterly or as needed. Open to new members.	Mary Bennett: maryinvancouver@gmail.com

Committee on Ministry	To strengthen the quality of ministry at UCV. To support the minister and to be a channel between the minister and the congregation, including the Board. Meetings take place ad hoc. Members are identified by the minister.	Muriel Harris: muriel.harris@ubc.ca
Connect & Engage Team (Subcommittee of Membership Committee)	To provide avenues for new members to find opportunities in the UCV community to meet their own needs through connecting with others. Meets as needed at UCV. Open to new members.	Sheila Resels: sresels@gmail.com
Earth Spirit Council / Paganism Committee	To coordinate activities related to our Sixth Source (earth-centred spirituality). 1st Tues 6 - 7 pm, Hitschmanova rm. Council Planning Meetings when needed. Open to new members.	Mairy Beam: mairylesbea@gmail.com
Environment Committee	To green the UCV buildings, educate and involve members and the public on environmental issues and current initiatives. 3rd Sunday from 12:30-1:30 in Lindsey room. Our meetings are open to all who are interested.	Mary Lage: mlage4444@gmail.com Tamiko Suzuki: tamiko.l.suzuki@gmail.com
Finance Committee	To provide overall counsel, support and coordination for the financial work of UCV including canvassing, fundraising, budgeting, accounting, investing and financial reporting. Meets on a flexible schedule. Open to new members at the discretion of the Treasurer.	Cathy Sevcik cathy.sevcik@gmail.com
Flowers – Sunday	To provide and arrange flowers in the sanctuary for the Worship Service. No meetings. Email/phone communication as needed. Open to new volunteers.	Chris Pearce: ppearce@shaw.ca
Forum Committee	To provide a Forum for the exchange of information, opinions, and ideas on a broad range of issues relevant to Unitarians. Meets on Sundays at 1:40 pm in Fireside rm. Open to new members.	Randall MacKinnon: unitariancv@yahoo.ca
Greeters – Sunday Foyer (Subcommittee of Membership Committee)	To ensure that members and visitors are welcomed and made aware of UCV facilities and resources as they enter the foyer of the sanctuary for Sunday services. Open to new volunteers.	Denise Nereida: ditzah@telus.net Margo Elfert: marqoe@gmail.com
Human Resources Committee	To advise on and develop HR policies & procedures of UCV in accordance with UCV's Mission/Vision, UCV Principles, and the BC Employment Standards Act. Meets quarterly at UCV. Open to new members with HR experience.	Sheila Resels: sresels@gmail.com
Investments Committee (Subcommittee of Finance Committee)	To oversee the investments of UCV assets and endowment funds in accordance with policy set by the Congregation and Board. Meets as needed. Presently closed to new members.	John Taylor: jandbtaylor@shaw.ca
Koerner Fund Committee	To administer the Robert Koerner Fund. Meets as needed. Generally closed. Expressions of interest welcome.	Bob Woodham: woodham@cs.ubc.ca
Lay Chaplaincy Committee	To provide orientation & support for the Lay Chaplains who lead 'Rites of Passage' ceremonies for the general public: weddings, memorial services, funerals, etc. Meets on the 3 rd Sunday of each month, 9:15 am. Open to one new member.	Katherine Roback: kroback@shaw.ca

Legacy Planning Committee (Formerly Planned Giving Committee)	To promote planned giving at UCV by providing information & consultation to members and adherents about options for leaving legacies. Open to new members. Needs a chair.	UCV Board Treasurer or designate
Library Services Committee	To oversee the operation of the library, the literature stall and the book sales. Meets the first Monday of the month at 2 pm. Open to new members.	David Buchanan: davidfbuchanan@gmail.com
Lunches – Sunday	UCV committees and groups are invited to host Sunday communal lunches (by donation), as both a service to the congregation and a group fundraiser. Contact at least 30 days in advance.	Ben Hechter: ben_hechter@yahoo.com
Membership Committee & Working Groups	To attract and welcome newcomers to the community of Vancouver Unitarians and help them integrate into the life of the community. Meets quarterly or as needed. Open to new members. (Working Groups: <u>Welcoming</u> : Denise Nereida; <u>Orienting (New to UU)</u> : Dianne Crosbie; <u>Connect & Engage</u> : Sheila Resels; <u>Records</u> : Keith Wilkinson)	Keith Wilkinson: keithwilkinsonconsulting@gmail.com
Memorial Gardens Advisory Group	To Implement the UCV Memorial Garden Policy and Protocols (2009). Meets as needed. Open to new members.	Michael Clague: mclague@telus.net
Music Staff Management Committee (MSMC)	To coordinate volunteer led musical activities of UCV. To coordinate long-term planning of musical activities of all kinds in the congregation. Meet twice a year and as needed. Not presently seeking new members.	Jane Slemon: jslemon@telus.net
New to UU/Welcome Table	To welcome individuals & families to UCV and introduce them to UCV programs and the Unitarian community. Meets as needed. Open to new members.	Dianne Crosbie: dcrosbie@uniserve.com
Outreach Opportunities Fund Selection Committee	To support UCV's outreach work in the broader community through the fund. To lead the distribution, priorities, and processes of the funds. Meets as needed. Open to up to 3 members at large.	Melody Mason melkmason@gmail.com
OWL (Our Whole Lives) Program Committee	To oversee the implementation of the OWL curriculum at UCV (in cooperation with the Director of Religious Education). OWL is a progressive, comprehensive, lifespan sexuality education program.	Leonie Armstrong: leoniearmstrong@hotmail.com
Partner UCV Committee	To establish/maintain a close relationship with Unitarian congregations elsewhere in the world. Since 1990 it has been the Second Unitarian Congregation in Brassó, Romania. Meets 3 – 4 times per year. Open to new members.	Alison Pearson: asp2432@gmail.com
Program Coordinating Council	To enhance collaboration between UCV committees, task forces, and the UCV office. Sets the UCV calendar and grows lay leadership. Meets three times annually (August, December, March). Open to new members.	Douglas Ennenberg: douglasennenberg@gmail.com Cindy Cashin: cindy_returns@yahoo.com
Records Committee (Subcommittee of the Membership Committee)	To prepare accurate membership data for the CUC in the Fall and Spring prior to the UCV annual canvass. Meets at least twice a year. At capacity.	Keith Wilkinson: keithwilkinsonconsulting@gmail.com

Refugee Committee	To sponsor and resettle refugees, cooperate with other sponsorship groups and individuals and provide expertise, funds, and goods. Meets at 12:30 on the fourth Sunday of the month. New members are welcome.	Julia Myers: jlm Myers2012@gmail.com
Religious Education Management Committee – Adult	To plan for our twice yearly offerings of religious education programs. Brochures available in August/September and December/January. Meets as needed. Contact the congregation office to get involved.	Steven Epperson: rev@vancouverunitarians.ca
Religious Education Management Committee – Children & Youth	To provide advice to the Director of Religious Education on: policy related to the Religious Education Program for children and youth and its implementation. Meets quarterly. Time and place TBD. Open to new members.	Jenny Malcolm: jenny@cjmalcolm.com
Safe Congregations Implementation Team	To help ensure a “safe congregation” by protecting the Unitarian community from all forms of abuse, harassment and disruptive behaviour. Currently inactive.	Mairy Beam: mairylesbea@gmail.com
Social Justice Committee	To coordinate education of the congregation on matters of social justice and to promote social action on specific, chosen issues. Meets at 9:30 am on second Sunday in Biddle room. New members always welcome.	Leslie Kemp: lkemp@telus.net Lynn Armstrong: lynnbea@gmail.com
Statistics Committee	Collect and summarize data such as attendance at Sunday services, UCV school and financial data to determine trends or to answer specific questions. Meetings held as required. Open to new members.	John Smith: geo.john.smith@gmail.com
Thrift Sale Committee (Operated by the Refugee Committee)	To raise funds for the refugee cte., to share donated goods with people who need them. To supply goods to our refugee families & other groups who help the needy. It is open after the service until at least 1PM. The thrift table is operated by refugee cte. members.	Julia Myers: jlm Myers2012@gmail.com
UU Connections Committee (Formerly Denominational Affairs Committee)	To facilitate connections amongst UU congregations and fellowships regionally, nationally, and internationally and the organizations that represent those congregations including CUC, UUA and ICUU. Meets as needed. Open to new members.	Keith Wilkinson: keithwilkinsonconsulting@gmail.com
Web Support Team (Subcommittee of Communications Committee)	To administer the congregation’s website and social media accounts, and support members and ctes. in accessing and contributing to UCV online resources. Meets as needed. Open to people with web expertise.	Galen Elfert guelfert@gmail.com
Welcome Table – Hewett Centre (Subcommittee of Membership Committee)	To welcome individuals & families to UCV and introduce them to UCV programs and the Unitarian community. Meets as needed. Open to new members.	Dianne Crosbie: dcrosbie@uniserive.com
Worship Services Committee	To work with our parish minister to enhance and strengthen our Sunday worship services. Meets the 2nd Wed of the month, 7 pm - 9 pm. Members approved by Minister - open to new members.	Way Kent: 110395@telus.net
Young Adult Welcoming Project (Subcommittee of Membership Committee)	To enhance the welcome, service to, and integration of young adults (people aged 18-35 inclusive) into the UU movement in Canada. Open to new members.	Keith Wilkinson: keithwilkinsonconsulting@gmail.com