# We Are an Inclusive Community

Our congregation includes and values members who identify as

- lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, asexual, queer, straight
- many different ages, genders, ethnicities, abilities
- single, married, common-law, divorced
- having various roles within a diversity of family structures
- Pagan, Hindu, Sikh, Jewish, Buddhist, Christian, Muslim, Agnostic, Humanist, Atheist

and intersecting combinations creating a diverse community of unique individuals with shared values



Mairy and Martha at "Dyke Chilling Park" during East Side Pride 2018. Both are active members of our GSA.

#### Check us out!

If some of this sounds like a fit for you, we hope you'll come and visit. We have lots more information online. You might find an upcoming event that appeals. Feel free to send any unanswered questions to gsaucv@gmail.com

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# Genders & Sexualities Alliance





### Unitarians in Vancouver

Our congregation was founded over 100 years ago. We currently are about 350 members; many others attend some events and participate in the life of the congregation. We believe that individuals must search for truth themselves and, as such, we do not try to impose a set of beliefs on anyone. We meet for community and a shared desire to make a difference in our world.

Weekly Sunday morning services educate, provoke, inspire and challenge. After the Sunday service, there's coffee and conversation and, often, other programs such as forum discussions, book group and small group gatherings. These are good ways to connect with like-minded folk and meet new friends.

Various groups, small and large, structured and spontaneous, meet for shared meals, discussion and spiritual deepening at various times during the week.

## **UCV GSA**

Our Genders and Sexualities Alliance meets to share our stories, develop community and plan activities. We've been an official Welcoming Congregation since 1995.

The GSA gathers every month or two for a potluck dinner and social event. Search our website for "GSA" to find invitations to upcoming events.

#### What About the Kids?

We offer Sunday morning programs for children aged 3 to 18 years and care for children under the age of three. We host a monthly potluck dinner and activities for families. You can bring kids or come on your own. Many without large extended families in the area enjoy being part of our intergenerational community, getting to know elders and children alike.

We challenge children to develop their own personal values, by exploring our Unitarian principles, the wisdom of other religions, learning about our environment, undertaking social justice projects (letter writing and fund-raising, etc.) and, of course, having lots of fun!

# Our Whole Lives (OWL)

The OWL sexuality education program offers age-appropriate learning from kindergarten through older adults. Topics include building awareness of different kinds of families; various gender and sexual orientation identities; growth and development; consent, decision- making and relationships. The overall focus is on accepting and respecting all people and expanding definitions of family, gender, and sexuality. It's our "SOGI". OWL complements and goes beyond what kids learn in school or at home. Would you like to ask some questions? Contact Kiersten Moore families@vancouverunitarians.ca



Ceremonies

Unitarian congregations have members who have been trained and licensed as lay chaplains to perform weddings, as well as memorial services, naming ceremonies and other rituals. They can work with you to create a customized service for a large or small group. We have spaces that accommodate an intimate group of 10 or so up to our sanctuary which holds 250. If you prefer your own home or some other location—outdoors or in—they will be able to officiate off site.

