



## **Our Goal of World Community: The United Nations at 75** John Gibbard Award Presentation

*Rev. Lara Cowtan*

*Live streamed from the UCV Sanctuary – October 25, 2020*



**Sunday, October 25, 2020**

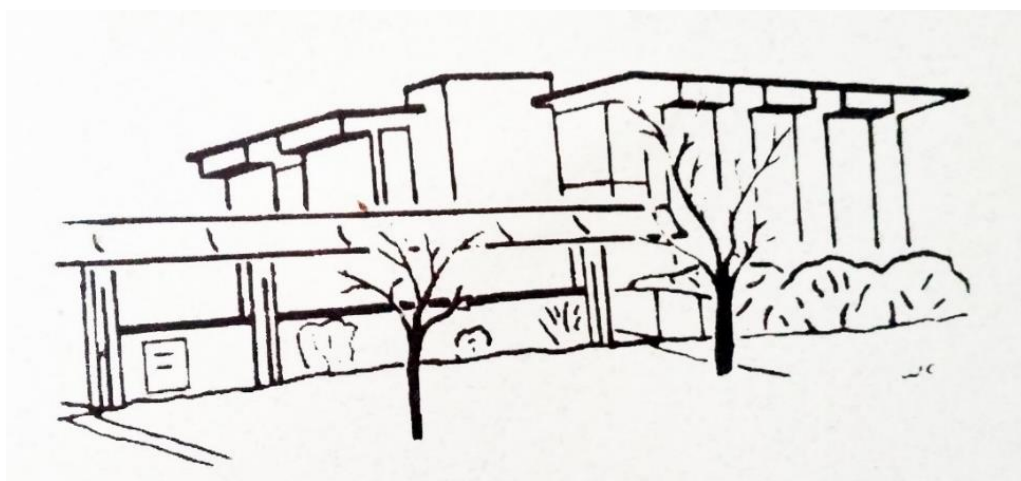
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Since the UN was created at the end of World War II, our planet has seen progress in development and in respect for human rights. Yet the world envisioned in the UN Charter – where all people of the world “practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbours” – is still far from being realized. Global dialogue – and action – is now more urgent than ever.

Live stream link: <https://ucv.im/live>

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### **Fall COVID-19 Updates**

We have released our Fall 2020 Go-Slowly-Forward Plan. Notable changes include:

- We have increased rental capacity for the Hewett Centre (main hall area only) from 10 to 15 guests
- The Sanctuary is now available for rentals with a maximum of 25 guests and 5 staff – choir loft remains Staff Only
- Masks are now mandatory for all indoor activities
- All windows and doors MUST remain open during indoor activities
- Worship services will continue to be online, live streaming only

To read the full plan and policy, including booking procedures, please see the full [Go Slowly Forward Plan](#). **Please note:** All gatherings must be booked ahead of time through Marcus Hynes by emailing [info@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:info@vancouverunitarians.ca)

# Parents, Children, and Youth

How to continue feeling connected and renewed in this virtual pandemic time? The Children and Youth Religious Exploration team has programs and ideas in the works—The list below is all of our regular drop-in virtual connections with Zoom ongoing this Fall.

Please contact Director of Religious Exploration, Kiersten Moore, to be notified about in-person outdoor meetups and special programs: [dre@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:dre@vancouverunitarians.ca)

## Holding connection space for kids and youth requires adult support!

Please visit the website to learn how you can be an adult member of our Family Ministry team. There are both large and small roles to fill: <https://vancouverunitarians.ca/cyre-volunteer/>  
Fill out the form to “line up outside Kiersten’s door”: [ucv.im/RE-volunteer](http://ucv.im/RE-volunteer)

## Online Connection Spaces

**Coffee Hour Breakout rooms: Sundays 12:00—1:00 pm** [ucv.im/coffee](http://ucv.im/coffee)

Weekly all-ages breakout room for kid-centered space led by member volunteers: see friends, check-in and play games. Or join any other conversation group!

**Children’s activity and check-in: Sundays 10:20—10:50 am** [ucv.im/kids-zoom](http://ucv.im/kids-zoom)

Beginning September 13<sup>th</sup>, Nan and Mairy co-host this time specifically for children ages 5-9 (any age welcome). Activity or story ties in to our Soul Matters theme of the month. See each other, share a story and a simple activity or craft that we can do together at home.

**Tween’s Ukelele Social: Sundays 3:30 – 4:30 pm** [ucv.im/tween-zoom](http://ucv.im/tween-zoom)

Kids in grades 5-7 (ages 10-12), learn to play ukulele (instruments loaned from UCV), hang-out together with games and activities based on our monthly Soul Matters Theme. Drop in any Sunday and get a registration link.

**Youth Group! Sundays 3:00—5:00 pm** [ucv.im/youth-zoom](http://ucv.im/youth-zoom)

High School Youth meet to share, explore, come up with distant game time, and generally connect. Drop-in any Sunday—from near and far.

**Youth Dungeons and Dragons: Wednesdays 7:00—9:00 pm** [ucv.im/youthDnD](http://ucv.im/youthDnD)

Exactly what you might think; an ongoing D&D campaign led by one of our youth, supported by adult advisors who are also in on the campaign. Youth-centered, multi-gen, role-playing fun. Contact [Olivia Hall](#) for more information, new characters are welcome to join.

If you would like resources for Unitarian-centered family time and activities to do with your children let me know using this form: <https://vancouver.breezechms.com/form/Sabbath-at-Home>

# Celebration of Worship: October 25, 2020

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Romanian Dances</i>	Bela Bartok Elliott Dainow, piano
<b>Invocation</b>	<i>Come, Come, Whoever You Are</i>	Chalice Choir Leads
<b>Welcome, Announcements &amp; Greetings</b>		Leslie Hill
<b>Kindling the Chalice Flame</b>		Prescod Family
<b>Opening Words</b>		Rev. Lara Cowtan
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<b>#318:</b> <i>We Would Be One</i>	Chalice Choir Leads
<b>Story for All Ages</b>	<i>We Are Water Protectors</i>	By Carole Lindstrom Read by Lara Cowtan
<b>Community Candle Lighting</b>		Lauren Stokes
<b>Meditation</b>		
<b>Musical Response</b>	<i>Szekely Aldas (Blessing)</i>	Trad. / Elizabeth Norton Arr. Elliott Dainow Performed by Gavin Grandish & Elliott Dainow
<b>Offering Invitation</b>		Leslie Hill
<b>Offering:</b> <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>Medley of National Anthems</i>	Arr. Elliott Dainow Elliott Dainow, piano
<p>We continue to support the work of this congregation and our outreach opportunities recipient through an online offering. You may use <b><u>text-to-give</u></b> now (Simply text an amount to 778-771-1707 to get started today, or visit <a href="http://ucv.im/give">http://ucv.im/give</a> for more information!) or <a href="#">donate online</a> through our secure Breeze interface.</p>		
<b>Affirmation of Gratitude</b>		
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>Our Goal of World Community: The United Nations at 75</i>	Rev. Lara Cowtan
<b>John Gibbard Award Presentation</b>		
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	<b>#1064:</b> <i>Blue Boat Home</i>	Chalice Choir Leads
<b>Benediction</b>		Rev. Lara Cowtan
<b>Valediction</b>	<i>Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again (x2)</i>	



## UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

**A LIVING LIST OF ESSENTIAL LINKS:** The following is a condensed list of UCV community links:

- <https://ucv.im/live>: Live stream link for Sunday church services (active at 10:55am each Sunday morning)
- <https://ucv.im/order-of-service>: View an online version of the current Order of Service
- <https://ucv.im/coffee>: Virtual coffee hour – every Sunday immediately following the service
- <https://ucv.im/give>: Instructions on how to make a donation/gift
- <https://ucv.im/events>: The most frequently updated list of UCV events
- <https://ucv.im/sermons>: A text-based archive of past services/sermons
- <https://ucv.im/core-documents>: An online repository for important UCV documents such as board minutes, annual reports, and so forth.

*Many of our community gatherings have moved online. For a complete list of upcoming events, please visit <https://ucv.im/events>. If you would like to add your zoom event to the list please contact Marie Witt at [communications@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:communications@vancouverunitarians.ca)*

**UCV CONGREGATIONAL HISTORY WALL INVITATION:** Effective transition after a settled minister leaves starts with a collective review of how the congregation has been shaped and formed. It is a way to claim and honour our past, our major milestones and evolution and engage and honour our griefs and conflicts. It is done in a spirit of community and mutual respect.

You are invited to come to Hewett Centre to contribute to the UCV Congregational History Wall. A member of the Ministerial Transition Team will be there along with pens and big sticky notes for you to write your recollections and affix them at appropriate points. Photo contributions are also welcome. For more information or to book a session, visit <https://vancouverunitarians.ca/our-ucv-congregational-history-wall/>.

**Do you have questions or comments about our Congregational History Walls project?** Join a member of the Ministerial Transitions Team during coffee hour after today's service. Go to the coffee hour after the service ends ([ucv.im/coffee](https://ucv.im/coffee)) and ask for the History Wall breakout room. See you there!

**FORUM ON SANCTUARY UPGRADES:** Sound, lights and pews. Join Diane Brown and Galen Elfert for an information sharing session regarding possible upgrades to the Sanctuary. Sponsored by the UCV Board of Trustees. Sunday, October 25 at 12:30. Join us on Zoom via <https://ucv.im/forums>.

**GREETING CARD FUNDRAISER FOR UCV REFUGEE FUND:** *20th Century Fashion Details*. These distinctive greeting cards (blank inside) feature exquisite details of items from the collections of fashion historians Ivan Sayers and Claus Jahnke. They are ideal for writing notes to family members and friends you aren't able to see in person during these extraordinary times. \$27.00/ set of five different cards (includes Canadian shipping) All profits for the Refugee Fund of the Unitarian Church of Vancouver. Place your order at: <https://ucv.im/refugee-fundraiser>



**ACTION EVENINGS:** Wednesday October 28, 7 to 8 pm, on Zoom: [ucv.im/action-evenings](https://ucv.im/action-evenings). Is Canada on the verge of developing the political will to end homelessness? Barry Growe, long time housing activist and former Red Cross disaster response manager is our guest speaker. Bring your questions!

**MORNING MEDITATION:** Rev. Lara Cowtan invites you to join her for a brief meditation practice 9-9:15am, Tuesday-Fridays. <https://meet.ucv.im/morningmeditation>

**POTLUCK BOOK AND LUNCH CLUB ON ZOOM.** Last Thursday of October coming right up. October 29 11:00am - noon. Bring a couple of good books to recommend and join us. We'll chat. We'll stay connected. We'll inspire each other. Yes! Drop ins more than welcome. General Questions: Nan Gregory: [nangregory@shaw.ca](mailto:nangregory@shaw.ca) Here's the link: <https://ucv.im/potluck-book-and-lunch>

**AN IDEA WORTH TRYING:** Dear fellow Unitarians, if you would like to try a mid morning walk in Pacific Spirit Park then please join me for a "trial run" on Thursday, October 29. at 10 am. Let's meet at the entrance to the park located on 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Sasamat street. (rain or shine). I think it would be nice to walk about 45 minutes to one hour, trying to be back around 11 am. Two buses stop at that entrance, the numbers 25 and 33, and there also is a toilet. Please, if you are interested send me a confirmation by email, so I know who and how many to expect. ([hannopinder@gmail.com](mailto:hannopinder@gmail.com)). Looking forward to the 29<sup>th</sup> - Hanno Pinder

**IRREPARABLE HARM? A TALE OF TRANS MOUNTAIN RESISTANCE** will be performed at the Vancouver Fringe from Oct 29 to Nov 7. Tickets are available at [www.vancouverfringe.com](http://www.vancouverfringe.com). Mairy Beam is the playwright; Karl Perrin plays the judge, and Vivian Davidson portrays several activists.

**2ND SUNDAY BOOK CLUB:** Hello fellow readers, Our next book is the *Elegance of a Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery. Do not be put off by the strange title, but be prepared for a very holistic discussion about all that encompasses our lives both negatively and positively. Get ready for a lively discussion with our Sunday group. Please join us; you will be a positive addition. - Donna May Webb ( the presenter)

**RECURRING ZOOM GATHERINGS:** All the gatherings listed at [vancouverunitarians.ca/zoom-gatherings](http://vancouverunitarians.ca/zoom-gatherings).

- Virtual coffee hour; Sundays at 12 pm: <https://ucv.im/coffee>
- Neighbourhood group connections; 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays at 7:30 pm: <https://ucv.im/neighbourhoods>
- Zoom practice sessions; 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays from 4 – 5 pm: <https://www.ucv.im/zoom>

## UCV COMMUNITY ACCOUNCEMENTS

**WE'RE RECRUITING UCV BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 20/21:** Just two opportunities left for members at-large. This is a special time to join our board leadership team. Our finances are in good shape. Our assets are in good condition. The board is exceptionally strong. As a member at-large you will participate in policy making, facilitate member communications and contribute to overall board work. You will liaise with at least one committee. Desirable skills: communications, standard computer literacy, and preferably experience in non-profit governance.

Another reason for joining; you will be part of the management of the church during this important period of interim ministry and the search for a new minister. Michael Clague will be delighted to hear from you. Chair, nominations committee: [mclague@telus.net](mailto:mclague@telus.net). Tel: 604-880-9464.

**ATTN: COMMITTEE CHAIRS – REPORTS ARE COMING DUE!** All committee chairs are asked to please submit their annual reports to Marcus ([marcus@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:marcus@vancouverunitarians.ca)) by October 31, 2020 for presentation at the November 15 AGM.

**THE TRANSITION TEAM** is working with the staff and leadership to review the various roles and structures of UCV's ongoing staffing needs to plan for the future. In the short term, we ask for the patience and support of members as changes in our office may impact response time for administrative requests. We are blessed with amazing and motivated staff.

**THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE** is looking for a donation of metal shelving for the storage of book sale books. If anyone is able to donate shelves to us, please email [davidfbuchanan@gmail.com](mailto:davidfbuchanan@gmail.com).

**HOW WE ARE CHANGING THE WORLD:** A demonstration against Fish Farms was held in September and members of the UCV Environment Team upped the public awareness by adding a bit of street theatre to the event. The protestors covered themselves in paper cut-outs of sea lice and symbolically "died" by lying on the ground in front of the Fisheries and Oceans Canada office. They were calling attention to the wild salmon killed by sea lice and disease from fish farms: <https://bit.ly/2TcXcl0>

**CLOSURE OF OAK STREET PARKING LOT ENTRANCE:** For safety reasons, the Oak Street entrance to the UCV Parking lot will be closed indefinitely, starting August 15th. The Fremlin Street entrance will be the only access to the parking lot.

**OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND:** The OOF recipient for this Sunday's collection is The Treehouse Vancouver Child and Youth Advocacy Centre which has formed a multi-disciplinary team to intervene in and prevent child abuse and violence. The team comprises staff from VPD and three child and youth care agencies. Its' programs and services build networks and community support systems that promote safe and sustainable environments for children, youth and their families. A critical goal of the centre is to raise awareness of child abuse in Vancouver.

**ON BEHALF OF THE UCV BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE CONGREGATION,** we would like to thank Dianne Crosbie, Rob Taylor and the entire Buildings and Grounds Committee for their excellent work, most recently in upgrading the premises and securing the lease for the lower floor of Hewett Centre. Bravo and thank you!

**A NOTE FROM CARE & CONCERN:** Some of life's challenges are pretty manageable. Others leave us feeling very alone and overwhelmed, or demand great contemplation. Our Care and Concern volunteers work closely with our minister to support members and friends who are in times of transition and need. We are here if you need a tender heart in a moment of sorrow, happy cheer in a moment of joy; a meal or a ride in a moment of need; or personal support in difficult circumstances such as: grief, illness, marital changes, isolation, etc. Contact Care & Concern ([careandconcern@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:careandconcern@vancouverunitarians.ca)) or Rev. Lara Cowtan (604-261-7204, x.223 / [rev.lara@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:rev.lara@vancouverunitarians.ca))

## **Next Sunday Service: November 1, 2020**

### **Encountering our Ancestors**

**Rev. Lara Cowtan**

**Please note end of Daylight Savings Time at 2:00am on Sunday, November !**

**THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:**

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**SOUND & LIVE STREAM TECH  
CARETAKER(S)**

Galen Elfert, Christian Malcolm  
Vivian Davidson



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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