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## ***Indigenous Peoples and the Law: Stories of Resistance and Hope***

Dr. Bruce McIvor

October 14, 2018

# 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.



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

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## ***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](mailto:victoriaoginski@gmail.com)

**SERMON DISCUSSION,** 12:15 – 1 pm at a designated table in the Hall. Newcomers/regulars welcome!

**FORUM:** *Why White Poppies on Nov. 7?* Vancouver Peace Poppies was started in 2008 with 50 handmade white poppies and now distributes over 4000 poppies annually across Canada. We will discuss this campaign to encourage Canadians to broaden their Remembrance Day focus to include the civilians who now make up 90% of conflict victims.

Vancouver Peace Poppies founders Teresa Gagné and Denis Laplante have been episodic peace and social justice activists since their teens. Since 2016 they have organized *Let Peace be Their Memorial*, a November 11 wreath ceremony to commemorate refugees and other overlooked victims of war. Sponsored by the Social Justice Committee.

**NEW ART EXHIBITION:** M. Carscience: *The Light of All Things*. A collection of abstract light paintings. The images are made with a technique the artist calls “experimental optics,” curious experiments with digital photography and disassembled camera lens parts, which transforms the light of our illuminated environment into tableaus that challenge perceptions and invite the imagination to explore new realms.

**THE UCV BOOK GROUP** meets from 12:30 – 2:00 pm today in Biddle. The book *Forgiveness* by Mark Sakamoto invites you to a unique view of some Canadian history, of Japanese and Canadians from both sides of the Pacific, through his family story.

## ***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 [www.vancouverunitarians.ca](http://www.vancouverunitarians.ca) or email Kiersten at [dre@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto: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), 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> 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**, Youth Group runs until 12:30, older children and youth will be released to meet their family 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: October 14, 2018

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Suite Lirica</i>	By Juan Carlos Sedero With Melanie Rieck
<b>Invocation</b>	<i>Spirit of Life</i>	By C. McDade With the Bellingham and Chalice Choirs*
<b>Opening Words/Greeting Our Neighbours</b>		David Macdonald
<b>Kindling the Chalice Flame</b>		David Macdonald
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<i>#170 We Are a Gentle, Angry People</i>	
<b>Story for All Ages</b>		<i>The Moose Belongs to Me</i> by Oliver Jeffers Read by Bruce McIvor
<b>Announcements</b>		Karen Bartlett
<b>Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns</b>		Karen Bartlett
<b>Offering:</b> <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>Praise Be to God</i> <i>The Sweet By &amp; By</i>	Arr. by J. Carter Arr. by J. raney With Melanie Rieck & Kevin Allen-Schmid
<b>Meditation/Prayer</b>	<i>The Vision</i>	By W.S. Merwin
<b>Musical Response/Anthem</b>	<i>We Are One</i>	By B. Tate With the Bellingham and Chalice Choirs
<b><i>Indigenous Peoples and the Law: Stories of Resistance and Hope</i></b> Bruce McIvor		
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	<i>#347 Gather the Spirit</i>	
<b>Closing Words</b>		Bruce McIvor
<b>Extinguishing the Chalice Flame</b>		Bruce McIvor
<b>Valediction</b>	<i>Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.</i> <i>Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.</i>	

\* We are very pleased to be welcoming the Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship Choir to our service today, along with their music director, Kevin Allen-Schmid, and Melanie Rieck, their choir assistant. Kevin directs the Chalice Choir and Phoenix Ensemble, and also co-ordinates and performs music for Sunday services. He holds a Masters in Choral Conducting from Central Washington and a Bachelors of Music Education from Pacific Lutheran. Melanie has served BUF for many years as staff keyboard artist, choir assistant and accompanist. She has two degrees in music from the University of Washington, as well as a law degree and part of an MBA.

## UPCOMING UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

**OCTOBER 21 FORUM:** The UCV Board presents: Filling the gaps for Phase 2 of the redevelopment research. Task groups will be struck to research items not covered in the Phase 2 proposal, including "What happens if we don't go forward with redevelopment", which will include proposal for a depreciation report and collection of existing records from B&G. Other proposals may include application for a housing co-op. Additional ideas or identification of gaps will be sought at the Forum, with the understanding that volunteers to undertake the tasks will be a necessary part of the discussion.

**LABYRINTH WALK, FALL PLANT SWAP AND ECO-ARTS:** Outdoors or Lindsey-Priestley if raining. Sunday, October 21, 1 – 3 pm. Sandy will show you how to make a fall art piece for your wall. Mary and Coral will organize herbal teas, labyrinth information and plant swap (giveaway)! Mary will show you how to root cuttings from sage plants to create your own windowsill herb garden. There is winter prep needed on the labyrinth. If you can help doing a final "weed-whack" on the paths, add compost, plant bulbs, please send a note to Mary [unitarianlabyrinth@gmail.com](mailto:unitarianlabyrinth@gmail.com) and we'll find a time that works for everyone.

**FREE HERBAL WORKSHOP:** Gaia Gardens will be offering a free herbal workshop on October 21, 3-4:30 pm. Thanks to a neighbourhood small grant from Vancouver Foundation and South Vancouver Neighbourhood Workshop. Refreshments provided. RSVPs for these gatherings are appreciated. [earthspiritucv@gmail.com](mailto:earthspiritucv@gmail.com)

**CIRCLE DANCE INTRODUCTION:** Mon. Oct. 22, 7 – 8:30 pm. All welcome! Our 4th Monday circle dance sessions are especially for beginners--or anyone wanting a gentle circle dance gathering. A shorter time frame and fewer dances makes it easy to relax into what is intended as a meditative, community-building practice. We do 4 dances and repeat each one 3 times. It gets easier! RSVP appreciated but not required to Mary Bennett [circledanceucv@gmail.com](mailto:circledanceucv@gmail.com)

**NEXT MOVABLE FEAST:** Saturday, October 27 at 6:00 pm. Location: Kaya Malay Bistro, 1063 West Broadway (between Spruce and Oak). RSVP: Dianne Crosbie, [dcrosbie@uniserve.com](mailto:dcrosbie@uniserve.com)

**UCV BOOK BASH:** Sunday, October 28, 9 am to 1 pm in the Hewett Hall. A huge selection of gently-used fiction and nonfiction books priced to sell! **Volunteers are needed** on October 26, 12 – 4pm , October 27, 10 am – 4 pm; and October 28, 9 am – 1 pm. Contact [davidfbuchanan@gmail.com](mailto:davidfbuchanan@gmail.com) for more information.

## UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**COVENANT GROUPS:** Two groups (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday) are accepting new members. Contact [ucvconnect@gmail.com](mailto:ucvconnect@gmail.com) to be put in touch (or check event listings on web.)

**BOARD NOMINATIONS:** Members of UCV may make additional nominations for Board positions by submitting a Nomination Petition for each nomination. The Nomination Petition shall be signed by at least 10 voting UCV members in good standing, include the written consent of the nominee and be filed with the Nominating Committee by November 11, 2018. Please submit to [gordongram@me.com](mailto:gordongram@me.com).

**SOUL COLLAGE GROUP?** Would you be interested in a regular time to get together to create soul collages? Coral Heron is a registered soul collage facilitator and is interested in forming a group at UCV. Contact [coralheron@shaw.ca](mailto:coralheron@shaw.ca) with your preferred time and date. More info at [soulcollage.com](http://soulcollage.com)

**COFFEE SERVICE:** Thanks to those who have offered to help. Much appreciated! We still have a couple of regular spots to fill. We need servers for the 3rd and 4th Sunday of each month. If you can't commit to be a regular helper, please consider becoming a spare. Please contact Eva Allan at [eallan@telus.net](mailto:eallan@telus.net) or at 604-738-4062.

**JOIN OUR SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS (AKA THE USHERS):** We are looking for people who have one hour once a month to volunteer and join us in welcoming visitors and members of the congregation to Sunday morning worship service. Greeters hand out the Order of Service and collect the offertory. After the offertory you can sit in the sanctuary for the remainder of the service. This is a pleasant way to meet other people, and to take a role in the life of our community. You will join an experienced team of greeters on the Sunday of your choice. No experience necessary – on the job training provided! For more information, please contact Denise Nereida at 604-731-7630 / [ditzah@telus.net](mailto:ditzah@telus.net) or Margo Elfert at 604-276-1610 / [margoe@telus.net](mailto:margoe@telus.net)

**OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Office staff are looking for a few more brave souls to volunteer at the office reception desk on Sundays from 10 am - 1 pm. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month are still available. Duties are mainly to provide a presence, assistance to members, photocopying, answering the phone. If this sounds like fun or even slightly terrifying, please call Aurora at 604-261-7204, extension 224, or email [ca@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:ca@vancouverunitarians.ca).

**OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND:** Rainbow Refugee will be the recipient of OOF funding for October to the end of January. Founded in 2000, the charity is a Vancouver-based community group that supports people seeking refugee protection in Canada because of persecution based on sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression or HIV status. It supports and assists LGBTQ+ /HIV+ refugee claimants in the Lower Mainland through facilitated peer support, referrals, system navigation and accompaniment. It stewards the Rainbow Refugee Assistance Project which has enabled LGBTQ+ communities in more than 14 municipalities across Canada to sponsor LGBTQ+ refugees.

#### **UCV NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS:**

- New Westminister: Rob Dainow ([rdainow@shaw.ca](mailto:rdainow@shaw.ca))
- East Vancouver: Mairy Beam ([mairyelesbea@gmail.com](mailto:mairyelesbea@gmail.com)) and Paul Prescod ([paul@prescod.net](mailto:paul@prescod.net))
- Richmond/South of the Fraser: Drew Lemen ([lemen.drew@gmail.com](mailto:lemen.drew@gmail.com))
- Westside: Jeannie Corsi – contact [ucvconnect@gmail.com](mailto:ucvconnect@gmail.com)
- Fairview/False Creek – Vivian Davidson ([vdavidsonsc@gmail.com](mailto:vdavidsonsc@gmail.com))

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

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



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

**COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS**

Karen Hertz, Eva Allan, Pat Johnson

**FLOWERS**

Lorraine Calame

**LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL**

Sheila Lindfield, George Atherton

**SOUND**

Galen Elfert

**GREETERS**

Sakura Nandana, Setty Pendakur, Penny Pearson, Denise Nereida, Hank

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**LUNCH**

No lunch today

**WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE**

Jenny Podlecki, Audrey Cook

**CARETAKER(S)**

Edgar Silveira

## **Next Sunday Service: October 21, 2018**

*UN Sunday and Gibbard Award*

**John Gibbard Award Committee**

*The wall hanging above the stage was created by Donna Hamilton for the UUA General Assembly in 1995.*



## **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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