



*Survivor's Pole in Pigeon Park, Vancouver <sup>1</sup>*

## **Reflections on Reconciliation**

*Aline LaFlamme, Bruce McIvor, and the Reconciliation  
Working Group*

*February 9, 2020*



# 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 chi gong at 9:15 – 9:45 am in the Meditation Room, followed by sitting meditation. There is brief guidance at the beginning. Inquiries: [victoriaoginski@gmail.com](mailto:victoriaoginski@gmail.com)

**THE SERMON DISCUSSION** for this week will be deferred to the forum. Join us at 12:30 pm in Fireside!

**THE SECOND SUNDAY BOOK GROUP** will discuss *A Man Called Ove*, by Fredrik Backman, in the Biddle meeting room TODAY at 12:30-2:00pm. Ove is a grumpy yet loveable curmudgeon whose solitary world is turned on its head when a boisterous young family moves in next door. This comical and heartwarming tale is a thoughtful exploration of the profound impact one life has on countless others. "If there was an award for 'Most Charming Book of the Year,' this first novel by a Swedish blogger-turned-overnight-sensation would win hands down" (Booklist review). All are welcome.

**FORUM:** In today's forum, we will invite your reflections on reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. What does reconciliation mean to you? If reconciliation is possible, what will it take? And what can Unitarians do to work towards reconciliation? Aline LaFlamme and Bruce McIvor will join us for this discussion. There will be soup and snacks provided for those attending. Sponsored by the Reconciliation Working Group and Social Justice Committee

**THE ENVIRONMENT TEAM IS** meeting Sunday in the Foyer of the Sanctuary at 12:30. Interested or curious to hear what is going on? Come by and check out what we are doing within the Vancouver Unitarian community, around town, and beyond!

**UCV GROUP ART SHOW:** An exhibition of artwork by UCV members is on display in the Sanctuary and Fireside until February 29. Come and enjoy some beautiful artwork created by your friends and colleagues!

## *Families with Children, Welcome!*

Vancouver Unitarian families connect, grow, and learn in many ways. Visitors, friends, and returning members are welcome to drop-in to our Sunday morning programs anytime.

Our children and youth groups 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 [families@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:families@vancouverunitarians.ca)



Kiersten Moore, Director of Religious Exploration

### *Children and Youth on Sundays*



Everyone begins together in the Sanctuary for Worship through the *Story for All Ages* before leaving to classes and groups (excepting the first Sunday of each month, which is an all-ages service).

- Youth Group (ages 13-19)—meets 10:15 to Noon in Hitschmanova, lower level of Hewett Centre. Drop-in anytime
- Passport to Spirituality (ages 4-9)—meets upstairs in the rooms closest to the Hewett Hall entrance (Lindsey-Priestly)
- Crossing Paths (ages 10-12)—meets either in Fireside room or downstairs in the preschool.

**A parent/guardian or adult family member must pick up children under age 9** from their classroom at 12:15, older children and youth will be released to meet their family in the Hall.

**Toddler Watch Team** attends to babies and children under 4 within the Children's Program. Look for the Children's Guide with the bright orange button or check in with the Leader—bright pink.

**Children and babies are welcome to remain** with their adult family members through the service. Nursing parents are welcome in any part of our building. You may join your child in explorations if you wish.

We offer some tips to help children be at ease in the Sanctuary:

- 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; 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.



**Buddy Bags** are available in the foyer for use during the service!

# Celebration of Worship: February 9, 2020

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Medley of Traditional Indigenous Songs &amp; Chants</i>	Daughters of the Drum <sup>2</sup>
<b>Invocation</b>	<i>Four Directions Song</i>	Daughters of the Drum
<b>Introduction/Opening Words</b>		Geoff Gomery/Melody Mason
<b>Greeting Our Neighbours</b>		
<b>Kindling the Chalice Flame</b>		Kiersten Moore
<b>Opening Song</b>	<i>We are Circling</i>	Buffy Saint-Marie
<b>Story for All Ages</b>	<i>The Little Hummingbird</i>	Jane Kinegal
<b>Announcements</b>		Jennifer Fell
<b>Reading from the Book of Celebrations &amp; Concerns</b>		Jennifer Fell
<b>Offering:</b> <i>We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.</i>	<i>Mehcinut including ancient Recording of Wolostog elder</i>	Jeremy Dutcher <sup>3</sup> Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) Member of Tobique FN

**Text-to-Give!** 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!

<b>Meditation, Spoken then Silent</b>	<i>My Heart Soars</i>	Chief Dan George Lead by Rob Dainow
<b>Musical Response</b>	<i>Prayer Song</i>	Daughters of the Drum

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<b>Closing Hymn</b>	<i>#1008: When Our Heart is in a Holy Place</i>	
<b>Closing Words &amp; Extinguishing the Chalice Flame</b>		Leslie Kemp
<b>Valediction</b>	<i>Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again</i>	

## Footnotes:

1. **(Cover image):** The Survivors Totem Pole is a grassroots community art and action project: the pole, carved by Skundaal (Bernie Williams) from a 1,000-year-old cedar tree, was raised in Pigeon Park on November 5, 2016. It was a collaboration between Downtown East Side advocates, First Nations, members of the LGBTQ community along with Japanese, Chinese, and South Asian survivors of racism. The pole symbolizes inclusion, resilience, fierce resistance, and solidarity of people in the DTES community.
2. Daughters of the Drum, led by Aline LaFlamme, is a primarily Indigenous collective of women who drum, sing, and perform with the intention of celebrating and preserving Aboriginal culture.
3. In the Canadian Museum of History, Jeremy discovered wax cylinders from 1907 of his Wolastoqiyik Nation ancestors singing forgotten songs. In Mehcinut, he sings along with his ancestor.
4. Aline is well known to UCV. She is a Sun Dancer, pipe carrier, drummer, and Métis great grandmother who teaches traditional Aboriginal culture.
5. Bruce is a member of UCV. He is the principal of First Peoples Law Corporation, representing First Nations across Canada. His work includes litigation involving treaty rights, the duty to consult, Aboriginal title and negotiation of agreements based on consent and recognition of their Indigenous laws and jurisdiction.

## UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

**TAKE THE JOURNEY OF SELF-DISCOVERY** in 2020 with beginners Tarot and Astrology classes in the meditation room, no experience needed. 4 Week Intro to Tarot 2 - 4:30 pm Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup>, 6 Week Intro to Astrology 5 – 7 pm Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> – March 15<sup>th</sup>. See [www.westcoastskies.com/pages/events](http://www.westcoastskies.com/pages/events) for details and registration.

**NEW GENDER AND CULTURE GROUP:** In this group, we'll talk about the influences that have shaped our gender identity and expression, especially role models like parents and cultural figures. We'll share stories about our gender journeys and discuss the role of gender in today's world. We meet on the second Monday of each month in the Lindsey-Priestley Room from 6:30-8:30 pm. Please email Glenn Deefholts ([glenn.deefholts@gmail.com](mailto:glenn.deefholts@gmail.com)) if you are interested in joining us.

**SINGING GROUP:** Do you like to sing? Join us every second Sunday of the month in the Lindsey-Priestley room at 12:30pm!

**SAVE THE DATE:** Everyone on the Membership Team is invited to a workshop, dinner and social, Saturday, March 28, 2 to 8:30 pm in Fireside.

## UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Interim Ministry Committee:** This committee, chaired by Leslie Hill, has been struck to recommend to the Board of Trustees a candidate for a two-year interim appointment to replace Steven Epperson, beginning in August, 2020. The Board of Trustees makes the decision to hire the candidate. However in the search for the Settled Minister who will replace the Interim Minister, the congregation casts the final vote for a candidate recommended by a different committee.

### **Timeline:**

**Feb. 1/2020** Email the UUA staff to say the UCV needs a full time, interim minister for a period of two years beginning Aug. 1.

**March** Prepare the Interim Search Documents Packet

**April 9** Publish the Interim Search Documents Packet to UUA for potential interim ministerial candidates to read

**May 4** Names of interested candidates are sent to the IMC contact person.

**May 4- 17** The IMC interviews interested candidates, checks references, asks whether the candidates are still interested in UCV, and ranks the candidates in order of preference.

**May 18** IMC sends its ranked list (yes, maybe, no) to the UUA Transition Office. Candidates send in the churches that appeal most to them.

**May 19/20** If there is a meeting of minds and hearts between a candidate and the UCV Interim Ministry Committee, the Board will make an offer.

**IMC Committee Members:** Shirley Brunke, Rob Dainow, Cole Harris, Way Kent, Tanya Lewis, Jenny Malcolm, Michael O'Neil, Katherine Roback, Carol Siebert

**SUNDAY MORNING HOSPITALITY:** More than 50 people volunteer to help make Sunday morning welcoming--from greeters, to welcome table, to coffee servers and those who staff the sermon discussion table. All of these teams occasionally need additional people, so if you could help please fill out this form: <https://vancouver.breezechms.com/form/sundayvolunteers>. The Connect & Engage team are particularly looking for people to be at the sermon discussion table with a smart phone, tablet or laptop to help people sign up to any newsletters or registration forms they may be interested in. This can be done on your own device (or theirs) or you can borrow the UCV tablet or laptop. Contact Mary Bennett if you can help with this [ucvconnect@gmail.com](mailto:ucvconnect@gmail.com)

**OUR NEW OOF RECIPIENT** is the Aboriginal Mother Centre (AMC) whose purpose-built facility offers accommodation for 16 at risk mothers and their children. It provides all the support, tools and resources a mother needs to rebuild her life and keep her children. Services include counselling, education, training, and spiritual and social support. AMC also organizes homelessness outreach and family wellness programs, licensed daycare and a community kitchen.

**A GIFT FOR STEVEN EPPERSON:** To mark this, his final year as minister of the Unitarian Church of Vancouver, members of the congregation have created a book for Steven Epperson. It contains a selection of sermons from the more than 300 Steven has delivered over his 17 years at UCV. When one reads the book one quickly realizes it is as much a gift to us as it is to Steven. The cost of a copy is \$20.00 and it is available from the library stall in Hewett Hall. The proceeds go to UCV.

**INTERESTED IN JOINING THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE?** We're looking for someone with an interest in and working knowledge of human resources. Please contact Sheila Resels, chairperson of the Human Resources Committee, at [sresels@gmail.com](mailto:sresels@gmail.com) for further information.

**UCV BENCHES:** We are gradually replacing all the crumbling benches on the UCV grounds. Please contact Catherine Stewart at [stewartcm@shaw.ca](mailto:stewartcm@shaw.ca) if you are interested in making arrangements to donate a bench to UCV to commemorate a person or event (or just to beautify our church surroundings).

**MR. SHARP IS BACK!:** Clarence Phelps is bringing his precision diamond-honed knife-sharpening equipment to the Hewett Hall on the following Sundays: February 16, March 15, April 19, and May 17 from 10am to 2pm. Bring your knives, scissors, garden shears, scythes and other bladed implements and enjoy your cutting experience for months to come!

**THIS WEEK - BY BREEZE:** We are converting our weekly this week message including the upcoming week's events, order of service and announcements from the googlegroup to our internal database Breeze. To receive (or continue to receive) the weekly message, please sign up here: <https://vancouver.breezechms.com/form/thisweekemail> For our privacy policy, go to [vancouverunitarians.ca/privacy](http://vancouverunitarians.ca/privacy) Our PIPA (Personal Information Privacy Act) officers are board member, Michael O'Neill, [mboneil@shaw.ca](mailto:mboneil@shaw.ca), and congregational administrator, Aurora Eyolfson, [ca@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:ca@vancouverunitarians.ca) 604-261-7204

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## **Next Sunday Service: February 16, 2020**

### **The Blues: The Story**

*Rev. Steven Epperson*

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

##### **COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS**

George Myers, Joan Balmer and Eva Allan

##### **FLOWERS**

Lorraine Calame

##### **LUNCH**

No planned lunch

##### **LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL**

Sheila Lindfield, George Atherton

##### **SOUND**

Galen Elfert

##### **GREETERS**

Denise Nereida, John Boyle, Hank Einarson

##### **WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE**

Janet Ericksen, Philomene Jahnke

##### **CARETAKER(S)**

Paul Nash, Sam Shenher, Edgar Silveira

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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

<b>PARISH MINISTER</b>	Rev. Steven Epperson
<b>COMMUNITY MINISTER</b>	Rev. Laura Imayoshi
<b>DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</b>	Kiersten Moore
<b>CHOIR DIRECTOR</b>	Donna Brown
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<b>CASUAL CARETAKERS</b>	Ben Yeung, Paul Nash, Karen Hertz, Edgar Silveira, Vivian Davidson, Marie Witt, Doug Ennenberg, Jannika Nyberg
<b>RE STAFF</b>	Olivia Hall
<b>YOUTH COORDINATOR</b>	Aurora Eyolfson
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<b>OFFICE ASSISTANT/ ORDER OF SERVICE</b>	Gordon Lowe
<b>BOOKKEEPER</b>	Lauren Stokes, Cheryl Amundsen, Louise Bunn
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