



The Road Ahead

Members of the Interim Ministry Search Committee

Live streamed from the UCV Sanctuary – July 19, 2020



Sunday, July 19, 2020

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Our beloved minister has retired, and now we find ourselves in a challenging time of transition. How do we as a congregation ready ourselves during this pivotal period? How do we see ourselves? What traditions shall we uphold? And what changes do we want to make as we open to our next phase?

The Search Committee has found an interim minister to guide us. Today, we share our experiences with you.

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

The UCV campus will begin to open for limited, pre-scheduled use in July and August. Please read our Go--Slowly-Forward Plan to learn more:
www.ucv.im/covid



Parents, Children, and Youth

It is summertime! We are continuing to have regular meeting times for tweens and youth and hosting a kid's connection space during Sunday morning coffee hour. Please contact Director of Religious Exploration, Kiersten Moore, to be notified about in-person outdoor meetups: 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

Online Summer Connection Spaces

Coffee Hour Breakout rooms: Sundays 12:00—1:00 pm ucv.im/coffee-hour

depending on who shows up there are “family chat” and “kid’s space” breakout rooms to see friends, check-in and play games. Or join any other conversation group!

Crossing Paths RE: Mondays 10:30—11:45 am ucv.im/tween-zoom

Crossing Paths Tweens (ages 10-12) continues through August! Check-in with each other, continue our explorations of World Religions—Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster, Sikhism, Paganism, and wherever your questions and wonderings lead us.

Craft Squared: Thursdays 7:00—8:30 pm ucv.im/craft2

Kids, tweens, youth: Minecraft + hands-on craft = Craft2 (squared). Come one and all to play on the UCV Youth Minecraft server and chat via zoom while Olivia leads a craft that can be accomplished with things around the house and imagination. So far we’ve created stories, art photographs, maps, what will be next?

Youth Group! Sundays 3:00—5:00 pm 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.

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>

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-hour>: 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.

UCV COMMUNITY EVENTS

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 findmariewitt@gmail.com.

ZOOM GATHERINGS FROM CONNECT & ENGAGE: All the gatherings listed at vancouverunitarians.ca/zoom-gatherings are coordinated by the Connect and Engage team and open to all members, friends and visitors. Mary Bennett: ucvconnect@gmail.com:

- Virtual coffee hour; Sundays at 12 pm: <https://ucv.im/coffee-hour>
- Online theatre sharing; last Mondays at 4 pm: <https://ucv.im/book-poem>
- Neighbourhood group connections; 1st Tuesdays at 7:15 pm: <https://ucv.im/neighbourhoods>
- Zoom practice sessions; Thursdays at 2 pm: <https://www.ucv.im/zoom-practice>
- GSA monthly film discussion; Thursday, August 6 – informal check-in at 7:30pm on Zoom followed by an 8 pm Netflix party (watching *The Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson*): <https://www.ucv.im/gsa>

UCV COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S RE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Caring, curious, interested adult facilitators are needed for children and youth groups. Help children create friendships, explore big questions, engage in social justice, be seen and heard, grow spiritually, and be nurtured. This could be you! Info [here](#) and in the newsletter: ucv.im/newsletter

[Sign up with our Breeze form.](#)

ON JUNE 21ST, STEVEN DELIVERED HIS FINAL SERMON AT UCV and we presented him with this tribute booklet. We have discovered that the online version of the tribute booklet to Steven was not the draft that we printed- the printed draft included many more tributes. So, we have corrected the online version to reflect the one that was printed and given to Steven Epperson. It can be found here: <https://vancouverunitarians.ca/steven-tribute-booklet-and-final-service-video/> Apologies for any stress this may have created. If you still do not see your tribute, please send it directly to communications@vancouverunitarians.ca. Stay well – Diane Brown, Board President.

CHANGES TO PAST SERVICES ON YOUTUBE: Live Streamed services will continue on YouTube, the same as the past few months. You can join us on Sunday mornings at <https://ucv.im/live> for our regular live service. “Greetings will be removed from the service recording immediately following the stream to protect our privacy. This edited version of the entire service will be available publicly on YouTube for one week after the live stream. After one week, only the Homily will be available publicly. We are making the change to protect the privacy of our members and especially our children, and to minimize potential claims of copyright infringement. Join us live on Sunday mornings to get each other!

UCV COMMUNITY LINKS AND A VIRTUAL LITERATURE STALL IS the title of a post that shows you how you can still have a copy of the prepared text for a sermon if the speaker has provided one. The post is dated June 9, and the link <https://ucv.im/2020-06-09ga> takes you to it. —George Atherton

MESSAGE FROM UCV BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

COMMITTEE: Would you like to donate a bench to UCV to commemorate or honour a person or event (or just to beautify our church grounds)? As it stands, an order of five new benches with bronze plaques will be submitted the second week in July. To inquire about adding another bench to this order, please get in touch with Catherine Stewart (stewartcm@shaw.ca) by July 5. It won't be long before we will have all our worn and decaying benches replaced!



OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND: Our OOF recipient (June-Sept 2020), is the Burns Bog Conservation Foundation, which was set up in 2002 as an endowment fund for the Burns Bog Conservation Society. Burns Bog is a globally unique ecosystem functioning as a major regulator of regional climate and as the “the Lungs of the Lower Mainland”. Endowment funds are also to be used for research relating to peatlands/wetlands and the development of an Education Centre.

There is a new monthly e-bulletin! If you've signed up for our newsletters previously, you will automatically receive the new e-bulletin, but if not please go to vancouverunitarians.ca/e-bulletin/ to sign up or visit ucv.im/newsletter to see the latest copy.

Next Sunday Service: July 26, 2020

All About Connection

Mary Bennett

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

**SOUND & LIVESTREAM TECH
CARETAKER(S)**

Galen Elfert, Christian Malcolm
Sam Shenher

Message from Rev. Lara Cowtan, Incoming Interim Minister

Greetings Unitarian Church of Vancouver! I am Reverend Lara Cowtan, and I am delighted and honored to have been hired as your interim minister, to serve you for a two-year transition period. I just wanted to reach out and say hello to you from Winnipeg, where I am currently serving as a hospital chaplain. This has been a year of transition for me as well, as I've moved back to Canada after living in Europe since 2005.

Soon I will set out West, over the prairies and across the mountains to join you in Vancouver. I am excited and looking forward to meeting all of you, to being a part of your thriving and welcoming community, and to working with you as we learn and grow together.



These are challenging and complicated times, and it helps to have something to look forward to. This transitional ministry time is an exciting opportunity for the congregation to engage in reflecting on where you have come from, all you've accomplished, then envisioning and reaching towards the future. It is a time of infinite possibilities, and I can't wait to explore them with you.

I'll arrive at the end of July and begin in August with meetings to get to know you and prepare for the start of our first year together.

Wishing you all a safe and healthy summer.

Blessings.

Warmly,

Rev. Lara Cowtan



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.

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