



Kwakwaka'wakw chief Beau Dick holds a cut copper shield following a shaming ceremony on the lawn of the BC legislature. Photo credit: Anissa Reid

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[Live streamed](#) from the UCV Sanctuary – **January 17, 2021**



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The federal government's commitment to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is a potential watershed moment. Dr. Bruce McIvor, lawyer and historian, will explore why Canada's commitment to reconciliation has so far fallen short of the mark and what needs to be done to make it a reality.

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



Winter COVID-19 Updates

Following the B.C. Provincial health order updated on January 8, 2021, all events and gatherings on UCV Campus have been suspended, and only essential staff and volunteers are allowed entry during worship services.

For more information and ongoing updates on our COVID policies, please visit:
<https://vancouverunitarians.ca/covid-19-update/>.

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

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 Connection Spaces

Coffee Hour Breakout rooms: Sundays 12:00—1:00 pm 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

Beginning September 13th, 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

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

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

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>

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

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Don't miss the **Ideas Forum for the Upgraded Sanctuary**, a chance to generate ideas together for how the new space could be used and be more productive. This Ideas Forum will be on **Sunday Jan. 17th at 12:30 on zoom**. Galen Elfert and Dianne Crosbie will be on hand to answer any questions about the lighting/sound upgrades and the new chairs. Could we be a spiritual and cultural destination? Let's be pro-active and create a space that is inviting to various creative interests, ages and spiritual practices. Come with your ideas and let's *imagine* together! Join via <https://ucv.im/forums>.

ACTION EVENING: Wednesday Jan 20th 7-8pm. Log in at 6:45 on Zoom: ucv.im/action-evenings. "*Moving to Deeper Honesty in Housing and Homelessness*." Our presenter, Allison Dunnet (she/her), has been a passionate advocate for community development and addressing local inequity since 1996. She will share personal reflections on how the events of the last year, including the Covid-19 pandemic, have painfully and positively challenged "business as usual" approaches to ending homelessness and housing inequity.

ANTI-RACISM INITIATIVE: A small group is forming to explore safely and supportively the challenge of self-discovery posed in Layla Saad's book, *me and white supremacy*. We're planning to meet for 1 ½ hours a week for 3 months starting in February. The work requires commitment to honest engagement with the material on an emotional level, and will likely be at times uncomfortable. It is not designed for intellectual debate. You'll need to buy the book or the e-book. If cost is prohibitive, a way will be found to help you. If you're interested, contact Nan Gregory. nangregory@shaw.ca

UCV ONLINE HISTORY WALL: You can now e-mail your UCV stories and pictures to padletucv@gmail.com and we will post them for you. Looking back at our reflections will guide planning for our future so please send in your contribution. You can also post directly at padlet.com/vancouverunitarian/stories. Questions/discussion? Come to the Coffee Hour UCV.im/coffee Breakout Room, after the service. Paul Prescod and other members of the Transition Team will be there.

SEWISTS, KNITTERS, MENDERS, CRAFTERS: The UCV mending hour is back on Zoom for the Winter! We are planning to meet twice per month (one daytime and one evening). We can show-and-tell what we're working on, dream up workshops that might be possible over zoom, watch tutorials, and generally share a social hour of craftyness to get us through the isolation. Everyone and all skill levels welcome. Dates and Zoom link: <https://ucv.im/mending>

RECURRING ZOOM GATHERINGS: All the gatherings listed at vancouverunitarians.ca/zoom-gatherings.

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

UCV COMMUNITY ACCOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME NEWCOMERS! Would you like to learn more about UCV and Unitarians? Join us in the breakout room at Coffee Hour after the service (<http://ucv.im/coffee>), First and Third Sundays. See you there!"

UCV STAFF UPDATE: Please spread the word about the posting for our Congregational Administrator, <https://vancouverunitarians.ca/careers/>. We are looking for a dynamic person who understands our values. Closing date is January 17!

JANE SUTHERLAND, a twenty-year member of UCV, died peacefully in her daughter's home Tuesday, January 5 just before noon of congestive heart failure. Her daughter, son-in-law and niece, Leslie Hill, were with her, and her oldest son arrived just as she breathed her last. A virtual memorial service will be held in the coming weeks.

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) or Rev. Lara Cowtan (604-261-7204, x.223 / rev.lara@vancouverunitarians.ca)

NEW SANCTUARY ART EXHIBITION: Look out for a new Sanctuary art exhibition – *Retrospective* by Pat MacBain – on display during our Sunday livestreams throughout January and February!

OUR LIBRARY IS AVAILABLE! The door to the library is still locked for now but our librarian, David Buchanan, will arrange loans for members/adherents by either snail mail or pick-up at our 49th & Oak location. Just email David <davidfbuchanan@gmail.com> to let him know what you would like to borrow and he'll work out the details with you. Please note there is an "f" between David and Buchanan in the address. Happy reading!

A Common Read for Vancouver Unitarians: Transition Team members have been reading *In the Interim: Strategies for Interim Ministers and Congregations*. It's full of interesting stories about transitions, a wealth of information about the potential role of an Interim Minister and intriguing ideas for Vancouver Unitarians to consider. Extra copies are available for loan. Just email David Buchanan <davidfbuchanan@gmail.com> to arrange the loan by mail or pick-up. Here's an excerpt:

"Telling our stories is not an end in itself, but an attempt to release ourselves from them, to evolve and grow beyond them. We tell our stories to transform ourselves; to learn about our history and tell our experiences to transcend them; to use our stories to make a difference in our world; to broaden our perspective to see further than normal; to act beyond a story that may have imprisoned or enslaved us; to live more of our spiritual and earthly potential" (p 43).

SOUL MATTERS: If you would like to receive the Soul Matters Chalice Home packets supporting creating a home altar and guidance on monthly home worship around our themes please fill out this Breeze form: <https://ucv.im/themes-home> or contact Kiersten Moore, dre@vancouverunitarians.ca

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR NEEDED! The communications committee is looking for a new chair to work closely with staff and lay leaders. We need someone comfortable with technology who will bring leadership, creativity and energy! We promise to make sure this volunteer workload is an uplifting and manageable effort. Please contact Marie communications@vancouverunitarians.ca if interested!

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.

OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK (FEB 1 – 7) is an annual event observed during the first week of February, as proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in October, 2010. There are many opportunities to engage virtually with the burgeoning local interfaith movement this year, many of which are detailed in [this printable poster](#) provided by long-time UCV tenants [The Multifaith Action Society](#).

Next Sunday Service: January 24, 2020

I Can't Imagine!
Rev. Lara Cowtan

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

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

Christian Malcolm
Edgar Silveira
Chris Pearce, Diane Donaldson, Lorraine Calame



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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