



*Tending a sewing machine at the Rutana Women's Project*

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*Rev. Fulgence Ndagijimana, former minister of the Unitarian Church of Bujumbura,  
Burundi, and the Partner Church Committee*

[Live streamed](#) from the UCV Sanctuary – **November 22, 2020**



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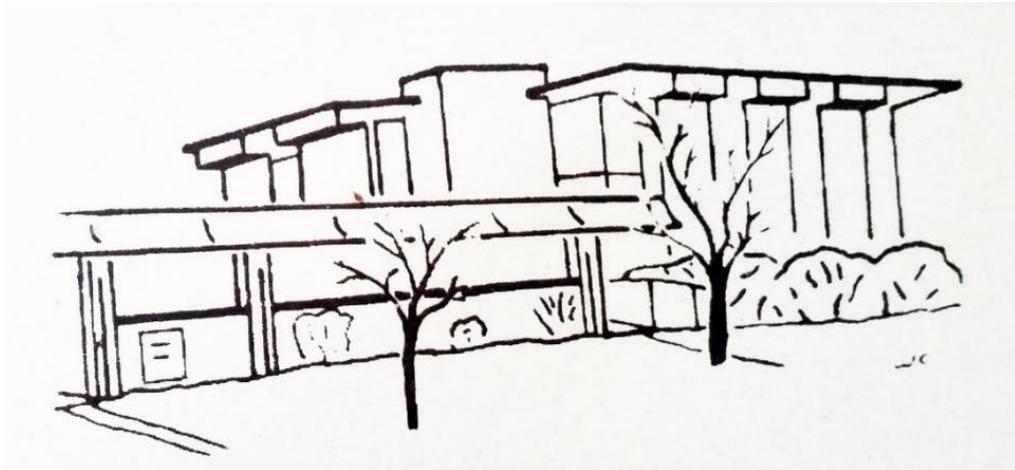
**Forum at 12:30pm**

**Unitarian Social Involvement in African Contexts:  
The Case of Flaming Chalice International**

*Rev. Fulgence Ndagijimana*

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

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**Fall COVID-19 Updates**

Following the provincial health order on November 7, 2020, we have cancelled or postponed all social events on the UCV campus for the time being. For more information and ongoing updates on our COVID policies, please visit:

<https://vancouverunitarians.ca/covid-19-update/>.

Questions or concerns? Contact the office at [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](https://ucv.im/RE-volunteer)

## Online Connection Spaces

**Coffee Hour Breakout rooms: Sundays 12:00—1:00 pm** [ucv.im/coffee](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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: November 22, 2020

**Prelude** *Wuagboa (Open the Door)* Trad.  
Performed by Lazare Hounnake Adele & Dopé Adje

*This song is sung to open the spiritual doors for people to gather, to call for good wishes at the beginning of any event.*

**Welcome** Michael O'Neil

**Opening Words & Greeting Our Neighbours** John Smith

**Kindling the Chalice Flame** Mary Lage

**Opening Hymn** #123: *Spirit of Life* Members of the Chalice Choir

**Story for All Ages** Read by Rev. Fulgence Ndagijimana

**Community Candle Lighting** Lauren Stokes

**Meditation \*** Connie Wigmore

**Musical Response** *Gbogbo Kokoe (Positive Spirit)* Trad.  
Lazare Hounnake Adele & Dopé Adje

*This is a song about offering good, either in thoughts and prayers or materially*

**Homily**  
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**Offering:** *We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.* *Hogne Nu Nana (Accept my Offering)* Trad.  
Lazare Hounnake Adele & Dopé Adje

We continue to support the work of this congregation and our outreach opportunities recipient through an online offering. You may use **text-to-give** now (Simply text an amount to 778-771-1707 to get started today, or visit <http://ucv.im/give> for more information!) or **donate online** through our secure Breeze interface.

**Closing Hymn** #318: *We Would be One* Chalice Choir Leads

**Closing Words** Alison Pearson

**Announcements** Michael O'Neil

**Valediction** *Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again*  
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\* *The meditation images: Architect/artist Roberto Pacheco has been doing 'forest interventions' in Pacific Spirit Park during the pandemic. He uses random materials he finds on site to create sculptural works. Assembling them is a kind of meditation for him. They are not permanent but return to their organic state over time with wind and weather (and occasional human and dog interference). They have provided wonderment and delight for woodland walkers who come upon them by chance.*

## **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)*

**PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP OF RUTANA, BURUNDI:** Today our congregation will embark on a new relationship – a partnership with a Unitarian Fellowship in Rutana, Burundi.

Recently we have had many communications with the Rutana fellowship through their minister, Rev. Gérard Niyungeko, and Rev. Fulgence Ndagijimana. We jointly decided to support the ***Rutana Woman's Project***. A major impediment to the education and employment of young women is the unavailability of sanitary napkins. A group of women at the Rutana Fellowship has initiated a project to sew and distribute quality reusable sanitary napkins. With outside support, a few sewing machines have been purchased, as has some materials, training, rental of space, and a security guard to protect the equipment.

The next phase involves the purchase of specialized sewing machines and rental of space to house them. This will increase the production of sanitary napkins and ensure the women have an income by doing other sewing jobs when there is no funding for menstruation kits. They will give a portion of their income to the Rutana Fellowship and will serve people in Rutana who now have to travel to other provinces to have sewing jobs done.



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**UCV ONLINE HISTORY WALL:** The online wall is ready! Go to [padlet.com/vancouverunitarians/stories](http://padlet.com/vancouverunitarians/stories) to add your stories and peruse the many posts. The user-friendly site includes a practice area. Remember, this is a work in progress! Do you have questions about the online wall? Join Paul Prescod during the coffee hour after today's service. Go to [ucv.im/coffee](http://ucv.im/coffee) and ask for the Online History Wall breakout room. See you there!

**ACTION EVENINGS AND THE UCV GENDERS & SEXUALITIES ALLIANCE PRESENT:** Glenn Deefholts reading from his recently published *Genderfluid, a Way of Being* on Zoom. Members of UCV's Sexualities Alliance will be on hand for the Q and A. Wednesday, November 25, 7:00 – 8:00 pm: <https://ucv.im/action-evenings>.

**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**

**DEAR FRIENDS,** We on the UCV Board are sensitive to the fact that there are some mixed feelings about the Redevelopment Committee's recommendation to the Board, and The Board's subsequent motion and vote at the AGM. In light of this, we the UCV Board of Trustees have invited Rev Lara Cowtan and her Ministerial Transitions Team to create a Redevelopment Forensic Task Force. This Task Force will perform a post mortem on the entire Redevelopment process in order to create some kind of summary that catalogues what went wrong, how we got here, and difficult lessons learned. UCV Members who wish to can express their views on the redevelopment process via this Task Force. The resulting document could become a valuable tool for future Unitarians when redevelopment inevitably comes up again (or some other high stakes initiative.)

In celebration of our new Board of Trustees, let us all rejoice in a new beginning, and face the challenges ahead by moving forward together.

Sincerely and In faith, Diane Brown, UCV Board President.

**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](mailto:communications@vancouverunitarians.ca) if interested!

**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.

**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.

**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).

**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.

**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))

## **OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS**

**'LIVING LEGACIES' VIRTUAL INTERFAITH FORUM AND CALENDAR LAUNCH:** The Multifaith Action Society, a longtime tenant of UCV's, is convening a virtual interfaith forum and calendar launch celebration event on Saturday, November 28, from 1 – 4 pm via Zoom. Featuring keynote remarks from the Three Interfaith Amigos – Imam Jamal Rahman, Pastor Don Mackenzie and Rabbi Ted Falcon – as well as music from Bruce and Cheryl Harding and Amarjeet Singh. For more information or to pre-register, visit [www.multifaithaction.org](http://www.multifaithaction.org).



## **Next Sunday Service: November 29, 2020**

### **Pulpit Swap with Rev. Ron Phares**

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

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

Galen Elfert, 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.*

## **MINISTER AND STAFF**

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