

Diversity in Community

CANADIAN UNITARIAN COUNCIL ANNUAL CONFERENCE & MEETING
May 18-21, 2007 – UBC – Hosted by the Unitarian Church of Vancouver

MAKE THE RAINBOW CONNECTION

The place where you belong isn't somewhere way up high or far away, but right here inside our rainbow in Vancouver.

Make the rainbow connection at ACM 2007 and celebrate Diversity in Community. Held over the May long weekend in Vancouver, this dynamic gathering puts you inside the wonderfully diverse rainbow of Canadian Unitarian Universalism. From May 18 to May 21, you'll experience:

- Diverse speakers, from the compassionate and controversial Rev. Bill Phipps to the ecstatic naturalism of Prof. Robert Corrington.
- Diverse workshops, from the "Cakes for the Queen of Heaven Celebration," to the "World Cafe: Imagining Sustainability."
- Diverse delegates of all ages and backgrounds
- Diverse surroundings in Vancouver: a multi-cultural, multi-faith metropolis set on the water and framed by mountains.

ACM 2007 gives participants of all ages a chance to connect with fellow UUs from across the country to exchange ideas, re-energize and have fun. This year's gathering promises to be the biggest ever: a springboard to a period of growth and optimism for Unitarian Universalism across the country. So go ahead, make the rainbow connection. See you in Vancouver. Most of the conference will occur in the Student Union Building with exhibits in the concourse area.

CUC Friends Breakfast and the **International Lunch** will be in Sage Bistro.

We have the **First Nations House of Learning Longhouse** booked for Saturday afternoon and evening.

Sunday banquet will be outdoors of the **Museum of Anthropology** and will include admission to the galleries.

And.. Sunday worship will be in the beautiful **Chan Centre** – You're all invited!

LOCATION

The University of British Columbia is located at the western most point of the city of Vancouver and is surrounded on three sides by beautiful beaches that meet with the Pacific Ocean. The campus is separated from the City of Vancouver by Endowment Lands but has excellent public transportation service with single bus service to just about anywhere in the city.

ACCOMMODATION & LOGISTICS

The conference will be held at the University of British Columbia with key venues being SUB (Student Union Building) and Gage Towers.

A range of accommodation is available from dorm rooms at approximately \$22/night to single or double rooms and suites. Reservations: (604) 822-1000 Toll Free: 1-888-822-1030 email: reservations@housing.ubc.ca Mention you are with the CUC conference.

Book online: <http://www.cuc.ca/conference/2007/accommodation.htm>

PRE-CONFERENCE SHARED MINISTRY DAYS

Ministry is the act of serving. Shared Ministry is what we* do to serve our congregation and the broader community, individually and together. Each individual brings unique gifts to contribute.*includes members of the congregation, paid staff and ordained minister(s). This title nicely sums up the purpose of the pre-conference sessions—to connect, educate, support and encourage all those participating in our Shared Ministry.

TUESDAY-THURSDAY

ECSTATIC NATURALISM: NATURE, GOD, AND THE NEW COSMOLOGY

Professor Corrington has developed his philosophic perspective of ecstatic naturalism out of an ongoing dialogue between Continental phenomenology on the one side and classical Euro-American pragmatism on the other. The metaphysical perspective of ecstatic naturalism is anti-supernaturalist while remaining open to the religious dimensions of nature as these dimensions are manifest in sacred folds (semiotic orders with special numinous and archetypal power). Animating the dialectic between phenomenology and pragmatism (or pragmaticism) is his work with depth psychology, especially that of Reich and Jung. Professor Corrington not only writes on these issues but has lectured on Jung at the C.G. Jung Institute in Zurich, Switzerland as well as at Drew University. His book on Wilhelm Reich is forthcoming. His metaphysics of ecstatic naturalism is concerned with exhibiting the utter vastness of nature as that nature manifests its own unconscious potencies and the religious orders of meaning that intersect with the human unconscious. His seventh book, A

Semiotic Theory of Theology and Philosophy, (Cambridge University Press, 2000) extends his categorical scheme into the foundational structures of the world and presents a semiotic cosmology.

Currently he is working on a larger project for Cambridge University Press as well as other book projects that will further ramify and extend ecstatic naturalism. This involves a continuing exploration of Hinduism, Buddhism, and theosophy as they all intersect with the liberal strains in Western metaphysics and theology. Professor Corrington is an active member of the Unitarian Universalist Association and The Theosophical Society of America. He lectures and gives classes for both organizations and travels to India for the Congress of the International Theosophical Society in Chennai (Madras). Location: Vancouver School of Theology, UBC, Vancouver, BC Hours: Tuesday, May 15, 6:30-9:30pm; Wed, May 16 & Thursday, May 17 - 9:30-4:30pm Vancouver School of Theology Associate Professor Sharon Betcher will be meeting with those taking the course for credit and conducting the evaluation for the course for those students.

Audit – register through Canadian Unitarian Council
018-1179A King Street West,
Toronto, Ontario M6K 3C5
www.cuc.ca 1-888-568-5723/416-489-4121 fax: 416-489-9010 email: info@cuc.ca

Registration Fees: \$200

This course is available for degree or certificate credit through Vancouver School of Theology.

Credit fees: \$337.50 for degree students and \$387.50 for Continuing Education credit

Contact registrar@vst.edu for more information

Participants are strongly encouraged to attend the entire class. Those who are not able to do so will be on a wait-list and if space and the presenter agrees, will be

accepted. However, there is no discount from the full-course fee. Credit – register through Vancouver School of Theology Note. Dr. Corrington will be sharing the pulpit with parish minister, the Rev. Dr. Steven Epperson at the Unitarian Church of Vancouver, 949 West 49th Avenue (at Oak) on Sunday, May 13. All are welcome.

WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY

MULTICULTURAL RENAISSANCE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MODULE

Location: Camp Alexandra, Surrey BC
Dates: May 16-18. Wed 6:00 - 9:00 pm; Thursday 9:00 am - 9:00 pm; Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
The goals for participants in this module are:

- Creating a climate that invites, honours and celebrates diversity
- Fostering positive attitudes toward diversity as enriching and enabling our religious community
- Enhancing the ability to value and affirm one's own culture and that of others
- Helping participants acquire knowledge and develop their willingness to work toward change for social justice
- Promoting social structural equality and cultural pluralism
- Discovering how diversity and pluralism expand our understandings and enrich our lives together
- Helping prepare participants for deeper meaning and authentic participation in a diverse world

Module Coordinator: Sylvia Bass
West 519-472-7073 sylvia@cuc.ca

Module Leaders:

Cathy Tauscher 360-579-6024
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Cathy Tauscher has been a religious educator in the state of

Washington for the past 20 years, and is currently the DRE at the Woodinville Unitarian Universalist Church. She has a masters' degree in Human Development from Pacific Oaks College of Pasadena with a specialization in Leadership in Education. A formative experience in her program at Pacific Oaks, which led to a strong commitment to anti-oppression work, was studying the social and political context of human development. She is a trained leader of the UUA Renaissance Program's Multicultural Module.

Cathy is currently serving on the Liberal Religious Educators Association (LREDA) Credentialing Mentoring Committee. For the past ten years, she has been the director of the yearly Puget Sound Middle School Conference. Cathy lives on Whidbey Island where she cares for her family's miniature show horses and a pony.

Audrey O'Callaghan (613) 283-6055 audryoc@magma.ca
Using her Early Childhood Education and Social Service Training, Audrey began a career as a welfare worker, then continued training and became a life skills coach. Life Skills coaching involved facilitating groups of adults who were re-entering the work force. Audrey was the first Director of Religious Education at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Ottawa. Audrey has held many roles within UU community, including serving on the St. Lawrence District RE Committee. She is now a CUC lifespan learning service consultant. Audrey writes, "It excites me to meet and create friendships and shared kinship with others involved in religious education. I can trace my enthusiasm in accepting challenges in life as being directly related to my ongoing involvement with religious education and how I feel about lifespan learning. I look forward to connecting with you to share my experience and enthusiasm".

Program details:

This module prepares us for the overall ACM 2007 theme of Diversity in Community. Renaissance training is a very valuable experience for DREs, Program or Volunteer Coordinators serving religious education, RE Committee members, ministerial students and RE supporters in general. As with all trainings, you'll be sharing and learning with a group of UUs passionate about justice and equity in human relations and building communities of spiritual growth and lifespan faith development. Some attendees may have familiarity with the issues and resources around multiculturalism, and others may have done a number of related trainings. Each participant brings their own gifts and understandings and takes with them some new understanding of the value of community, lifespan religious education, and collegial connections.

Registration:

No further registrations

THURSDAY

WELCOMING AND CELEBRATING CONGREGATIONAL DIVERSITY

The CUC Racial and First Nations Equity Monitoring Group will be unveiling this new congregationally-based program at the ACM. The WCCD workshop is intended to be one step in helping congregations be more welcoming to people of diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds, and to encourage the development of relations with groups representing such diversity. For more information, http://www.cuc.ca/social_responsibility/racial_firstnations_equity.htm
Facilitator: **Rev. Keith Kron**,
Director of the Office of Bisexual,

Gay, Lesbian and Transgender Concerns at the Unitarian Universalist Association (<http://www.uua.org/obgltc/>) will be conducting this workshop to train WCCD leaders for cluster events and individual congregations, based on his experience with the UUA's "Beyond Categorical Thinking" program which is offered to Ministerial Search Committee Members. Representatives of other ethnic groups will be sought to participate.

Date: Thursday, May 17, 2006

Time: 9:30-4:30

Location: Unitarian Church of Vancouver

CUC BOARD MEETING

The CUC Board Meets Thursday evening and Friday during the day. Most of our meetings are open to observers. We appreciate a note to the CUC Board Secretary Nora Prosser (nora@cuc.ca) if you plan to attend so we can ensure sufficient space.

More about the CUC board can be found at: <http://www.cuc.ca/business/board/board.htm>
Location: UBC SUB

FRIDAY

LIFT UP YOUR VOICE! A GOSPEL AND WORLD MUSIC WORKSHOP WITH BRIAN TATE

Experience the passion and the power of gospel and world music with acclaimed conductor, pianist, and vocalist Brian Tate. Director of Vancouver's 80-voice Universal Gospel Choir, Brian leads exciting and fun-filled choir workshops across North America. All voices welcome - join us for an inspiring day of singing!

Biography

A native of Vancouver,



Canada, Brian Tate is an award-winning composer and arranger. Many of his choral works have been published and his music is performed worldwide. Brian's choral writing reflects his love for music from African and African-American traditions. He directs Vancouver's multi-faith, multicultural Universal Gospel Choir, performs as a vocalist, and is in high demand across North America as a choral and vocal clinician and facilitator. A passionate advocate of music-making at all levels, Brian believes that music has a fundamental role in learning, communication, understanding, community, health, and wholeness.

My approach:

I believe that people need to feel safe and welcome to sing freely. I take a very informal approach, with a lot of humour, fun, and playfulness. I encourage folks to solo, to find their own voice and style. I work with all types of choral repertoire, but my niche is in gospel and world music, particularly African and African-derived music. I am also a percussionist, and have studied West and South African music. All music of this style I teach orally, in the traditional manner, with emphasis on singing in the authentic style. With music in a gospel style, I work with the congregation/audience to create a participatory and joyful atmosphere.

Quote

"Choral music should be riveting, thrilling, ecstatic, and unforgettable, and this is the kind of singing I endeavour to bring to choirs. I feel that choir should be a place where singers can feel secure so that they can stretch themselves, take risks, expand their voices and self-expression, discover something about themselves and others, go beyond their idea of themselves both as individuals and as a group. Choir should be nothing short of a

transformational and life-changing experience."

Testimonials

Many thanks for the inspiration and the learnings that you shared with us. It is uncommon to discover a superb musician and a gifted educator in the same person. Your workshop was inspiring, motivating and great fun. You are a gifted teacher!

Judy Herrington, director, Tacoma Youth Chorus

Thank you so much for sharing your enormous talent and your sensitive approach to singers. You are rare indeed and we have all been touched by you.

Clare Mathias, director, Pender Island Choir

Brian's energy and connection to the human spirit are inspiring and inviting. We were very blessed to have had such an awesome musician here. Thank you Brian for the gifts of your original talent and your infectious energy. "Undercurrents" (Bowen Island newspaper)

"Thank you so much for all of your work with us. It was a blast!! One long-term member of our church told me that he thought your service was the best ever at our church. That's high praise indeed!"

Donna Brown, Choir Director, Unitarian Church of Vancouver

<http://www.briantatemusic.com/>

Date: Friday, May 18, 2007

Time: 9-4:30

Location: Unitarian Church of Vancouver, Sanctuary, 949 West 49th Avenue (at Oak) Vancouver BC 604-261-7204

Registration fee: \$75

Includes morning and afternoon coffee break refreshments and lunch.

Leadership Program

We often offer a one day program for congregational leaders. This year we will be offering for the first time this new program which is part of the Canadian Unitarian Universalist Leadership program.

HUMAN RESOURCES FOR UU CONGREGATIONS

This one-day course will help congregational leaders, ministers and staff understand human resources "best practices" and to lay a foundation for developing your own tools and policies.

Information will be posted at:

<http://www.cuc.ca/programs/leadership.htm>



Facilitator: **Monica Bennett**

Monica is a Service Consultant in Congregational Wellness & Vitality (Growth & Conflict Management, Leadership) for the CUC in the Eastern Region. She will enhance, nurture and promote the development of Unitarian and Universalism in congregations from Sarnia to Peterborough. She is available to provide workshops, training, coaching and consultative services to congregations as requested by congregations. Monica's background includes the development and implementation of resources, training and consultation services for voluntary organizations and their volunteer programs. She has worked with many Boards of Directors and their committees to establish policies, procedures and program priorities including issues related to volunteer management, screening and risk management.

Monica became a Unitarian Universalist in 1997. Since then she has become a trainer for all five curricula of the positive, comprehensive lifespan sexuality education program, Our Whole

Lives. This work has given her much insight into congregational life and a greater appreciation for our denomination. Her background in sexuality includes working as a volunteer at the University of Waterloo Birth Control Centre and as senior staff at Planned Parenthood in both Hamilton and Kitchener. She also has a strong background and experience in the anti-sexual violence movement which she says grounded her in anti-oppression theory and practice. She has 20 plus years of solid experience in community development work. "I believe in the power of community. I've seen myself how people transform their lives through their involvement and personal investment their community."

Monica lives in Dundas, Ontario. Location: Unitarian Church of Vancouver, Sanctuary, 949 West 49th Avenue (at Oak) Vancouver BC 604-261-7204

Registration fee: \$75
Includes morning and afternoon coffee break refreshments and lunch.

Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

LAY CHAPLAINCY DAY

*—for those who officiate at
Unitarian and Universalist
Rites of Passage*

Open to current, retired and prospective lay chaplains, ministers, ministerial students and lay chaplaincy committee members. Friday is sponsored by the CUC's Lay Chaplaincy Committee providing enrichment training opportunities. 9:00-5pm
The day is being planned and coordinated by the Lay Chaplaincy team at the Unitarian Church of Vancouver.

Agenda:

9:00 - 9:30 am

Warm-up, Check-in, Intro, Agenda

9:30 - 12:30

Speaking to Bereaved Families (with Self-Empathy Exercises)

Wayne Ulian, Lay Chaplain, and Margaret Fletcher, UCV Member and Bereavement Counsellor

12:30 - 1:30 pm

lunch

1:30 - 4:30 pm

Creating the Sacred Journey of Ritual: Deepening Rites of Passage and Planning New Rituals

(By UCV Lay Chaplains: Katherine Roback, Shoshanna Wiley and Dan Enright)

(Some may choose to have dinner together before the ingathering at UBC)

No fee for current, retired lay chaplains and lay chaplains-in-training, ministers, ministerial students and lay chaplaincy committee members (but must pre-register)

Location: Unitarian Church of Vancouver

Go to http://www.cuc.ca/lay_chaplaincy/upcoming_training.htm for details of this and other training events for Unitarians and Universalists who officiate at rites of passage.

CANADIAN UNITARIANS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Canadian Unitarians for Social Justice (CUSJ) have their annual meeting and program on the Friday before the CUC's conference.

Check www.cusj.org for details as they become available.

CUSJ is an Associate Member of the CUC.

Location: UBC SUB Room 207

President: Bob Stevenson

www.cusj.org

Young Adult Programming

Stephen Turnbull (the CUC's first Youth Observer – now young adult) has served on the ACM Program Planning committee to help select concurrent sessions of interest to young adults. Contact young-adults@cuc.ca
Michael Tino, UUA Director of Young Adult/Campus Ministry will be at the ACM delivering workshops and available for consultation.



*Devin Murphy and Joel Fox,
CUC ACM 2007 Soulful
Sundown Coordinator.*

Soulful Sundown worship service will be led by (mainly) young adults on Sunday night after the banquet. If you are able to help plan the worship, contact soulful-sundown@cuc.ca

More information at: cuc.ca/conference/2007/youngAdults.htm

REGISTRATION

Friday

2:00 pm

Registration opens at UBC
Location: SUB 2nd Floor South
Foyer

12:00-4:00 Exhibits set-up

Location: SUB Concourse**FRIDAY EVENING****EVENTS BEGIN AT UBC****7:00 - 7:45 pm****ACM ORIENTATION**

Come and learn the basics about
how the ACM happens.

Location: UBC – Student Union
Building

7:30 – 8:00 pm

Banner carriers assemble with
Parade Marshall

8:00 – 9:00 pm**Ingathering and Banner Parade**

Hosted by the Unitarian Church of
Vancouver

9:00 – 10:00 pm

Sacred Circle Dancing

10:00 – 11:00 pm

Labyrinth walking at the Vancouver
School of Theology outdoor
Labyrinth

9:00 – 10:30 pm

Reception hosted by UU United
Nations Office (cash bar)
UBC SUB

SATURDAY,**7:30 - 8:45 am**

VIP Breakfast for ACM Concurrent
Session presenters and Volunteer
Liaisons with ACM Program
Planning members. By invitation.
Please RSVP to sessions@cuc.ca

8:15 – 8:45 am**SPIRITUAL PRACTICE 1A****Stretching, Chanting and Reflective Writing**

Stretch and chant: Light warm-up exercises and chanting practice includes reflective writing. By experiencing calm, connected and inspired feelings, we act from a grounded and centred state of mind that allows us to consider the oneness of life including all points of view. (community, universe, Unitarian) Wake up to who you are! For over 30 years **David Embry Solest** has studied flute, composition and the yoga of voice. He facilitates vocal workshops, leads chanting and is the director of the I AM Choir. He has studied Gregorian chant with legor Reznikoff, vocal facilitation with Chloe Goodchild and Mantra/Nada yoga practice with Swami Sivananda Radha.

SP1B - The Everything Seed –
Readings and Story in English and French.

Rev. Carole Martignacco is author of *The Everything Seed* & **Nancy Labonte** has translated the story into French.

KEY NOTE SPEAKER**Rev. Bill Phipps****9:00 - 10:15 am including Q&A**

Compassionate, controversial and engaging: Rev. Bill Phipps to give keynote speech



A fearless social justice advocate and outspoken theologian, passionate about peace and a candidate who has gone toe-to-toe with Stephen Harper on the hustings. The compassionate, controversial and engaging Rev. Bill Phipps will be the keynote speaker at the Canadian Unitarian Council's Annual Conference and Meeting 2007 in Vancouver this spring. Phipps is International President of the World Conference on Religion and Peace and a former Moderator of the United Church of Canada. "I expect Rev. Phipps to challenge us as Unitarians about the work of truly living diversity within our religious communities," said Canadian Unitarian Council Executive Director Mary Bennett. "He has walked the walk of speaking his truth and engaging with a diversity of responses." Phipps experienced quite a diverse response when he spoke his truth shortly after becoming United church Moderator in 1997. He said he didn't believe Jesus was God, nor did he consider the resurrection a scientific fact. He was also agnostic on the question of an afterlife. This sparked a debate which continued to the end of his term in 2000. In 2002, Phipps was the New Democratic Party candidate in the Calgary Southwest by-election contested by newly-elected

Canadian Alliance leader (currently Prime Minister) Stephen Harper. Phipps has also worked as a poverty lawyer, pastor, community organizer, hospital chaplain and an adult educator. He was trained as a lawyer at Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto before entering theological college. He was ordained in 1969. Between 1974 and 1983, he was minister of Trinity-St. Paul's United Church in Toronto. He's been a minister at Scarborough United Church in Calgary since 1993. He's currently active with the Interfaith community's Faith and the Common Good project in Canada. Bennett says Phipps will bring his wealth of experience in balancing conflicting and competing views to a diverse CUC crowd in Vancouver this May.

"In our very diverse congregations, where we welcome those who identify as Humanist, Christian, Pagan, Buddhist and more, we need to continually revisit our Living Tradition," Bennett says. "We need to meet the challenges that come with both speaking our own truth and truly celebrating the diversity of our fellow members and friends."

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Select one in each category.

SATURDAY

10:30 am - 12 noon

A1. ANNUAL MEETING, Part I

Introductions, Reports, General Business
Chair, CUC President, **Vyda Ng**

A2. Fighting for Privacy in a Surveillance Culture

Post 9/11 security culture has leveraged public fears to justify vaguely described, vast surveillance measures. This workshop will discuss surveillance programs including telecommunications and traveller surveillance (i.e. "no-fly" lists; how new technologies have created surveillance potential that is

unprecedented; and how increased surveillance is being 'policy laundered' through international forums.

Micheal Vonn is the Policy Director of the BC Civil Liberties Association. She has spoken extensively on a range of privacy/surveillance issues including new technologies, closed circuit television cameras in public space, data mining, internet surveillance, no-fly lists and the USA Patriot Act. She is also working on the privacy implications of electronic health records.

A3. Exploring the Inconvenient Truth

Following the success of his film, "An Inconvenient Truth", in increasing awareness of Global Warming, Al. Gore has trained 1000 people to present and discuss his slide show. Dr. Jim Stephenson, one of Gore's 1000, will present parts of the slide show, including some additional Canadian content, and lead a discussion of this crucial issue.

Dr. Jim Stephenson's PhD. is in economics with environmental economics one of his areas of study. Prior to "An Inconvenient Truth", Jim presented a course on Global Warming at the NSUC.

A4. Membership - the Art of Information and Invitation

Membership begins at the front door. We will look at the processes used in Victoria and Saskatoon that take newcomers from the front door to being part of our congregations. We will share ways to organize the way you contact and provide information to new people through all the stages of becoming a member, from that first visit, through being a friend and becoming a member. We will also provide copies of all program materials and resources we use through the whole membership process.

Lisa Greenly and Liz James have been chairing their membership committees for 2 years and have

been described as the energizer bunnies of membership.

A5. Religion on the Internet

Unitarian Church of Calgary's former webweaver takes participants on a tour of websites that provide overviews of various faiths and spiritual paths.

Penney Kome is an award-winning journalist and author, and Editor of Straightgoods.com, Canada's leading independent online newsmagazine. She is co-chair of the UCC Church Services committee and served as webweaver for several years.

A6. Practicing Empathy - Compassionate Communication In Everyday Living

Learn a simple, practical compassionate communication method (<http://www.cnvc.org>). Alone and in pairs, you'll identify troublesome concerns "objectively" AND make the connection between negative feelings and unmet needs. Experience the benefits of "deep listening" (empathy), which can open channels of communication with more effective and satisfying relationships the outcome.

Wayne Ulian, a Vancouver school teacher, has led Compassionate Communication workshops and practice groups for over 5 years. His is currently a Lay Chaplain at the Unitarian Church of Vancouver.

A7. OWL at a UU Camp Setting - Does It Work?

Going to camp is a summer tradition for many of us - but sexuality education at camp? Isn't this a recipe for disaster? Well, we did it at UniCamp in August of 2006 with twenty-six 13-15 year old youth, not all U*U's. And it worked wonderfully! Let's discuss what worked and what could be done better. Bring your ideas and let us workshop together.

Neal denHollander is an OWL facilitator and trainer. He co-facilitated the Unicamp OWL (Grade 7-9) with Deirdre Yates. A former

DRE at South Peel, he is currently active with YRUU locally, regionally (QuOM), and nationally.

A8. Creating a Unitarian Buddhist Sangha

This session outlines a process for setting up a Unitarian spiritual small group in the Buddhist tradition. It focuses not on just finding your cushion, but also maintaining your seat (which often proves more difficult, given the strong Unitarian sense of individual rights!)

Gillian Burton is a member of two UU Buddhist sanghas. A UU Lay Chaplain, lawyer, mediator, hearing officer and educator.

A9. Inter-spiritual Chanting as a Personal and Congregational Meditation Practice

We will explore singing and meditating together. Chants are from a variety of traditions including non-dualist and English. We look at the questions: 'What does it mean to attune ourselves?' 'What is the value of a shared experience in a conscious state of love and peace?' The workshop includes a brief explanation of mantras.

David Embry Solest studied flute, composition, voice and was a member of the Univ. of Victoria Choir and Chamber Singers. He facilitates vocal workshops, leads chanting and is the director of the I AM Choir.

SATURDAY

12:00 - 1:30 pm

Mini-plenary to discuss the Social Responsibility resolutions on Racial and First Nations Justice.

MULTIGENERATIONAL DAY

Youth from CanUudle arrive on site at UBC for lunch and stay for the day until the youth-led worship ends at 10:00 pm.

12:00 - 1:45 pm

Multigenerational Picnic

A picnic with games will be on the Field near Gage, UBC, for lunch. Lunches will be provided for purchase in advance, or bring your own.

Coordinated by the **North Shore Unitarian Church** (\$15/adults; \$10/child under 12)

SATURDAY

2:00 - 3:00 pm

Plenary

CUC Board and Friends presents the **Go-4-It Strategy**

Kalvin Drake, Coordinator

1:30 - 9:00 pm



Vancouver Street Retreat Select this event INSTEAD of B & C concurrent sessions

The Street Retreat is a chance to bring our intentional presence to a day in the streets of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. Based on a Zen Buddhist practice of walking meditation, we spend a day walking in non-judgment, bearing witness to the joy, suffering and absurdity of life on the streets.

Laura Friedman is a candidate for Unitarian Universalist ministry. She has been working for the last couple of years founding the Faithful Fools of Vancouver, an interfaith street ministry in the Downtown Eastside.

SATURDAY

3:15 - 4:45 pm

B1. CUC ACM 2007 Choir Practice. Must also attend D2.

What better way to celebrate diversity than through song! Join choir members of the Vancouver

churches for two practices and sing with us during the Sunday morning service.

Donna Brown has conducted the Chalice Choir of the Unitarian Church of Vancouver for the last eight years. Under her direction, the choir has performed a wide variety of music, from Bach and Mozart to Gershwin.

B2. Welcoming the May! - a Beltane Ritual

Modern Pagans view the world as a great Circle of life, majestically turning from season to season. Dance with us around the Maypole as we welcome the coming of Spring and the reawakening of the Earth. Join us as we celebrate the rhythms of nature with ritual, song, and enthusiastic merriment.

Louise Bunn an artist, has been a practicing Pagan for 25 years and a Unitarian for the past 10 years. She wrote the Unitarian curriculum "Paganism 101". **Fritz Muntean** is a member of the UCV Board of Trustees. He has a recent MA in Religious Studies, and has been a practicing Pagan for over 40 years.

B3. Moving from Youth Programming to Youth Ministry

Through the Consultation on Youth Ministry, our youth are telling us that they want and need deeper spiritual connections. We will take a closer look at what this means and how UU congregations can better serve the spiritual needs of youth. "What are the roles of ministers, religious educators, lay leaders and youth themselves in making our faith a religious home"?

Jesse Jaeger, has served as Youth Programs Director, UUA for 5 years. Before that he served the Association for 2 years in the Young Adult and Campus Ministry Office.

B4. U*U Perspectives on Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity / Expression

"Welcoming Congregations" have completed a program and held a congregational vote affirming that

they welcome persons regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity or expression. When did your congregation complete the program? Is once enough? If your congregation has not run the program, does it need to? Come to discuss and learn!

Art Brewer is Chair of the CUC's Gender and Sexual Diversity Monitoring Group. He is an adult trainer by profession, and a long time champion of the Welcoming Congregation program.

B5. Deep Ecology and 'The Work that Re-connects'

We can meet concerns about the very future of our planet with fear and anguish, or with deep caring and a radical embrace of our 7th principle. This experiential workshop will introduce participants to the work of deep ecologist Joanna Macy, and explore its resonance for U*U's.

Nicoline Guerrier is a Ministerial Student and Social Worker who has been designing and leading workshops since 1989. She has twice studied with Joanna Macy.

B6. How Shall We Go-4-It! ?

This interactive workshop follows the plenary session - where we will have heard the feedback from the Congregational Workshops held across the country. Now it's time to start brainstorming the specifics... creating the future for Unitarianism and Universalism in Canada!

CUC Board Trustees.

Board members bios can be found on the CUC website

B7. Balance and Self Care

In today's busy world, balance is not something that many of us are able to achieve. Come and share your ideas with others striving for the same. We will also make some fabulous "tools" to take home with you.

Caroline Farley is the Director of Lifespan Religious Exploration at the UCV and "president" of Replenish All Natural Bath Products.

She has been making natural soap products since 1999.

B8. Restless Unitarians

Eighteen thousand Canadians told Statistics Canada that they're Unitarian, though we have only 6,000 in our congregations. Twelve thousand potential participants in our movement need to connect with you! Using the insights from Reginald Bibby's latest study, "Restless Churches," in which the Canadian sociologist of religion sees the emergence of a religious renaissance, this workshop will explore ways our Unitarian and Universalist congregations can be reaching out to Canadians already sympathetic to Unitarianism.

Rev. Peter Boullata is currently the interim minister with the Unitarian Fellowship of Peterborough.

B9. SGM - Building Bridges Between Our Divisions

Rev. Jane Bramadat and **DLL Sylvia Bass West** will share this multigenerational experiential workshop using small group ministry process. The workshop group will break into age-appropriate Small Group Ministry circles of under 8 people. Each will reflect on a similar diversity issue, using a reading appropriate to the age group. There will be time for reflection, and for children, an associated creative exploration with art materials. Then we all rejoin to share our experience within the larger group.

B10. Volunteering in the Developing World: Lessons Learned

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to volunteer overseas? Three young Canadians, who have volunteered overseas with different organizations, will inspire you with their stories drawn from experiences on three continents. Why did they go? How did reality meet their expectations? What did they learn? How have their lives changed as a result. Share the adventure, ask questions. A video may be shown.

Richard Kirsh has been organizing volunteer construction trips to Central America since 1994. Over 400 Unitarians from across Canada have participated, many of them returning more than once. Panelists include **Robbie Brydon** and **Sara Maki**.

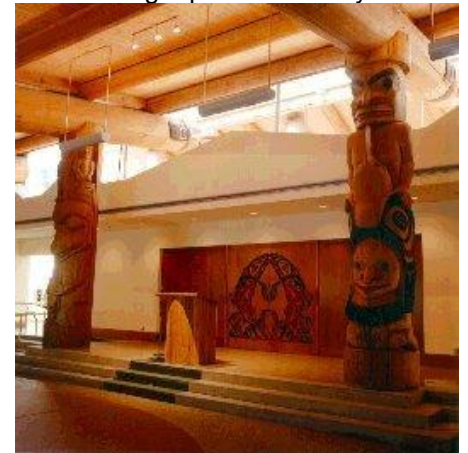
SATURDAY

Simple Souper Saturday Supper

Choose either

**5:00 – 5:45 pm or
6:15 - 7:00 pm sitting.**

\$20/adult; \$10/children under 12. Included in Youth and Junior Youth program No additional fee. Junior Youth and Youth will be at the **1st sitting**. Families with young children might prefer the early time.



We again invite congregations to bring a special bowl – filled with money for a charity that's hunger-related. You will exchange your bowl with that from another congregation.

Location: First Nations Longhouse, UBC

5:45 – 6:15 pm There will a bowls exchange.

SATURDAY

7:15 - 8:45 pm

C1. Confluence Lecture 2007

Presented this year by
Rev. Christine Hillman.
"The "H" Word"

"Where do we come from? Who are we? Where are we going?"

These words from a chant sung by many, speak to the direction of this year's Confluence Lecture. Where does our religious tradition come from? Who are we now? And where are we going?

Christine is in the sixth year of her ministry at the historic Unitarian Universalist Church of Olinda in Southwest Ontario, and on sabbatical from January to early June. A long time Unitarian Universalist, she currently chairs the CUC Theological Education Funds Committee and has co-led the UU History Module for religious educators in Canada.

C2. Cakes for the Queen of Heaven Celebration

A participatory evening ritual to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the popular feminist theology curriculum Cakes for the Queen of Heaven.

Rev. Shirley Ranck, Ph.D., is the author of "Cakes for the Queen of Heaven" curriculum; UU minister.

C3. Consultation on Youth Ministry

The Canadian Unitarian Council has been partnering with the UUA for the past two years to deeply examine how we support youth in our faith. As this process culminates, join us in seeing what we have learned so far and what the next steps are in this important process.

Jesse Jaeger, Youth Programs Director, UUA. and Canadian Youth Leaders.

CANCELLED: C4. Back in School?

CANCELLED

C5. Make it Local Then Take it Global: Citizen Advocacy

Our cumulative actions to improve the world can make a difference, but how do we ensure our voice is being heard. This workshop will look at some success stories and challenges around advocacy work that have risen to the global arena. Bring your questions and share experience on how change happens.

Susan Walsh, Executive Director, USC Canada is an engaging leader. Susan has 25 years experience in activism, in Canada, the developing world and at the global policy level. She was part of the grassroots mobilization, and lobbying of the UN Convention to Conserve Biodiversity - where the global Ban Terminator was confirmed for 2008.

C6. "Think Peace" Documentary Film

This documentary was filmed during the World Peace Forum, Vancouver, BC, June 23-28, 2006.

Approximately a 50 minute long film presentation. It brings a message of peace and hope.

David Maidman

C7. By Bits and Bytes - UU Congregations Join the Information Age

A workshop to explore and share ideas about the use of computers in our churches, both for internal use, for outreach and to attract new members. Hardware, software, networking, web sites, email, e-lists and other topics will be discussed. Come with your questions and your church computer usage stories.

Bert Christensen is CUC webweaver. **John Michell** is a seasoned computer network consultant and trainer and CUC board member contact to the technology advisory group.

C8. Incorporating Diversity - How to Practice What We Preach

This workshop presents a model that provides a roadmap for living

together with people who see the world differently than we do. It is based on the ways in which humans interact. Its application ranges from the most intimate of human relationships to all levels of human interactions.

Philip Bone Campbell is a clinical counsellor and program manager with Interlock. In this role he frequently presents workshops and has presented numerous lay services, one on this topic.

C9. Intersecting Circles - the Integration of Modern Paganism

Pagans at the Unitarian Church of Vancouver are creating a model for integrating into the life and practice of their congregation that may be unique in our movement. From an historical perspective, this may be the latest working through of a creative tension that has contributed much to our denomination's success.

Fritz Muntean is a member of the UCV Board of Trustees. He has a recent MA in Religious Studies, and has been a practicing Pagan for over 40 years. **Louise Bunn** is an artist and has been a practicing Pagan for 25 years and a Unitarian for the past 10 years.

C10. Youth Community Games

From light and easy to deep and even provocative, come participate (or just watch) as we take you through some ice breakers, energizers, group building and group stretching games and activities our youth communities enjoy.

Communities that play together, stay together!

Youth Advisory Group & Terre Commune Leaders

SATURDAY

9:00 - 10:00 pm

Youth-led Worship
The Symphony of Modern Humanity

Coordinator: Chris Michell, youth-
worship@cuc.ca

SATURDAY

10:00 pm on

Coffee House presented by **Beacon Unitarian Church**.

The Unitarian Home Companion old time radio show, featuring the "Play As You Are Able Orchestra," the "Carry the Flame Players" and special guests.

Written by Don Hauka, the show features lots of music, laughter, an exciting action serial and "The Unitarian's Guide to the Orchestra," a comic look at instruments and the musicians who play them. If you still have energy after that, there may just be time for a sing-a-long.

SUNDAY

7:30 - 8:45 am

CUC FRIENDS BREAKFAST

All those who have supported the CUC Friends financial campaign in the past year are invited – Please pre-register or notify friends@cuc.ca so we can confirm numbers.

Location: Sage Bistro

SUNDAY

8:15 – 8:45 am

SP2. Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Havana, Cuba

Gather for early morning spiritual practice before workshop D3.

SUNDAY

9:00 - 10:30 am

D1. Canadian UU Historical Society AGM and Mark Mosher

DeWolfe Lecture: Diana Ellis, "Women in Leadership Roles at the Unitarian Church of Vancouver During the Inter-war Period of the 1920's and 1930's"

The time between the two world wars brought great change for women. This talk describes what we know of the work of Rev. Ada Tonkin and Rev. Wilna Constable at the Unitarian Church of Vancouver, and leadership provided by women of the congregation during that time. Tonkin and Constable were the first female Unitarian ministers settled in Canada.

Diana Ellis is a Unitarian Church of Vancouver member, UCV Archives Committee Chair, feminist, and consultant on planning and evaluation. **Rev. Phillip Hewett and Patience Towler** assisted with research.

D2. CUC ACM 2007 Choir Practice. Must have attended B1.

What better way to celebrate diversity than through song! Join choir members of the Vancouver churches for two practices and sing with us during the Sunday morning service.

Donna Brown has conducted the Chalice Choir, UCV for the last eight years. Under her direction, the choir has performed a wide variety of music, from Bach and Mozart to Gershwin.

D3. Building Support for Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Havana, Cuba

Panel presentation supporting Efrain Espinosa and the Unitarian Fellowships in Havana, Cuba is one of the greatest challenges for members of the Canadian Unitarian Council. Our workshop will focus on the challenges to get the Unitarian Fellowship admitted to the Council of Churches of Cuba and how the Canadian and American Unitarian Congregations can support this effort and the work of our brothers and sisters in Cuba.

Wilson Munoz is chair of the UCV Social Justice Committee for the

past two years and President of Community Organizations for the past 15 years. He has organized workshops for the Unitarian Congregation and Community Organizations for the past 10 years.

D4. Hook, Line and Zinger: How to Write So the Media Takes Notice (Part One)

A practical guide to writing effective press releases, feature articles, news stories and other materials that will get media attention and raise the profile of your congregation. Emphasizes basic story structures, Canadian Press style, establishing healthy relations with media outlets and how thinking small can yield big results.

Don Hauka has 25-plus years of experience as a journalist, teacher and communicator. He's held many workshops on writing and media relations. He's currently president of Beacon Unitarian Church. **Tom Poiker** is a recently retired Professor of geography. He has developed and presented numerous workshops; in recent years, he has developed expertise in online learning and collaborative work.

D5. Programming for Young Adults

A balanced model of young adult programming has spiritual growth at its core and includes justice and social bonding. Learn ways to create young adult programming that meets all of these needs. Discuss a new way to host young adult conferences to attract more people to our faith.

Michael Tino is UUA Director of Young Adult and Campus Ministry and has presented workshops at several ACMs.

D6. Attending U*U Meetings via the Internet

Great strides have been made in "distance-learning" technologies in business. Companies are conducting "webinars" (web-based seminars), making corporate announcements, and holding

conferences where some or all of the attendees are not physically present at the conference site. Can churches do the same? Could you "attend" the next ACM with others from your congregation in one of your church's meeting rooms?

John Michell is a seasoned computer network consultant and trainer. CUC board member contact to the technology advisory group.

D7. Would You Like Better Meetings?

For most of us, meetings are a bore and an aggravation. This can be changed, and this workshop will point the way. Participants will play scripted roles in a hypothetical illustrative congregational board meeting, while discussing the tools and attitudes that make for more productive, shorter and more democratic meetings.

Bruce Partridge is a practicing parliamentarian, recovering lawyer, former university administrator and college teacher: has facilitated more than 40 workshops: has planned and facilitated countless meetings and suffered through many others. Bruce is presently writing a book on meeting skills.

D8. Communion Service

A liberal Christian Unitarian Communion service will be offered to anyone who would like to participate.

Rev. Felicia Urbanski first became involved with Unitarians in Canada through the Lakehead Unitarian Fellowship. She is interim Minister at the First Unitarian Congregation of Waterloo, was interim Minister of Pastoral Care last year at All Souls Unitarian Church in Tulsa, OK and served three years as Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Stillwater, OK. She is a 2001 M.Div. graduate of the Univ. of Winnipeg.

D9. Environmental Action as Personal Practice

Gandhi practiced satyagraha and voluntary simplicity. "Sunday school inspired me with Gandhi and Lao

Tzu. Later, Gaia, Buddhism, composting, and Earth Day services taught me to balance head and body, research and creativity."

30 min. on eco-spiritual practice, 30 min. on Enviro C'tee joys and sorrows, 30 min. net-working
Karl Perrin is Chair of the UC Vancouver Enviro C'tee since 1994 and a charter member of the CUC Enviro Monitoring Group. He wrote and delivered four homilies, memorials, weddings, infant namings; parent/staff training; 2 eco-spirituality courses; 13 years of organic gardening, church based enviro study and action: Clayoquot Sound, GreenPeace, David Suzuki Foundation

D10. UU- UNO: Initiatives to Bridge UUs and the United Nations

This is an Intergenerational/ Congregational customized workshop. Cultivating partnerships among youth, young adults and adults is vital to peacebuilding and celebrating diversity. Veteran activists will share models for promoting global citizenship and leadership development and lead small group discussions to continue initiatives through lifespan learning, CUC Monitoring Groups, and UU-UNO Envoys.

Jim Nelson, UU-UNO Executive Director, Janet Hillen and Raman Kumar, Envoy and Youth Envoy, Hamilton. **Marilyn Mehr**, President, UU-UNO. **Eryl Court**, Envoy Coordinator (Canada) and peace activist. Former interns have been invited.

SUNDAY

11:00 am - 12:00 noon

Prelude starts at 10:45 am

Sunday Worship at the Chan Centre

With **Rev. Dr. Steven Epperson** and the CUC ACM Choir under direction of **Donna Brown**.

Members of local congregations are welcome but must pre-register and wear their church name tag.

Which Way Do We Look?

What values and aspirations do Unitarians in Canada share that can enable us to act effectively for the well-being and common good of our nation? Which way do we look? Provocative and sustaining inspiration as we dream and work to promote and embody our values/aspirations? Provocative and sustaining inspiration may well come from arts, literature, our UU heritage, our domestic life, from a progressive Canadian political and moral narrative, or from the abiding, authoritative voice within us.



"The young men in North America at this moment take little thought of what men in England are thinking and doing. That is the point which decides the welfare of the people; which way does it look?... We have come to feel that "by ourselves our safety must be bought;" to know the vast resources of the continent, the good-will that is in the people, their conviction of the great moral advantages of freedom, social

equality, education, and religious culture, and their determination to hold these fast, and, by them, to hold fast to the country... " - Emerson

SUNDAY

12:00 - 2:00 pm - Lunch

Beyond Our Borders

Canadians participate in our global faith community through the International Council of Unitarians and Universalists. Come for lunch and meet our international representatives, our Conference visitors, and our allies in other organizations. We'll share stories, news and inspire adventure! Coordinated by **Rev. Brian Kiely**, co-chair of the North American Committee of the International Council of Unitarians and Universalists.

Location: Sage Bistro
Ticketed event.

SUNDAY

2:00 – 3:30 pm

E1. ANNUAL MEETING, Part II

Social Responsibility Presentations and Resolutions and General Business
Resolution from the Racial & First Nations Monitoring Group will be presented.

Chair, CUC President, **Vyda Ng**.

E2. Bridging the Gaps: Helping Our Young People Stay in Our Faith

Anecdotal evidence shows that nearly 80% of the members of our congregations joined our faith as adults. That begs the question, where have all our young people gone? In this workshop, we will identify the holes in most churches' current programming that let our young people slip away, and talk

about ways to hold them in our faith into adulthood. Bridging these gaps should be central to any congregation's growth plan. Come join us to learn how to build these bridges.

Jesse Jaeger has served as the Youth Programs Director for the past 5 years at the UUA.. Before that he served the Association for 2 years in the Young Adult and Campus Ministry Office. Michael Tino has served the Association for the past 6 years as the Director of Young Adult and Campus Ministry.

E3. Sacred Circle Dance for All Ages

Sacred Circle Dance consists of simple, yet spirited dances suitable for all ages, singles and families. We dance to celebrate our joys, grieve our sorrows and experience the sacredness of life in community. **Margaret Rao** is a founding member of the Dance Choir at Toronto First U. Congregation. She leads Sacred Circle Dances at Toronto First and also weaves Dances for the larger Sacred Circle Dance community in Toronto.

E4. World Cafe: Imagine Sustainability

Sustainability: a journey and/or destination? There are a number of perspectives on sustainability: 'Social Justice', Social Responsibility', the "Triple Bottom Line"; "Corporate Social Responsibility" etc. All these "file folders" deal with the related issues: human dignity, love, peace, security, the interconnected web and the economy. This World Cafe offers a chance for small group dialogue focused on key questions designed to evoke dreams, stories, ideas and imaginative solutions. This is an interactive conversation where all participants have a voice and a contribution.

Forrest and Diana Smith of EcoSol Consulting Inc, Victoria BC, are partners in life and business. They have a wealth of experience in social and environmental activism.

Diana in particular is skilled at facilitation, and Forrest has experience in Sustainability Strategies for large organizations.

E5. Hook, Line and Zinger: How to Write So the Media Takes Notice (Part Two)

Building on Part 1, this workshop includes a seminar on how many different ways you can use the same article and how many different media you can send it to (for free). It also features a group exercise on harnessing the full power of the Internet to spread the words and how to teach others these basic skills.

Don Hauka has 25-plus years of experience as a journalist, teacher and communicator. He's held many workshops on writing and media relations. He's currently president of Beacon Unitarian Church. Part Two (advanced) participants who attend both sessions will receive a communicator's citation (we also plan to offer this course in more detail online, and successful graduates will earn a certificate).

E6. Healing Towards Wholeness: An Introduction to Healing Pathway for U*Us

An introduction to Healing Touch for self and as a congregational ministry. This workshop will offer, through a U*U lens, both overview and a time of practice of one specific type of energy work, the philosophy and methods of Healing Touch as used in the Healing Pathway programme offered through the United Church of Canada's Naramata Centre, BC.

Rev. Heather Fraser Fawcett, with a long interest in therapeutic touch, and complementary healing practices, has trained to become a regular practitioner in a healing ministry with the United Church. She has offered introductory workshops in Healing Pathway in both United Church and U*U settings.

E7. The Art of Spiritual Direction for Unitarians

The Art of Spiritual Direction, an ancient form of spiritual renewal, is seeing a resurgence of interest in North America. Spiritual direction offers you a very personal and profound means to explore and deepen your daily experience of the sacred. Come and discover how it might challenge and excite you.

Debra Thorne is a retired Lay Chaplain, lay chaplaincy trainer, workshop facilitator and spiritual director. Debra offers spiritual direction to individuals and a workshop introducing Unitarians to the themes of spiritual direction entitled, "A Deepening Path".

E8. The Internet and Religious Education
CANCELLED

E9. Paganism 101 - Ten Years of Teaching Paganism in a Unitarian Congregation

This 9-week course for Unitarians, written by Vancouver's Louise Bunn and now used in many other North American Unitarian Churches. Join us for a discussion of what we, as Unitarian Pagans, have learned about curriculum and institutional development over the past decade.

E10. Re-invigorating Your Planned Giving Committee

Encouraging congregational members to think about leaving a legacy is a fine art. It requires building relationships amongst members with abiding interest in the Church's mission and welfare, and facilitating their estate planning. This workshop focuses on essential building blocks, and brings a guest expert in relevant estate planning vehicles

Rainer Borkenhagen has served at UCV in the various capacities as treasurer, chair of canvass and chair of planned giving committee.

SUNDAY

4:00 - 5:15 pm

Congregational Showcase! Come Show And Tell!

Trends, highlights, last year and coming year. Meet with others from your region and share your stories. Facilitated by CUC Staff and Regional Network Group members.

SUNDAY

5:30 - 6:30 pm

Poetry Reading

You are invited to **Shoreline: Water Poems** the first ever CUC Poetry Anthology book launch: Hear contributing poets: Helen Iacovino, Franci Louann, Carole Martignacco, Diane Stevenson Schmolka, Cassy Welburn and Keith Wilkinson read their original work, and the work of Anne Swannell and Sterling Haynes. Come celebrate the theme of water and the rich creativity welling up in our midst. For more information, contact poetry@cuc.ca

5:00 pm on

Museum of Anthropology open to registered conference participants

SUNDAY

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Banquet at Museum of Anthropology includes **Knight Award Presentation** for long-term service to our religion in Canada

The Victor and Nancy Knight Living Tribute Award Is presented at the CUC Annual Meeting. Funds were received in 1996 for the purpose of establishing a perpetual fund to honour the ideals exemplified by the lives and work of Nancy and Victor Knight in furthering the principles of Unitarianism in Canada. As an encouragement for others to follow their example, an award is to be made annually from the income of the fund to a living person, who has

made a notable contribution to the furthering of liberal religious principles in Canada.

9:00 - 9:30 pm

Entertainment

Coordinated by the Unitarian Church of Vancouver

SUNDAY

9:30 - 11:00 pm

Soulful Sundown Worship Service

Contact soulful-sundown@cuc.ca if you are a young adult who would like to help create and facilitate this worship service.

Soulful Sundown Coordinator:

Joel Fox



MONDAY

8:15 - 8:45 am

SP3. Lectio Divina With a Twist!

An ancient form of contemplative practice. The tradition originates with the Christian Desert Fathers and Mothers, but we will use the Sufi mystic poetry of Hafiz.

Debra Thorne is a retired Lay Chaplain, lay chaplaincy trainer, workshop facilitator and spiritual director. Debra offers spiritual direction to individuals and a workshop introducing Unitarians to the themes of spiritual direction entitled, "A Deepening Path"

Space set aside for Spontaneous Spiritual Practice

MONDAY

9:00 - 10:30 am

F1. ANNUAL MEETING, Part III

Financial stewardship: CUC financial statements and budget. Chair, CUC President, **Vyda Ng**

F2. Invisible Influence: Claiming the Contributions of Unitarian and Universalist Women in Canada

This workshop will highlight the "how" of recovering the lost, neglected, overlooked and undocumented contributions of U*U women in Canada. There will also be an introduction to feminist methodology.

Rev. Heather Fraser Fawcett, B.A. History and Canadian Studies. CUC Board member **Jean Pfleiderer**, Ph.D. English, teaches Women's Studies, Queen's.

F3. Singing Your Way Home

Join well-known UU singer and songwriter Joyce Poley in an inspirational session of group singing. Using selections from our hymnal, as well as our newer resource, *Singing the Journey*, participants will have the opportunity to deepen their experience of "diversity in community" through the use of songs and hymns. All voices welcome!

Vancouver based singer/ songwriter **Joyce Poley** has traveled extensively presenting workshops and worship services that focus on congregational singing and its importance to the worship experience. She is probably best known for her CD/songbook *Let Your Heart Sing*, and her two pageants, *Spirit of the Christmas Tree* and *Would You Like to Hold the Baby*.

F4. Walking the Labyrinth - UU Approaches to Labyrinth Symbolism

Unitarians love labyrinths! This workshop will focus on the

meditative aspects of walking a labyrinth and bring in some of the 3,500-year history of labyrinths as well as the wealth of symbolism. Participants will go home with a deeper appreciation of this spiritual practice that they can bring to any future labyrinth they walk closer to home.

Helen Iacovino an active UU for 25 years, has served as Board member and convenor and has chaired the RE, Membership and Nominating Committees, organized a retreat and taken leadership courses. Helen is also a poet with a degree in English literature.

Location: Meet in SUB. Will include an outdoor labyrinth walk (at Vancouver School of Theology) – rain or shine. Bring your rain gear.

**F5. Campus Ministry in Canada**

Why do we do campus ministry? What are the spiritual needs of students? How can a small, committed group make a big difference in the lives of students? Learn organizing tips and best practices from around the continent and discuss how established models can adapt to serve Canadian students better.

Michael Tino is UUA Director of Young Adult and Campus Ministry and has given workshops at several ACMS.

Joseph Santos-Lyons is the UUA's campus ministry expert.

F6. Nukes in Your Endowment Fund?

Interim Review of the CUC Action Study on Socially Responsible Investing: Getting to the Starting Line.

Ahti Tolvanen, study group chairperson, will act as facilitator. Participation is expected from representatives of The Social Investment Organization, Kairos, Canadian Business for Corporate Responsibility and the UUA,

F7. Christian Voices in Unitarianism

Based upon the book edited by Rev. Kathleen Rolenz, entitled "Christian Voices in Unitarian Universalism" (Skinner House Books, 2006), this interactive session will draw upon the various personal stories in the book to generate discussion and personal sharing. Topics explored will be: How does one practice Unitarian values and espouse a Christian theological perspective? What are the exciting new "cutting edge" ideas in liberal Christianity today? How can one find community and support following Jesus' teachings within our Canadian Unitarian congregations?

Rev. Felicia Urbanski currently serves as Interim Minister at the First Unitarian Congregation of Waterloo. She was Interim Minister of Pastoral Care last year at All Souls Unitarian Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and served three years as Minister of the UU. Church of Stillwater, OK. She is a 2001 M.Div. graduate of the University of Winnipeg. Felicia first became involved with Unitarians in Canada through the Lakehead Unitarian Fellowship in Thunder Bay, where she met her husband Larry Squire.

F8. Sondage sur les attitudes spirituelles French speakers (even slightly)

Douglas Campbell a élaboré une grille de dialogue sur les attitudes spirituelles (religious temperaments) et nous allons nous en servir pour explorer notre religion unitarienne en français.

Nancy Labonté. Poète et webmaster au RFUU et au MUUQ

F9. IARF AGM - Diversity in Dialogue

For all interested in inter-faith national and international dialogue at the levels. Local members of inter-faith organizations have been invited.

View the latest Human Rights vignettes from India and a colourful PowerPoint of the 2006 World Congress in a Taiwanese monastery." **Christine Johnston** is President of the Canadian IARF Chapter, a former CUC Board member, and a past president of First Victoria and First Toronto congregations

10:45 – 12:00 noon Transitions Ceremonies

Junior Youth to Youth
Youth to Young Adult



Closing Worship and CUC Board Installation.



MONDAY

2:00 - 5:00 pm

G1. The CUC Board & You

Come meet with members of the CUC Board and share your thoughts regarding CUC direction, policy and services. See what dreams and concerns you have in common with

your fellow UUs across the country!

G2. What's Next? CUC Racial and First Nations Equity

Following the plenary session discussions, it's time to consider, "What's Next".

CUC Monitoring Group members

MONDAY

Tours arranged by the Unitarian Church of Vancouver
Contact tours@cuc.ca for more information.

**Tour A
2:00 - 4:30 pm
Heart of the City Tour**

Despite the one dimensional media publicity about Vancouver's Downtown Eastside as a "war zone" this walk about will illustrate the strengths and triumphs of local residents against considerable odds in renewing their community through community arts and community activism. Now the Olympics are at hand. Will the community gain or lose? The Olympics were sold as the "inclusive Olympics" so Canada's reputation is at stake in this issue. **Michael Clague**, former Director of Carnegie Community Centre in the Downtown Eastside (and UCV member) will lead this tour. It's an opportunity to hear from some of the people who live and work in the community.
Cost \$10

**Tour B
2:00 – 3:00 pm
Unitarian Church of Vancouver Buildings and Landscape Tour**



Designed by Wolfgang Gerson and constructed in 1964, the Unitarian Church of Vancouver sanctuary and buildings have been designated by the City of Vancouver as Class A on their Heritage Register as an example of modern architecture in this City. The church was the first post-1940s building added to the City of Vancouver heritage register. The building complex, clustered around a beautiful open courtyard, features cubic composition, overhanging flat roofs and floor-to-ceiling windows. (Erika and Kate Gerson to lead tour)
No charge. Must pre-register.

Multifaith Calendar Launch & Multifaith Concert

5:00 pm – Reception
6:30 pm – Concert
At Unitarian Church of Vancouver
Reception with cover artist George Littlechild. Other artists will also be present
Featuring:
Vancouver Jewish Men's Choir
Usman Malik and Group
Rajkanwal Kaur and Friends

Exhibit Tables Open at various times throughout the weekend.

The exhibit tables will be in the SUB open area – great exposure and space for browsing.

ACM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Where:

Child care (for children up to age 5 or kindergarten age) will take place in a suite at **Gage residence** which is at UBC, across from the Student Union, our main conference site, providing easy access to families. **Young Fun Children's Program** (for children from age 6 or Grade 1 up to age 11) will have a "home base" for most of their program at the **Gage residence** as well. Please contact Caroline Farley with questions, or to request any exceptions.

When:

Child care Saturday May 19 and Sunday May 20, 8 am – 5 pm, Monday May 21 8 am – 11 am

Young Fun Saturday May 19 8 am – 5pm, Sunday May 20 8 am – 9 pm and Monday May 21, 8 am until 11 am.

Cost:

Child Care: \$50 per child includes supervised activities and snacks. All meals are with families. Pre-registration required by April 1 **If space allows**, registration will be accepted until May 1 with an additional \$25 late registration fee.

Young Fun: \$65 per child for includes all materials and activities, field trips, site entry fees, snacks . Also includes lunch Saturday and Sunday, and an optional Sunday pizza and movie night.
NO FURTHER REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 1..

SATURDAY PICNIC AND SOUP DINNER TICKETS

The ticket price for these two special events is not included in the registration for child care. Saturday's picnic would be a great chance for your young children to be with everyone in community so please consider this option when you register! Young Fun, Junior Youth and CanUUdle all will attend the picnic as part of their program. Saturday Soup Dinner is a ticketed event and included in the junior youth and CanUUdle youth program fees ONLY.

Check in:

Families register at the main CUC registration table at the UBC Student Union Building, second floor – please ensure that children are fully pre-registered and that we have all necessary information regarding any special needs. Young Fun information packs will be available outlining what we are doing for the young fun time!

FRIDAY NIGHT

Children will attend Friday evening's banner parade and ingathering with their families. Morning drop off throughout the weekend is after kids have eaten breakfast with their families, but in time for parents to get to early programs. Children can be dropped off at rooms for Young Fun or Child Care between 8 and 8:30 am.

FIELD TRIP!

Children attending Young Fun will be expected to attend the full program including any pre-planned field trip. If a child is ill or unwilling to attend planned Young Fun events it will be the parent's responsibility to make alternate arrangements.

CANUUDLE VII YOUTH CONFERENCE

(planned and run by CanUUdle staff)

Youth (age 14-20) and their advisors from across the country will be invited to this exciting annual conference May 18-21, 2007. CanUUdle VII will have a home base at the Unitarian Church of Vancouver (UCV) with multigenerational events taking place at University of British Columbia (UBC)

Friday evening begins with whole community joining together at the ACM Ingathering, UBC Student Union Building. Buses will take CanUUdle participants back to UCV following the Ingathering Ceremonies. Multigenerational Day Saturday begins at lunchtime with a Picnic at UBC, workshop choices after lunch, a multigenerational Soup dinner Saturday – and additional evening workshops. All multigenerational day costs are included in CanUUdle VII registration fee. Youth-led worship, a highlight for many, is Saturday night.

Sunday's CanUUdle programs and meals are at UCV. Buses will take CanUUdle participants back to UBC for closing Monday, where a transitions ceremony for youth bridging from 'youth to young adult' may participate.

Youth can choose to attend a variety of inspiring, challenging and FUN workshops during ACM multigenerational day and at their CanUUdle conference. At CanUUdle VII there will be updates from Terre Commune-Winds of Change, the consultative conference held over the labour day weekend in Winnipeg. Terre Commune leaders may speak to certain proposals they hope will

bring positive change in youth ministry systems and structures for the CUC.

This conference includes a business meeting of our Canadian UU youth, speeches for Youth Observer to the Board, election of YRUU Canadian at Large representative to UUA YRUU Youth Council and national youth Social Action Coordinator (NatSac).

Details will be sent out on youth lists as "news breaks" and updates will be posted here as well.

It is the responsibility of each youth attending and their youth group to ensure appropriate sponsorship at CanUUdle. If advisors are not attending with their congregation's youth, the youth MUST arrange for an advisor from another congregation to sponsor them.

All advisors and adult staff attending a CUC national youth conference must have a completed Police Records Check.

Separate additional registration required
Email: canuudle@cuc.ca

Pre-registration by April 1, 2007.

Cost: \$85 youth \$45 advisors.
If space allows, registration will be accepted from April 1-May 1, 2007 with an additional \$25 late registration fee.

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Junior Youth Rally

ages 12 to 14

Through fun activities, many great workshops, field trips, touch groups, time with CanUUdle youth and a multigenerational day interacting with all ages we guarantee you'll have an unforgettable time, in a fabulous setting at the University of British Columbia

This is the third year for our national junior youth rally at the CUC ACM. Last year we had 17 participants and this year we hope for 25!

Date: Friday May 18, 2007 beginning with the Banner Parade and Ingathering in the Student Union Building through Monday May 21, with our closing. Parents/sponsors and junior youth will be asked to attend an orientation Friday evening approximately 9 pm, at the Fireplace Lounge in Gage residence, following the ingathering.

Place: The ACM site, University of British Columbia, will be where most of our program takes place. Gage Residence Fireplace Lounge is our Junior Youth Rally central gathering space. It is your family's responsibility to make your accommodation arrangements. Junior youth stay with their parents. We may also be spending some time at the Unitarian Church of

Vancouver for time with the CanUUdle Youth Conference.

Cost: \$75 for junior youth ages 12-14 or advisors attending with their congregation's junior youth .

NO FURTHER REGISTRATION AFTER MAY 1.

We will have a full complement of volunteer staff for this rally, AND we welcome junior youth advisors to join us. Advisors who sign up to attend the junior youth rally will be expected to stay with the junior youth throughout their program as we will be building and deepening our sense of community. Advisors will also complete appropriate screening for this high trust position. Price includes all programming, picnic lunch Saturday and lunch Sunday, and the Souper Saturday Supper meal Saturday evening. Some junior youth may choose to dine with their family at the banquet Sunday (ticket required) otherwise please bring money for supper out.

Closing: An opportunity to participate in a transition ceremony during closing worship will be available to those transitioning to Youth (14)

Questions? Contact **Teresa Liliom**, Junior Youth program leader this year. e-mail tliliom@sympatico.ca

Please complete form (one form per person) and arrange appropriate payment on the ACM registration, payable to the Canadian Unitarian Council. Mail to the CUC, 018 - 1179A King Street West, Toronto ON M6K 3C5

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration forms are available at: <http://www.cuc.ca/conference/registration>

ACCOMMODATION

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