

**CUC ANNUAL CONFERENCE & MEETING  
SHARED MINISTRY DAYS  
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, Introductions, 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)

The archetype for ritual includes establishing sacred space, invocation, ingathering, sharing, the symbolic inner journey, giving thanks, and more.

How can we apply these archetypally spiritually resonant stages to deepen our understanding of weddings and Memorials?

How can we use this age-old wisdom to create meaningful new rituals such as a transition into dying or a house blessing?

To conclude, Dan Enright will discuss how he used this blueprint to develop the Coming out ceremony which he is presenting in workshops across Canada.

Location: Unitarian Church of Vancouver

Go to [http://www.cuc.ca/lay\\_chaplaincy/upcoming\\_training.htm](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.