

## Simplicity

The theme for March is "Simplicity". This month we will explore questions such as: Is simplicity a virtue and one worth cultivating? What does living a 'simple' life mean to us? Is it a loss or a gain? What is simplicity of intention and what spiritual progress might arise from an attitude of simplicity?

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### **The Cost of Our Arising**

*Rev. Debra Thorne*

In this season of Lent the Christian tradition begins its journey of delving deeply into the meaning of death and the renewal of life. On a similar theme, we turn our focus to discerning that which is essential from what is not. From the mystic Gurdjieff to Saint David, wise people have set down formulas for deepening spiritually by leading simpler lives.

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### **To Live Deliberately**

*Rev. Samaya Oakley*

*Service Coordinator:*

*Joan Morris*

We live in an age where we are constantly bombarded with messages

about how to dress, what to eat, what to drive, what to listen to, and how to live. How do we, as Unitarian Universalists, maneuver ourselves through the quagmire of these messages? This service looks at the words of our Universalist forefather, Henry David Thoreau, to see if they provide any clues for those of us living in the twenty-first century.

- Choir sings.

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### **Failing at Simplicity**

*Rev. Debra Thorne*

As a country and as a culture, Canadians are the most wasteful, indulgent and neglectful in the world. We have been called environmental laggards. Knowing this doesn't seem to make a difference. How do we

encourage a sea-change in our relationship with earth and technological resources? I suggest our survival is dependent on a spiritual transformation.

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### **Searching For Clarity, Finding Focus**

*Janet Pivnick and*

*Marilyn Medén*

What are those aspects of our lives that call to us again and again, providing meaning and grounding? What can we let fall away? Are there common threads that have accompanied your journey, that call you forth? Janet Pivnick and Marilyn Medén will lead a service to help us clarify a focal point in our lives.

- Choir sings

## Board Bitz



Audrey Taylor

Our regular February board meeting had to be re-scheduled due to snow. I don't know about you, but I thought the snow was beautiful... and I'm glad it is gone. Spring is springing!

Spring brings the buds of a new church year that will blossom after the AGM on April 23. With that in mind, the board is asking that each committee email your year-end report to David Kristjanson by March 24, davidhardy@telus.net. Ideally, your report will be ½ page or less, but to a maximum of ¾ of a page. We know that some committees do an awful lot of work during the year and summarizing down to ½ page is difficult, so please accept our up-front thanks for doing your best with this request.

We are also looking for someone to be our representative at the CUC AGM on May 13. This is the first year that the AGM will be available via ZOOM, so our representative won't have to travel, but can attend from the comfort of their own home. It's a great way to be a part of what Unitarians are doing across the country and to link Beacon to that network. If you might be willing to take on this role, please talk with Debra who will give you lots more information.

The Sapperton Old Age Pensioners Association (SOAPA) has also been revived by new people on their board of directors and they are attending to some long neglected business. What this means for Beacon is that we are signing a formal lease agreement for the first time and we are facing a significant increase in our costs. Our rent is increasing, we will be paying a general lease deposit and a deposit on keys. As well, we have been told to expect an additional rental cost for storage.

While these increased costs will put a strain on our finances, we have researched and know that our costs at Sapperton are still lower than anything we could find elsewhere. Our relationship with the Sapperton Old Age Pensioners is good and strong, thanks in large part to Peggy Lunderville who sits on the SOAPA board of directors, and to David Kristjanson who is our board liaison with Vic. More Beaconites who are also members of SOAPA would help to keep this good relationship strong.

As a board of directors, we can't say often enough or strongly enough how much we appreciate the contribution that each and every one of you make to keeping our community alive and vibrant. Thank you!

—Audrey Taylor

## Sharing the Plate

If you have a suggestion for our next *Sharing the Plate* recipient please contact John Hagen immediately (604-521-1335 or jhagen1834@gmail.com) as our committee is already considering proposals received.

—John Hagen

## Report from the nominating committee

We are pleased to report that six of our board members are willing and able to continue on the board: Carol Woodworth, Rob Warner, Dan Theal, Helen McVey, John Hagen, and David Kristjanson. Audrey Taylor has reached the end of her allowable consecutive time on the Board. Our board has room for ten trustees. We have the pleasure of recommending the nomination of Michael Scales, Gail Thomson, Janet Pivnick and Donna Hamilton.

We will be naming a new member of the nominating committee to replace Marylke Nieuwenhuis next year.

—Peggy Lunderville

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The Beacon: March 15, 2017**

## Let's Connect



Joan Morris

### Getting to Know U evening March 23rd

A big welcome to the visitors who have come along to a Sunday service. There is a wonderful opportunity for those new to the church to meet with our minister, Rev. Debra and a few Beacon members to get to know each other better and learn a bit about Unitarian and Beacon history. The Connections

team is planning a Getting To Know U evening at the home of Helen McVey at 515 11th St., New Westminster, on Saturday March 23rd from 7–9 pm. Please let Joan Morris ([joanmorris@telus.net](mailto:joanmorris@telus.net)) or Rev. Debra ([minister@beaconunitarian.org](mailto:minister@beaconunitarian.org)) know if you are interested in attending.

### Circle Dinners

Our first Circle Dinner event for 2017 was held Saturday, February 18th and was another great success. Over 50 people gathered in seven Beacon homes to share good food and good conversation.

One dinner hosted families with children, and another had half a dozen young adults. At Donna Hamilton's house, guests learned more about each other playing a game called "Personal Portraits". At the Brown's dinner, the group enjoyed viewing Carol Halstead's award winning video titled *Why*. It had been shown at Carol's Memorial service earlier in the day.

Mark your calendars for the next Circle Dinner on Saturday, April 1st. Contact Donna Hamilton at [donna-h@telus.net](mailto:donna-h@telus.net) to be sure you are on the list.

**The next Circle Dinner will be  
April 1st —save the date!**



Playing "Personal Portraits" at Donna Hamilton's.

## Religious Explorations



Ashley Cole

A huge thank you to everyone who has been participating in Mystery Buddies! What fun it has been to witness you all making deeper connections and learning a bit more about our UU history! Just a reminder that March 5th will be our big reveal so make sure to come join us for some ice cream immediately following the Sunday Service.

In other news Spring break (in New West & Coquitlam) will be from March 13–24 and the plan is for R.E to continue as normal this year. However, depending on attendance, we may have a combined class. If you already know that you are planning on going away please let me know so I can plan accordingly.

And finally I wanted to send out a thank you to everyone who has helped out in any way with R.E this year. Each of those relationships is crucial and vital to this program. If you have not yet had the chance to experience that partnership don't fret—there is still time! We are still looking for volunteer R.E teachers for the months of May and June. What this involves is planning a 30–45 min lesson (based on an already established program) and showing up on Sunday mornings for a month, approximately 3–4 times, teaching that lesson to the Children's Community. If you are interested or have questions please feel free to chat with me about it.

Well I guess that is all for now! Cheers to the return of spring and its seedlings! May their energy grow in our hearts as we clamber our way through this never ending winter.

— Ashley Cole, Director of R.E

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everyone who has  
been participating in  
Mystery Buddies!**



## Refugee Settlement: Phase Two

Information Meeting: March 12, after the service



Peggy Lunderville

**A**re you wanting to help with bringing two more members of the Al Rbaai family, a young couple, to New Westminster?

Family relationships are emerging as a big issue for all refugees. They find it difficult to focus on their new country due to worries about the family left behind. The family functions as a unit,

which is broken by the move to Canada.

The original Settlement Task Force and Committee are “up to their ears in alligators” and not able to do the planning necessary to bring the young couple to Canada at this time. However they would cheer us on if we can start up a second Settlement Task Force.

I invite anyone to contact me if they would like to commit their good wishes, time, organizational skills, or other contributions, toward formulating a plan and carrying it out. There are five people already interested but it will take



at least five more. This invitation is open to Beacon members and to members of the community in general. A meeting is planned for March 12 after church. We will explore the possibility of bringing over other members of the Al Rbaai family. All interested in participating are invited to attend or, if unable to attend, let me know of your interest. Please contact Peggy Lunderville at 604-522-3001, email: prlunder@gmail.com.



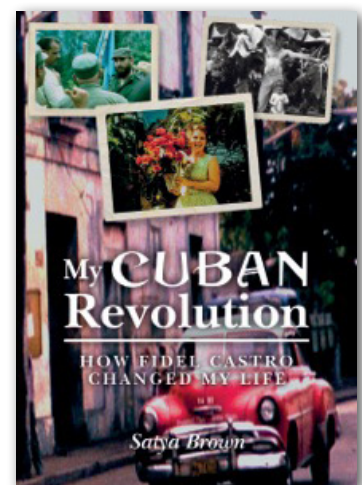
**C**limate Change is a big complex topic, and can be quite scary! Do you need a way to connect with others about the immense challenge/opportunity we face? Covenant groups are small discussion groups that are “mostly listening”. While the series will culminate in a group project, it is more about hearing each other than it is about doing.

The Covenant Group will meet from 6:30–8 pm at Waves Coffee Shop (715 Columbia, close to the New West Skytrain station) on Thursday, March 2nd, April 6th, May 4th, and June 1st. The group will be closed after the March session.

Contact Teresa Morton, Social Action Coordinator at [teresa.a.morton@gmail.com](mailto:teresa.a.morton@gmail.com) or 778-855-1704 for further information or to RSVP.

### MY CUBAN REVOLUTION: How Fidel Castro changed my Life

Satya Brown (Doerksen)’s memoirs of her seventeen years (1962 until 1979) living in Cuba, is now on the market. Her book, *My Cuban Revolution*, is available on Amazon, or Kindle, or you could call Satya at 604-584-6895 or speak to her on a Sunday.



### Beacon Events

**We invite you to explore these great ways to connect to the Beacon community and yourself!**

**Soul Matters Groups** delve into the monthly sermon themes—"Simplicity" for March. Part personal sharing, part spiritual deepening, the groups meet monthly either at 1 pm or 7 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Contact Rev. Debra Thorne: minister@beaconunitarian.org.

**Humanist Discussion Group** meets the last Sunday of the month at 7:30 pm at *The Astoria Retirement Home* (2245 Kelly Avenue, Port Coquitlam) to discuss a wide range of current topics.

**Sunday, February 26:** John Hagen will lead the discussion on the question: Is Humanism at the root of most religious thought?

**Sunday, March 26:** Marilyn Medén will lead the discussion on the following questions: If Humanism is a democratic and ethical life stance, which affirms that human beings have the right and responsibility to give meaning and shape to their own lives, have we a responsibility to simplify our lives? In what ways? Would this help humanity? If so, how?

Contact Marilyn Medén for more information: m.j.meden@telus.net or 604-469-6797.

**Join the Beacon Choir** for musical fun and skill development. Rehearsals are every Tuesday at 7:30 pm at Miller

Park School in Coquitlam (Spring Break schedule: March 14 – cancelled, March 21 – at the Lundervilles'.) Contact Charlene Dubrule, choir director, at 604-464-3992 or char4myc@shaw.ca.

**Lunch Bunch** meets every Thursday at noon, year-round. Bring your own lunch and share in lively and topical conversation. Contact John Hagen 604-521-1335.

**Book Club** meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7 pm. The book for March will be *Book of Negroes* by Lawrence Hill. For meeting location details contact John Hagen ajhagen@telus.net.

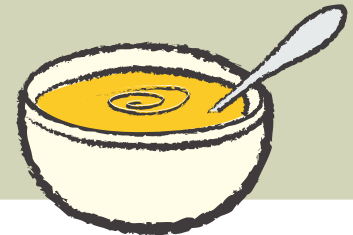
**Beacon Writers' Group** meets the third Saturday of the month, and shares what is meaningful for us, on the theme of the month, which for March is Simplicity, or on a topic which is on our mind. Newcomers are welcome. Bring writing to share. And, we have a special opportunity for April's theme, Compassion: writing and presenting at a Beacon service! Contact Marilyn Medén or Janet Pivnick for more details: m.j.meden@telus.net or 604-469-6797, or janpivnick@gmail.com.

**Attend a Circle Dinner** and connect with other Beaconites in a relaxed setting. For more information contact Joan Morris, joanmorris@telus.net. The next dinner will be held on Saturday, April 1st (see page 3).

**Food Bank Sunday  
will be March 5.**

### Soup Lunch Sunday on March 5.

Peggy Lunderville and Bette Goode will appreciate your contributions of soup, buns, veggies, and sweets. March 5 this will be the last soup lunch of the spring.



**Attend a 'Getting to Know U' session** to meet other newcomers and deepen your knowledge of how Beacon functions and what Unitarianism is. Please contact Joan Morris (joanmorris@telus.net) or Rev. Debra (minister@beaconunitarian.org) if you are interested in attending the next meeting, March 23 (see page 3).

**Youth Group:** The youth group (ages 13–18 yrs) is open to new members! Contact Lisa Girardi at lisa.m.girardi@gmail.com.

**Help out on Sunday mornings as a Coffee Host** (contact Glenn Wootton, woottongg@gmail.com), **or sign-up as a Sunday Morning Greeter** (contact Susan Tarras: starras@telus.net).

### Have you thought of joining SOAPA?

Strengthen Beacon's representation to the SOAPA by becoming a member! Sapperton Hall is run by the Sapperton Old Age Pensioners' Association (SOAPA). If you are over 55 and live in Sapperton (New Westminster) or a nearby community you are eligible for full membership. Sign up is usually at the monthly meeting, held on the third Wednesday of every month at 1:30 pm at the Hall. Yearly cost is \$10. You can also sign up by giving your information and \$10 to a member who will be attending the meeting—at Beacon Unitarian Church, contact Peggy Lunderville. Associate (non voting) membership is also available for those not qualifying for full membership.

## A Tribute to Sally Frith, 1944–2016

Excerpts from the eulogy delivered by Rev Debra Thorne at Sally's Celebration of Life service

Sally Frith was born in Powell River in 1944. She came into a world that was both celebratory and despairing, where joy and woe were woven fine. This twinning of joy and pain was a theme throughout Sally's life.

Her family moved to the Lower Mainland in 1952 where Sally and her twin sister, Helen, finished school in 1963. Sally's older brother Walter remembers when his sisters were teenagers and dating, and that they would occasionally take the place of the other, all in fun of course, although the unsuspecting teenage boy might have had a few moments of confusion!

During these years, their parents would make the pilgrimage into Vancouver from Port Coquitlam, every Sunday, to attend the Unitarian Church of Vancouver. Here, Sally and Helen and Walter became part of the children's program and then the youth group.

After high school Sally worked at the Bank of Montreal, then met and married Colin Hassel in 1965 when she was 21. They adopted Kevan in 1969 and Cherie in 1972, and then moved about for Colin's work, finally settling in New Westminster. The pressures of moving, and Sally's undiagnosed illness, challenged the marriage beyond repair. Sally moved to Port Moody in 1981 and Kevan and Cherie lived sometimes with their father and sometimes with Sally.

One of the great joys for Sally and for her children was going to Eliot, the Unitarian Family Camp in Seabeck, Washington. It was at Eliot Camp that Sally found and fell in

love with Bill. They moved back to Bill's home in West Virginia where he worked for the United Nations as an Ethnologist, and then soon after they moved to Vienna.

Sally had new love in her life, and stability, yet it was also a time of the resurgence of her illness. A time of love and a time of pain that brought Sally and Cherie back to Canada, and Port Moody.

The following years were very difficult. Mental illness is devastating to a person, and to a family... there is a stigma even now, that is neither helpful nor well informed. Sally

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persevered. Her resilience grew from continuing even when no one understood, even when she herself didn't understand. She kept going, kept asking for help in any way she could.

Sally was actively connected to many communities of like-minded people. She was involved with a community of quilters, carpet bowlers, choir singers, the Red Hats, Recovery Canada and the Coquitlam Food Bank. Sally found joy in singing, sewing, and in particular, quilting.

Sally was a part of Beacon right from the very beginning, taking part on the steering committee that



formed Beacon in 1983. For many years, Sally was part of the aesthetics committee, who helped make the meeting space into a beautiful sacred space each Sunday. Eventually, she was a 'committee of one' for several years, with a large inventory of fabrics for this purpose. A lot of the materials used today for aesthetics are from Sally. More recently, she used her sewing talents to make concert scarves for the Beacon choir, and helped sew the beautiful screens we use each Sunday. And it was Sally who discovered the availability of the Sapperton Old Age Pensioners' Hall when Beacon needed a new home a number of years ago.

Despite the challenges Sally faced, she could still light up a room with her wonderful smile, bring enthusiasm to any group, and get everyone organized.

Sally, you are dearly missed by your Beacon community.

—Joan Morris

## In Memoriam: Dr. James Crosby “Cob” Johnston

*Published in the Vancouver Province on March 1, 2006,  
submitted by Jane Shoemaker*

Dr. James Crosby “Cob” Johnston exemplified the inclusive humanist ideals of a Unitarian Universalist and saw life as a chance to serve his communities and the people who made them. He died January 31, 2006 at age 93.

As a medical student working the summer as an ambulance attendant in Regina, he witnessed the brutal reaction to the 1935 March on Ottawa. His experience of that was always kept private but it was the foundation of his drive to always give back more to the world than he took from it.

Modest in his desires and modest in appreciation of his skill, Crosby never sought the limelight. He worked tirelessly at local levels doing whatever he saw was needed. When called on he would serve as director, president or chairman but never gave up working one-on-one and never forgot the importance of each individual. He always sought to know—by name and by story—every person he worked with regardless of position and even when this extended to several hundred staff.

Crosby’s professional life began with WWII. He served as medical officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force, rising to the rank of Wing Commander. His postings were to bases in Manitoba as part of the Commonwealth Air Training Program.

He chose health administration for his civilian career, serving at hospitals in San Francisco and Edmonton before going to Calgary in 1956 as Chief Administrator of the Calgary General Hospital. It was a small local hospital when he arrived. Crosby helped build it into a major regional health centre with an outstanding nursing education program. Those

buildings no longer exist but his legacy is commemorated by the dedication of the doctor’s lounge in his name at the Peter Lougheed Centre of the Calgary General Hospital.

In 1972 he became Director at Riverview Hospital in Coquitlam and led the hospital during a period of major change in the way mental health care is recognized and treated. Crosby left Riverview in 1976 and consulted in health care to the provincial and federal governments until 1979 when he retired to devote his full time to volunteer work. Crosby’s volunteer efforts were always expansive. In Calgary they were as diverse as arts organizations, the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews and the Calgary Boxing and Wrestling Commission.

In Coquitlam and the Tri-cities area there are so many areas where his service was known that they cannot all be listed. He served as president of Dogwood Pavilion and on committees focussed on the disabled and crime prevention among others. He worked on behalf of the Alzheimer Society, Eagle Ridge Hospital, cancer prevention and more. Of his many



1992, awarded *Freedom of the City* in Coquitlam award

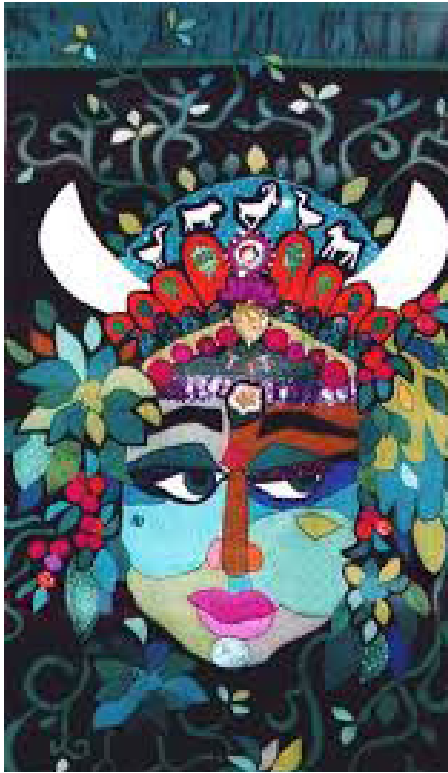
citations were Freeman of the City of Coquitlam in 1992 and the Governor General’s Caring Canadian Award in 1996. Always it was the personal contacts that gave him the most satisfaction. Even before he left as Director, Crosby participated in the Riverview volunteer program, visiting with his little Jack Russell. On the wards he was known as “Dr. Cob”. He was always proudest to help one person at one time.

Crosby was predeceased by his wife, Sophia, his brother Mervin and the companion of his latter years, Margaret McRae. He is survived by sons, their families, grand and great grandchildren.



Photograph of the Beacon Board in 1983. Crosby is in the back row, 2nd from right.

## Cakes for the Queen of Heaven: In Ancient Times



**C**akes for the Queen of Heaven is a woman-honouring adult RE curriculum by Rev. Shirley Ranck. It examines pre-Judeo Christian cultures that may have worshiped the female as divine. The concepts of equality and reverence for the female in a religious setting are eye-opening to many participants.

This workshop series examines important elements of today's women's lives; personal, interpersonal and societal. It examines how our culture has been influenced by Jewish and Christian values. The primary question raised is: How would your life have been different if, when growing up, the divine had been imaged as female? Participants are encouraged to share their own experiences and beliefs, creating trust and strong bonds of friendship.

The themes of the sessions are: The Sacred Female, In the Name of the Mother and the Daughter, Womanpower, The First Turning—From Goddess to God, and Reclaiming Women's Heritage of Peace.

Two sampler sessions from the series will be offered at the North Shore Unitarian Church by Diana DeWeese and Judith Gordon. Each session will be repeated once. Attend two different workshops in the daytime from 10 to noon on March 6 and 27; or opt for evenings from 7 to 9 on March 7 and 28. Contact the NSUC office (604-926-1621) weekdays between 9 and 3 to register. Address: 370 Mathers Ave, West Vancouver. For driving directions and more information, check the website: [northshoreunitarians.ca](http://northshoreunitarians.ca)

## Our Whole Lives: Sexuality Education for Grades K-1

Our Whole Lives: Sexuality Education for Grades K-1 can help you educate your child about birth, babies, bodies, and families. You will be actively involved as your child learns through songs, stories, activities and at-home projects that promote family dialogue.

### Our Whole Lives (OWL) values:

- Self-Worth
- Sexual Health
- Responsibility
- Justice and Inclusivity

In eight, one-hour workshops, OWL models and teaches caring, compassion, respect, and justice. It

helps young children identify their attitudes, values, and feelings about themselves, their sexuality, and others'. Participants in Grades K-1 are guided by trained facilitators through an engaging curriculum that addresses age appropriate topics. In addition to a parent meeting and a parent-child orientation, parents are welcome to attend any of the workshops with their children. Homelinks keep parent-child communication open.

OWL is a secular curriculum, appropriate for many settings. We may supplement with chalice words, songs, and discussion based on our seven principles if parents do not object.

### Our certified K-1 facilitators:

Kiersten Moore, mother of three and Director of Religious Education for Children and Youth at UCV, was raised UU and is happy to carry on the tradition of value affirming, com-

prehensive sexuality education. Beth Breisnes, found her way to UCV 11 years ago as a choir lead. Now with two young children in tow, she's excited to bring OWL to our littlest community members.

**Place:** Unitarian Church of Vancouver, 949 West 49th Ave, Vancouver

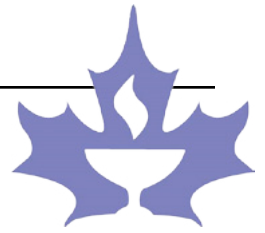
### Dates:

Parent Meeting: March 5th, 1-2:30pm

Parent/Child Orientation Program: April 16th, 2-4:30 pm

Classes: Eight Sundays, April 30-June 25, 1-2 pm, child lunch provided at 12:30 pm (Topics: Our Wonderful Bodies, Part 1 and 2; Healthy Bodies, Safe Bodies; Families; Families and Feelings; Babies and Families Birth of a Baby; Celebrations!)

For more information contact: [dre@vancouverunitarians.ca](mailto:dre@vancouverunitarians.ca) and visit <http://www.uua.org/re/owl>



## News from the Canadian Unitarian Council

### Enter to Win!

The CUC board is running two contests to promote and celebrate our new Vision Statement.

*Our national Vision Statement is:*

**As Canadian Unitarian Universalists, we envision a world in which our interdependence calls us to love and justice.**

*These 5 Aspirations guide us in living out our faith:*

**As Canadian Unitarian Universalists, we are Deeply Connected, Radically Inclusive, Actively Engaged, Theologically Alive, and Spiritually Grounded.**

Full details of these contests is now on the CUC website at <http://cuc.ca/vision-and-mission/>. In brief, here's what they are:

#### A. Interconnected Faith Sermon Contest

1. Write a new sermon/homily of 1,800 to 2,500 words on any aspect of the Vision Statement and its five attached Aspirations.
2. Deliver that sermon to a Unitarian congregation sometime between today and the contest deadline of Feb. 2, 2018.

Participants can be ministers or lay people and must be connected to a Canadian UU congregation. The winner will receive a \$150 prize, plus an invitation to present their sermon during the CUC 2018 ACM held in Hamilton.

#### B. Canadian Unitarian Art Contest

1. Create a piece of art that celebrates

our new Vision Statement—the statement itself, not the five attached Aspirations. The art can be in any medium—painting, sculpture, songs, videos, poems.

2. Participants should submit their original work or, if the work can't be mailed, send photographs of the work.

There will be three categories, based on the creator's age range: age 12 and under; age 13-17; and age 18 and older. Group projects, such as from an RE group, are welcome. Prizes of \$50 will go to the winning piece in each category. Deadline for submissions: Oct. 1, 2017. Participants must be connected to a Canadian UU congregation. The winning pieces will be shared online with Canadian Unitarian Universalists.

### Hey Youth!

It's that YOB time of the year again! We are looking for great candidates to run for the Youth Observer to the CUC Board. This important position helps to represent Canadian UU youth at the national level and gives input on board decisions. They also work with the CUC Youth and Young Adult Ministry staff to nurture a healthy national youth community.

If you love UU business, have an affinity for meetings, and want to help shape the direction of youth ministry, applying for YOB may be for you!

The YOB is elected by UU youth—with online elections. All Canadian youth (ages 14–20) will be able to cast their vote for the youth they want to work with and represent them at the CUC Board table.

If you're interested in applying for the YOB position, please visit <http://cuc.ca/youth/youth-governance/> to learn more about the job description, time commitment, and election process. Even if you're not running for YOB, visit the website to find out about our current YOB, Neal Cameron, and how you can participate in voting!

To keep the youth movement bright and alive, we need your participation in our national community.

## 2017 Hungary Choir Tour and Unitarian Pilgrimage

In 2010, twenty-five Unitarians (including 16 singers and choir director Alison Nixon from the North Shore Unitarian church) enjoyed a truly life-affirming trip to Hungary and Transylvania, the birthplace of Unitarianism. It's time for another trip! The dates for the next tour are Friday, May 26 to Monday, June 5, 2017. The itinerary includes Debrecen, Eger, Kolosvar (Cluj), Torocko (Rimetea), Hodmezovasarhely, and Deva. Costs are not yet finalized but expect to be in the range of US \$1,300 to \$1,500 for the basic tour with all transportation, accommodation and most meals included on arrival in Budapest. Return airfare from Vancouver is additional. Please contact Brian Welwood (604-988-1135) or Alison Nixon (604-947-0120) about this tour.

**Beacon Calendar**

**Mar 2017 (Pacific Time - Vancouver)**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 10:30am - Worship 7:30pm - Humanist	27	28 7:30pm - Choir practice	1 9:30am - Worship	2 12pm - Lunch Bunch	3	4
5 Theme: Simplicity 10:30am - Worship 1pm - Board meeting	6 7pm - Spirit of Life	7 7:30pm - Choir practice	8	9 12pm - Lunch Bunch	10	11
12 10:30am - Worship	13	14	15 1pm - Soul Matters 7pm - Soul Matters	16 12pm - Lunch Bunch 1pm - Connecting and	17	18 1pm - Beacon Writer's
19 10:30am - Worship	20	21 7:30pm - Choir practice at the Lundervilles'	22	23 12pm - Lunch Bunch 7pm - Book Club	24 Committee Reports	25
26 10:30am - Worship 7:30pm - Humanist	27	28 7:30pm - Choir practice	29	30 12pm - Lunch Bunch	31	1



## Unitarian Family Camp June 2–4, 2017

Set in the natural splendor of Port Moody's Belcarra Regional Park, the camp offers swimming, boating, hiking, climbing, children and youth programs, a choral workshop for youth/adults, campfires and other fun communal events.


Heated cabins with electricity. Meals provided.

*Note: You do not need children to attend Family Camp!*

### Early bird registration deadline: Sun. March 19

Early bird rates: Adults: \$145; Children/Youth: \$133. Register early, save, and help out the planning committee!

Download a brochure/registration form at  
<http://beaconunitarian.org/index.php/camp/>

 To see a fun video created by Ross & Gaby Harvey of Jazzfly Productions of our 2016 camp, go to Youtube and search for "Camp Sasamat hosted by Beacon Unitarian".