



About Us



A Newsletter for "The Comox Valley Unitarian Fellowship"
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We respectfully acknowledge that we meet on the unceded traditional territory of the K'ómoks First Nation.

The Comox Valley Unitarians' Community Gatherings

We gather as a community weekly, at 250 Beach Drive in Comox. All are welcome! We are pleased to offer a variety of topics for your spiritual and intellectual exploration.

Sunday Gatherings

Monthly Theme: Sources of our Faith

We returned to in person Gatherings on Sept. 12.

Masks are required for ALL in person Gatherings. Our Gatherings are also available via Zoom.

Zoom room opens as of 3:45 pm, Gathering starts at 4:00pm

to Join Zoom Meeting: email website@cvuf.ca

Sunday, Oct. 3 at 4:00 pm – in the Sanctuary

Facilitators: Barbara Huhn and Marvin Haave: "Plural Sources" Barbara and Marvin will lead us through an exploration of why we list many sources for our UU principles, and the variety of sources we use to support our spiritual lives.

CVUF Children's Program: Caroline Shannon

Tech Support: Heather Gatland - website@cvuf.ca

Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021 at 4:00 pm - in the Sanctuary

Our connection with Christianity.

Facilitator(s): to be announced

CVUF Children's Program: Liz Goodger

Tech Support: Heather Gatland - website@cvuf.ca

Sunday, Oct 17 at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Facilitator: Caroline Shannon - Community Gathering on this month's theme: an inter-generational service focusing on the value of our spiritual community. There will be extended breakout rooms with a choice of general conversation, discussion of the month's theme, or children's activities.

All ages are welcome.

Tech Support: Heather Gatland - website@cvuf.ca

Sunday, Oct. 24 at 4:00 pm - in the Sanctuary

Facilitator(s): to be announced

CVUF Children's Program: Caroline Shannon

Tech Support: Heather Gatland - website@cvuf.ca

Sunday Gatherings continued

Sunday, Oct. 31 at 4:00 pm - Zia Zoom : Special Meeting on the 8th Principle

Facilitator(s): To be announced.

CVUF Children's Program: Caroline Shannon

Tech Support: Heather Gatland - website@cvuf.ca

Our Sept. - Dec 2021 'Transforming Our World' Offering'

Will be donated to the Comox Bay Care Society - Care-A-Van.. This organizations' work is in line with our Unitarian principle affirming and supporting justice, equity, and compassion in human relations.

[Care-a-van](#)

Care and Concern

Now having been in pandemic restrictions for over a year, you may be feeling particularly challenged by what is going on. If you need some emotional or practical support, the Care & Concern Team is available (while following COVID-19 guidelines for safety and health):

- Robyn Rushford – robynr@shaw.ca, 250-941-7001 (home)
- Keith Wallace - keith.wallace@shaw.ca, 250-941-7001 (home)
- Lynda Campbell – larrylynda@hotmail.com, 250-871-4143 (home)

If you know someone in the congregation who is struggling, ask them if they'd like a call from the Care and Concern Team – if so, please let us know. We are all in this together.





After a summer break, the **One World Chant and Meditation** gathering will resume on October 9, 2021. We will still be meeting by way of Zoom for the time being. As before, it will be the second Saturday of each month from 5:00-5:45 pm. The time is devoted to us extending healing hearts to the world. A power point series of slides guides us through several chants and readings from across the world's sacred traditions interspersed with 5-minute meditative sits. We hope you can join us. This event is sponsored by the Comox United Church and the Comox Unitarian Fellowship.

Please contact Peggy at cjgz@shaw.ca or call 250-871-7472 to be added to the Zoom invitation list.

On Board



There are exciting things afoot for the Comox Valley Unitarians!

First of all we want to **thank** all those responsible for making our return to in-person Sunday Gatherings a safe and welcoming reality. The health and safety of our Fellowship is paramount and we thank everyone involved in creating and constantly updating our COVID safety plan. Our Community Gathering Team have worked very hard to plan engaging Sunday programs for those who come in person and for those who watch on electronic platforms. Our Tech Crew have kept us going throughout the 18 months without in person gatherings and they continue to solve problems and work out the many glitches inherent in broadcasting our gatherings to all who do not attend in person. Thanks also to Caroline Shannon for planning for and engaging with our children.

We are going ahead with a **Ministerial Search**, but we need to have a small committee of people willing to spearhead this process. We have the support of the Canadian Unitarian Council to help us to navigate this search and find the person who will be a good match for us. We hope to be underway as soon as possible. Please contact Dan Leahy, cvufpresident@gmail.com if you are interested or for more information.

Long-time CVUF members **Art & Joy Johnston** were very active in the Fellowship and they had a passion for connecting to other Unitarian Universalists outside of the Comox Valley. They have left the CVUF a sizeable **Bequest** to help fund and encourage our members to travel beyond the Comox Valley. This could be to attend Unitarian workshops, gatherings, trainings, meetings or more. Please read the article in this Newsletter with more details.

Did you know this October is the **60th Anniversary of the CVUF**?! We will celebrate, but like the Tokyo Olympics, it may be a little later than planned. What we can do now is start thinking about ways to celebrate this milestone, when we can gather again more normally.

The Board will be facilitating a **special meeting** about the proposed **8th Principle** on Sunday, **October 31st** at **4pm** in place of our regular gathering. Folks will have a chance to discuss and ask questions about this important CUC vote which will be held in November.

We are looking for new members to sit on the **CVUF Board** beginning in June, 2021. Have you wondered what it's like to go to a Board meeting? Or what kinds of decisions we make, or issues we deal with? Please consider sitting in on a board meeting, generally held monthly on the first Saturday morning of each month. Email us: board@cvuf.ca and we will happily answer your questions and invite you to our next meeting.

Liz Goodger for the board:

Dan Leahy, Arlene Bell, Barbara Huhn, Juliana Leahy & Liz Goodger,

Johnston Bequest

Art & Joy Johnston were long-time beloved members of the Comox Valley Unitarian Fellowship. Their participation in and passion for the Unitarian movement across the country and around the world was contagious.

They have gifted CVUF with an amazing Bequest. Their estate was sizable and we have been granted \$105 000 to be distributed to members of the Fellowship over the next 7 years.

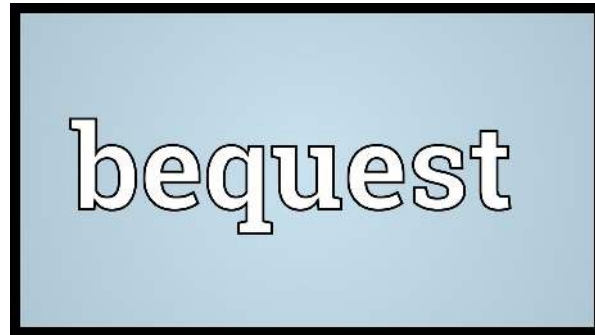
The money is to be used for events with a Unitarian purpose outside of the Comox Valley.

We have developed a special form to request reimbursement of funds. This can include travel expenses and registration fees for trainings, workshops, gatherings, conferences, etc.

Because we have been directed to spend the money in 7 years we are hoping that this will inspire as many members as possible to experience Unitarian events beyond our borders. The CVUF Board recognize that in order to disburse this money in just 7 years we want all people attending outside workshops, conferences and events to apply for the money.

If you feel you can afford part or all of the costs yourself, there is an easy way to give back. Once you receive your reimbursement you can donate a portion of, or the entire amount, back to the CVUF. (This is referred to as a "cheque exchange"). This amount will then go into the Johnston Legacy Fund, which can be used for the same purpose without the time limitations. We hope to create this Legacy Fund to encourage broadening the Fellowship's Unitarian horizons for years to come.

To receive a reimbursement form or for more information please email the CVUF Board: board@cvuf.ca



Widening the Circle of Concern: Leading Transformation for UUs in Canada- October 16, 30, November 13, and December 4th. A group of Canadian UUs have come together to provide a training series for volunteer and religious professional UU leaders this Fall. Here is their invitation to all of you.

"We are in the process of adapting the UUA's Commission on Institutional Change's final report, Widening the Circle of Concern, to the Canadian context. Our goal is to be equipped for the transformation of our future and to have the capacity to provide inspired leadership and guidance. This program is an educational process to be implemented in 2022 in congregations, separate from and complementary to the 8th principle conversations, designed to inform and provide background to congregants.

Your congregation/ group is invited to send a team of lay leaders and religious professionals to engage in learning an adapted Canadian version of the study guide: those who have a demonstrated commitment to anti-racism, social justice, and are interested in changing systems in the congregations.

Link to more information and registration!

<https://cuc.ca/events/widening-circle/1634383800/1634410800/>