



## 2019 Canvass Campaign: October 21<sup>st</sup>—November 18<sup>th</sup>

Your Canvass Committee is getting organized for this year's Canvass, which will kick off on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> and will run for five Sundays. It will end with a Canvass Celebration immediately following the service on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. During each of the five Canvass Sundays one of our members will share a short testimonial about what NSUC means to them.

In September, members of the Canvass Committee will reach out to recruit about 30 canvassers who will, in turn, contact every member and friend personally to invite them to have a conversation about their experience with being a member of our community and how they would like to contribute financially. Each Canvasser is asked to speak with 6 or 7 people. If you'd consider being a canvasser, please contact Mark Pizarro at [mark.pizarro@gmail.com](mailto:mark.pizarro@gmail.com). This is a great way to meet people you perhaps haven't talked to yet.

This year your Canvass Committee includes: Karen Epp, Leslie Gibbons, Maurice Gibbons, Judith Radford, Mark Pizarro, Ian Shearer, and Joy Silver.

Stay tuned for more news to come in upcoming weekly eBulletins.

~ Mark Pizarro, Canvass Chair



Sign up now for a Saturday workshop with Rev. Stefan Jonasson about moving forward through the challenges of changing times, both inside and outside our walls. He will lead us in an exploration of expanding congregational participation, coping with change, and developing leadership. Rev. Stefan is a Canadian minister now home-based in Winnipeg. He spent many years as a congregational consultant for the UUA, focusing on the dynamics of churches with professional staff and full-time ministry.

We'll gather for coffee and muffins in the Fireside Area at 9:15 just before the start of the morning presentation. After lunch, we'll reconvene for sessions in the afternoon until 3pm. Please RSVP at <https://goo.gl/forms/XnnNWBgjNfdHGE4v2> or by phoning the church office to reserve your space and to select food choices for your noon meal. Catering will be provided by the non-profit culinary training agency **HAVE-Café**. Cut-off date for lunch orders is September 10<sup>th</sup>.

(Suggested donation for food costs is \$15; \$5 young adults and self-defined low income.) Free childcare is available to those who RSVP.

~ Marcia Stephenson



## New Members' Joining Ceremony

Want to become a member of NSUC? We're hosting a new members' event on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Contact Ariel ([ariel@northshoreunitarians.ca](mailto:ariel@northshoreunitarians.ca)) with questions, to join, or for more information.

## From Our Consulting Minister

**A**utumn has always felt like a time of new beginnings for me. As someone who loved school, the chill in the air reminds me of exciting possibilities. I think Judaism understands this well as they celebrate Rosh Hashanah – the New Year – in the fall, not in the middle of winter. I love to ask myself in the early days of September – “What’s going to happen this year?” And I hope that what is coming will be good.

And yet, we never know, do we? Some new years bring joy and wonder. Other new years bring loss and despair. Most, however, bring a little of both. I love the line from William Blake that “joy and woe are woven fine.” I certainly find that to be true.

As we move through the fall at North Shore Unitarian Church, I hope we will keep our hearts and spirits open to new possibilities. This past year was a hard one with some really big losses. Accepting that loss is an inevitable part of life is hard. But, I have great faith in your capacity to move forward with joy and hope. And I am glad I get to be a part of North Shore this year. Though I will be gone from September 12<sup>th</sup>—October 10<sup>th</sup> on a long planned trip to England, I will return to you in person on October 17<sup>th</sup>. While I am away I will hold you in my heart as I know you’ll be holding each other. There will be many interesting things to do at church during those weeks including two Sunday services

(September 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>) and a workshop (September 15<sup>th</sup>) with the incredibly capable Rev. Stefan Jonasson. There will be wonderful Sunday services and opportunities for you to care for each other and make a difference in your world.

Bright Blessings are flowing from me to you.

All the best,  
Rev. Dr. Barbara Wells ten Hove

“I HAVE GREAT FAITH  
IN YOUR CAPACITY  
TO MOVE FORWARD  
WITH JOY AND HOPE”



Rev. Dr. Barbara Wells ten Hove  
Consulting Minister

### Rev. Barbara's Fall Schedule

Our Consulting Minister, the Rev. Dr. Barbara Wells ten Hove, is with us half-time this year. Her dates this fall include one Sunday in September (September 9<sup>th</sup>) after which she will be off on a long planned for trip to England. She will be in West Vancouver from October 17-30<sup>th</sup>, then again from November 7-20<sup>th</sup>.

If you or your group/committee/team wishes to make an appointment to meet with her during those times, please contact her directly at:

[rev.barbara@northshoreunitarians.ca](mailto:rev.barbara@northshoreunitarians.ca)

When she is not with us she will work from her home in Bellingham.

## From Our Board President

“WAKE NOW, MY VISION OF MINISTRY CLEAR;  
BRIGHTEN MY PATHWAY WITH RADIANCE HERE;  
MINGLE MY CALLING WITH ALL WHO WILL SHARE;  
WORK TOWARD A PLANET TRANSFORMED BY OUR CARE.”

(FROM *SINGING THE LIVING TRADITION*, #298)



Marcia Stephenson  
Board President

Welcome to the Fall season of the church year at North Shore Unitarian, wherever and whenever this newsletter finds you. I've begun my column with a verse from one of my favourite UU hymns, as the lyrics relate to our *Soul Matters* theme of Vision this month. But these words also remind me of the many initiatives we have set in motion to discern the best path forward into our future together.

Your Board of Trustees is grateful for our partnership with consulting minister Rev. Barbara ten Hove, as we collaborate in serving the congregation during this year of transition. Elsewhere in this newsletter, look for an update from your Ministerial Search Committee as they prepare to engage us in a congregational survey following their August Retreat weekend.

Another minister assisting us to clarify our vision is Rev. Stefan Jonasson. I invite all of you to join me in attending his Saturday workshop on charting a course through congregational change and growth, scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am. See page one for details and online RSVP to reserve your lunch order. Watch for details of Rev. Jonasson's sermons on two Sundays in September and other gatherings with staff and leaders during the week of September 15<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. We are grateful to the CUC for their financial assistance for this week with a senior denominational consultant.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge everyone who came out to the *Conversations with the Board* held on four Sundays in July. Thanks to Board Secretary ElJean Wilson who led a session on Peace Writing on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Treasurer Wayne Hanna shared leadership in discussing needs of the wider North Shore community on July 15<sup>th</sup>. A summary of our remarks has been submitted to social planners in the City and District of North Vancouver, and to a West Vancouver Councillor. VP Elain Duvall, Trustees John Slattery and Cynthia Becker brought their insights to a discussion on our new governance model keynoted by Sanford Osler on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks to all the members and friends who participated, including those who brainstormed new directions in how we might *Act in Service* on the North Shore July 29<sup>th</sup>.

~ Marcia Stephenson



Lynn Sabourin  
Director of Family Ministries

WELCOME  
BACK\*

It's been a very hot summer and one that almost forces you to slow down and take it easy. That has not stopped Janni, Joan Cox and me from gearing up and getting ready for our families to return this fall.

Here's what you can expect this fall from the Children's Program.



### Spirit Play (3-6 Year Olds)

Who am I?  
Where did I come from?  
What is my purpose?  
What are my gifts?  
How do I choose to live my life?  
What happens when I die?  
Why am I lonely and sad sometimes?



These are some of the themes and questions we explore each week in this wonderful program.

Each week a story is presented using manipulative materials. Wondering questions are posed for the children to consider. Following this they are free to choose their "work": either an art activity to respond to the story or to re-tell a story themselves. The weekly story and its related materials are stored in baskets and will be available to the children. The teacher becomes a guide rather than a leader, creating a safe and sacred space for children to make meaning of their lives. Spirit Play takes into account the importance of the creative aspect of play. Deep play is how children learn everything that is important to them. The possibilities are exciting!



### Treasure Hunting

#### Primary Group (7-8 Year Olds)

The theme of *Treasure Hunting* was chosen to involve children in the excitement of the search for meaning in life at the concrete level of their understanding.

Each week, through games, crafts, songs and stories, the children explore the meaning behind a Unitarian Universalist (UU) principle or value. Central to the curriculum is the class treasure chest and each child's treasure chest which they make to take home. Every week the children make or receive an object to put in their chests symbolic of that week's principle. Similarly, an object goes into the class treasure chest as a reminder of each session. Some of the treasures to be discovered include:

- the importance of each person
- the power of feelings
- the joy of friendship
- the excitement of the search for truth
- stories of our UU heritage
- the interdependence of people and the fragile harmony of nature.

We hope to inspire a gentle way of knowing as it is only with eyes informed by love and respect that we find life's treasures.



## Children's Program



### Middle Group (9-10 Year Olds)

*Toolbox of Faith* (a Tapestry of Faith module) uses duct tape to symbolize flexibility, a hammer for power, a seashell for listening and more. Unpacking symbolic tools of our faith, children experience and develop their relationships with key qualities that shape

UU identity, faith, and a personal call to action. Following each Sunday's session, an email Taking It Home is sent to parents describing what happened in the class and containing ideas for how the experiences can be extended at home.

### Intermediate Group (11-12 Year Olds)

This group has a program called *Inquiring Souls* that is uniquely theirs, one that is now in its fourth year. Leaders, Jessica Motherwell and Bill Richardson, will create the program with the participants as they explore answers to their burning questions. Each week one of the kids' questions is brainstormed and, as they do, a number of the kids create a large graphic of their findings. A combination of drawings and words summarize the discussion and remains as a reminder of their exploration. It is an exciting and creative process!



### Gift-Making Workshop

On Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual Christmas Gift-Making Workshop downstairs at the church from 2 -5 pm. Children over 5 years of age will have the opportunity to make gifts for their friends and family. There will be 10-12 craft tables each set up with 2 adults or youth who will show the children how to make each project. The cost of each craft ranges from 25 cents to \$3 and is designed to cover the expense of materials only. Admission is a toonie and includes hot apple cider and goodies.

To volunteer or learn more about this event, contact Lynn at 604-926-1621.

### Halloween Potluck and Haunted House Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 5-7:30 pm

Don your costume and join us for our annual Halloween evening here at the church. Bring a potluck dinner dish and beverage to share and join your church family for some seasonal fun. Our Youth Group will set up a haunted house in the sanctuary and will have the scare-o-metre set low to start for those of us who are a little more timid and then they will ramp it up as they go along. Families can carve a jack-o-lantern and kids can bob for doughnuts. It will be spooktacular!



## Youth Group



Ariel Hunt-Brondwin  
Youth Program Coordinator  
& Connections Coordinator

I really love summer. I love the warm weather and picking blackberries and wearing sandals and getting out for a cool ocean swim on a hot afternoon. So I'm always just a little bit wistful at this time of year as the weather starts to change and cooler days and longer nights approach. At the same time, as much as I don't relish the shift in season, I love this time of year as a time of newness and possibility; of starting again with new challenges and experiences.

For me, even though I haven't been a student for almost a decade, September is still the true start of the "New Year" and I always feel a sense of excitement and anticipation at this time.

And so too it is with this year - and I will admit I'm especially excited for this year's Youth Program. At the end of June our Youth made a bold decision - to try an experiment with when Youth Group meets, to see if that might serve our Youth community better. So starting this Fall, Youth Group will alternate between meeting on Sunday evenings, as has been done for many years, and meeting on Sunday mornings, at the same time as the Service and Children's RE Classes. We don't know what will happen - if making this change will allow more youth to better participate in our Youth community or not. We just don't know and it takes courage and vision to lean into that uncertainty and try something new and different.

This is one of several reasons why I'm so excited for this fall. The second thing is that in November we will host a Youth Chaplain Training Weekend and Youth and adult Advisors from all across BC, Washington, Oregon and beyond are invited to participate. Youth Chaplains (not to be confused with Lay Chaplains) are youth (and adults) who receive specific training to provide supportive, active listening to other Youth while at Youth Conferences. It is a tremendous skill set to receive training in and is applicable in all kinds of settings from school to family and of course church life.

Lastly, we are running our Coming of Age program again this year with participation from Youth (and mentors) from other UU congregations from the Metro Vancouver area (most likely, several youth from Beacon joining us and hopefully a few from the Unitarian Church of Vancouver as well). This kind of reaching out and partnering with our nearby UU community is so enriching and it will allow more young people the opportunity to participate in a meaningful program that is becoming harder and harder for one congregation to offer all on its own.

In each of these things I've mentioned, there is a spirit of openness connecting them all. Openness to connecting with our wider UU community, to being host, to learning new skills and lastly to being open to the unknown. I can't think of a better way to begin again with you all this September.

In faith and affection,  
Ariel

### Fall Youth Group Schedule

Sun. Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup>	7-9pm	1st Youth Group Meeting
Sun. Sept. 16 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am-noon	Youth Group Meeting
Sun. Sept. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7-9pm	Youth Group Meeting
Sun. Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup>	7-9pm	Youth Group Meeting
Sun. Oct. 7 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am-noon	Youth Group Meeting
Sun. Oct. 14 <sup>th</sup>	7-9pm	Youth Group Meeting
Sun. Oct. 21 <sup>st</sup>	10:30am-noon	Youth Group Meeting
Sun. Oct. 28 <sup>th</sup>	5-9pm	Halloween Potluck/Haunted House
Sun. Nov. 4 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am-noon	Youth Group Meeting
Sun. Nov. 11 <sup>th</sup>	7-9pm	Youth Group Meeting
Sun. Nov. 18 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am-noon	Chaplain Training
Sun. Nov. 25 <sup>th</sup>	7-9pm	Youth Group

# fall PARENT MEETINGS

Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>  
12:15-1:15pm

Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>  
7-9pm

## PAL Ropes Course

Saturday  
September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
12:30-5:30pm  
at UBC

(Must RSVP by Sept. 9th)

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



### Coming of Age Events

Sun. September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	4-6:30pm	First COA meeting
Fri. October 12 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Wizard of Oz Event begins
Sun. November 11 <sup>th</sup>	4-6:30pm	Second COA meeting

# LEADERSHIP & Team building

Mini Retreat  
10am—3:30pm Saturday, October 20th  
(Offsite)





### Theologians Café at the West Vancouver Seniors' Centre

Again this Fall, John Slattery is offering a series of monthly Theologians' Café discussions at 2pm at the West Vancouver Seniors' Centre. The upcoming dates and themes are:

#### **September 27<sup>th</sup> Science and Religion.**

Rapid progress in the development of artificial intelligence, genetic engineering, the workings of the human brain and many other fields raise serious ethical questions that religious people (and non-religious people for that matter) are struggling to come to terms with. Some developments even seem to strike at the very foundations of the religious experience itself. Is our technology out pacing our ability to cope with it all?

**October 25<sup>th</sup> Human Suffering.** Why do bad things happen to good people? What are the causes of human suffering? And to ask the great classical question: why does a loving and compassionate God permit human suffering in the first place? Is it to make a point? A punishment for bad behaviour? A test of some sort? Religions have struggled with these questions almost forever. (Think of the book of Job in the Hebrew Bible.) How good are their answers, in your opinion?

**November 22<sup>nd</sup> God Revisited.** Images of the Old Testament God of wrath and punishment (except for the saintly few) seem quaintly old fashioned now – on a par with the Old Man with the long white beard surrounded by adoring angels. But the God of Love filled with compassion for all may not fit comfortably with many people today either. Whether we are believers or not, all of us carry around some ideas or feelings (positive or negative) about what God is supposed to be. Let's compare notes.

### Our Quarterly Newsletter Schedule

<u>Edition:</u>	<u>Covers These Months:</u>	<u>Due Date for Articles:</u>
Winter	December-February	November 15 <sup>th</sup>
Spring	March-May	February 15 <sup>th</sup>
Summer	June-August	May 15 <sup>th</sup>
Fall	September-November	August 15 <sup>th</sup>



### Winter Eliot 2018-2019: "What We Sing is Who We Are" with Rev. Jason Shelton

Vibrant congregational singing is a sure sign of a healthy, thriving church. Congregations that sing with vitality know who and why they are. Revitalizing congregational singing is one of the best growth strategies available, and it's easier to do than you might think!

The Rev. Jason Shelton served as Associate Minister for Music at the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashville from 1998-2001, and is now pursuing a freelance UU music ministry in the broader world. In addition to his work as a composer, he is an active choral conductor and worship leader, and an advocate for using music as a means of creating community in multi-faith, multi-cultural environments.

The Eliot Institute, located in beautiful Seabeck Washington, has been offering intergenerational camps for Unitarians Universalists and their friends and families since 1947. Winter Eliot runs from Friday, December 28<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. More info and registration details are available online: <https://www.eliotinstitute.org/calendar/8511-winter-eliot-2018-2019-what-we-sing-is-who-we-are-with-rev-jason-shelton>





### Outreach

Each Sunday, 100% of our offering basket collections, unless otherwise marked, are given to the charity for that month.

Recent Outreach Recipients:

**June** [Rainbow Refugee Society](#) (\$1,455)

**July** (no services)

**August** [Are You Syrious—North Shore](#) (TBD)

Upcoming Outreach Recipients:

**September** [Edible Garden Project](#)

**October** [Sheway](#)

**November** [North Shore Lookout Shelter](#)



### Jammin' With the Band

This informal jam session welcomes all ages and skill levels! We meet at 7:30pm on a Friday night in the Sanctuary. Our fall dates are: September 14<sup>th</sup>, October 12<sup>th</sup>, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

~Paul Jaffe



### Our 7 Principles

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
2. Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.



### From the Library

We received new books for the adult collection. From Kathryn Nicholson, *Soul to Soul* by Christine Robinson and Alicia Hawkins, *Calling the Circle: The First and Future Culture* by Christina Baldwin, and *Circles of Strength: Community Alternative to Alienation* edited by Helen Forsey; from Alice McSherry, *Listening Hearts* by Christine Robinson and Alicia Hawkins; from Dave McQuarrie, *Spiritual Ecology: The Cry of the Earth* edited by Llewellyn Vaughan-Lee, *Integral Spirituality: A Startling New Role for Religion in the Modern and Postmodern World* by Ken Wilber, *Gaian Democracies: Redefining Globalisation and People-Power* by Roy Madron and John Jopling, and *Merton's Place of Nowhere* by James Finley. Finally, two anonymous donations, *An Appetite for Wonder: The Making of a Scientist* by Richard Dawkins, and *Listening to Our Ancestors: The Art of Native Life Along the North Pacific Coast* edited by The Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian.



### It's Time to Start Preparing for our Artarian Craft Fair!

On December 9<sup>th</sup>, we'll host our annual Craft Fair in the Fireside Room of NSUC. If you'd like to participate, it's not too soon to begin preparing! All sorts of arts and crafts are welcome. Contact the Church Office for more info.

# MSC UPDATE

While the Ministerial Search Committee (MSC) has mostly hibernated over the summer, we are now waking up to a busy schedule.

Sue Forbes has been negotiating “neutral-pulpit” spaces where the MSC can meet prospective candidates. This was a key summer task and we are grateful to Sue.

The MSC will hold a week-end planning retreat with a UUA facilitator over the last weekend of August. This is our time to fully comprehend our task, assign roles, and build camaraderie.

We decided in the Spring, shortly after being appointed, to defer a congregational survey until the Fall. So watch for your opportunity to fill out the survey. There will be both on-line and hard-copy opportunities to give us your opinions. The survey will provide us with both congregational statistics for prospective candidates, and with your guidance for our search.

While we are mindful of our challenges, we are also aware of the opportunity we offer to serve a congregation with the energy, future plans, new building prospects, and momentum left by our previous co-ministers.

May our optimism bring the results we all want.

~ Jim Stephenson for the MSC

Custodial changes, B&G Team transition, state of the building, and tenant relations are the focus of this Fall Newsletter.

The Board has taken on a contract with UniClean to do a weekly cleaning of the main building and the shared parts of the Rod Stewart building. With slightly reduced hours, Tom Fullerton will continue to mow the lawns and provide light landscaping work, as well as Sanctuary tidying and spot cleaning.

After many years of fixing, replacing, cleaning, clipping, painting and building, several B&G volunteers have clearly expressed the intention to move on. Janni may be able to take on some of management issues, but increasingly, professionals will do what these dedicated members have been doing, with predictable cost increases.

The building is dry and warm when needed, with functioning appliances and devices, but in need of some serious renovations: carpet, exterior paint, and more pew replacements, for example. Most of these are being put off in anticipation of our move to new facilities. We continue to use 3 times our water usage before 2017, despite repairs to toilets. Investigations continue. Gail Lehman spearheaded the purchase of a new coffee maker for the youth area.

Our tenant, Kuddles, now has a very active Day Care business going in the former Montessori building and large parts of the Rod Stewart Building. This results in much more wear and tear on the building and grounds, some for which we are responsible (plumbing, kitchen counters, dishwasher repair, roof, etc.) Other repairs, maintenance and improvements have been undertaken by them (painting of RSB hallways, sod replacement, fencing). Talks are underway regarding the paid use of our kitchen for daycare childrens' lunch preparation, but no decision has been made yet.

~Brian McConnell, B&G chair

# B&G

## Building & Grounds



### Holiday Office Closures

The Church Office will be closed for the following holidays:

Labour Day (September 3<sup>rd</sup>)  
Thanksgiving Day (October 8<sup>th</sup>)



### Soul Matters Groups

Looking for more connection in our community? Want to deepen your journey at North Shore Unitarian? Soul Matters is a spiritually enriching small group process entering its second year in our church. It has

been valuable to many participants who are eager to carry on and some groups have room for and want to welcome new members. New groups are created as numbers warrant. The very carefully and professionally composed material we use focuses on one theme each month and suggests exercises, questions and resources to explore. Small groups then come together monthly to share their experience through a process of active and deep listening. It is often profound.

To be part of a Soul Matters group, contact Janni in the Church Office ([info@northshoreunitarians.ca](mailto:info@northshoreunitarians.ca) or 604-926-1621), or use the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the staircase. Contact Anne Mayall with questions ([annemayall51@gmail.com](mailto:annemayall51@gmail.com) or 778-686-3643).

### Cronies

Welcome back from one of the hottest summers our area has ever experienced.

Along these lines, we rarely hear of lightning striking twice. At the next Cronies, Joanna will tell a Vaughan Story on this subject. To hear more, come to the Cronies! We meet at the church at 12:30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month. Our fall dates are: September 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, October 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, and November 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Bring a bag lunch; we provide tea. Questions? Call Joanna at 604-904-9535.



### Do You Receive Our Weekly eBulletins?

Subscribe to our eBulletins to receive weekly updates such as:

- Sermon titles, descriptions and speakers.
- Church news and events.
- Invitations to Canadian Unitarian events.
- General meeting & Town Hall invitations.
- Social Action events.
- Library news.
- Sunday lunch invitations.
- And more!

If you're not already receiving these weekly emails, please contact [Janni in the Church Office](#) to be added to the list.



### A Note to Our Volunteers

Over the coming weeks, our Connections Team will take pictures of our Teams and volunteers so we can better celebrate the important service they provide to our congregation. This will make it easier for others to learn more about the different ways to become more deeply engaged and involved in the life of our community.

We'll post pictures for a short time on our hall bulletin board, along with names and a brief explanation of each person's volunteer role, before rotating to another volunteer or team's picture. This project will take place over several months with a couple of people doing the photography. These are intended to be casual photos, so no need to prep or be concerned. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us acknowledge all the people who do so much to weave this tapestry of love we call community.



## Help UU's Build Schools in Honduras

Since 1997, the First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto has been working on development projects in Central America with the goal of building understanding between people and improving the social, economic and living conditions in the poorest areas.

They extend an invitation to UU's across Canada to join us for an unforgettable experience, building schools in the mountains of Honduras. Three two-week trips are planned for this winter: January, February and March with a one-week trip in November. For more information, see the poster [HERE](#) or contact [richardkirsh@sympatico.ca](mailto:richardkirsh@sympatico.ca).

## Want to learn more about the Canadian Unitarian Council?

Sign up for CUC news updates:  
<https://cuc.ca/about-cuc/communications-publications/>



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*... meeting in Squamish  
 and Tsleil-Waututh  
 traditional territory*

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