



## GET INVOLVED!



### UUSS Needs Your Help!

As our community gets busier and starts offering more activities we are in need of more hands to share the work. We need people who use and enjoy social media to help spread the word about our congregation and what we are doing. We need people to help set-up and clean-up at our services, pot-lucks and other gatherings. It would be great if people could take turns transporting, washing and storing the dishes and cutlery we use at our potlucks every month. We need techie folks to help with sound, video and Zoom at services and events. There are some jobs that are an hour or so every few months. Other jobs require a commitment of 3 or 4 hours a month. Please visit the volunteer page on our website and see if there are any volunteer jobs that you would be willing to sign up for. Please let **Cara** know if you have need of volunteers for your Team or event.

| Volunteer Job                                      | Time Commitment               |
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| Social Media: Facebook, Instagram, Threads         | 3 or 4 hours a month          |
| Tech: Sound  | 1 or 2 hours every few months |
| Tech: Zoom   | 1 or 2 hours every few months |
| Tech: Video  | 1 or 2 hours every few months |
| Membership: Greeting, Nametags                     | 1 or 2 hours a month          |
| Potlucks: washing, storing and transporting dishes | 2 hours every few months      |
| Events/Services: set-up and clean-up               | 1 or 2 hours every few months |

## UUSS thanks everyone who has donated so far this year!

**To donate:** e-transfer to [treasurer@victoriaunitarian.ca](mailto:treasurer@victoriaunitarian.ca)  
 Make the answer to the security question FUCV (if your bank requires more than four letters, use FUCVictoria)  
 Cheques should be made out to FUCV and can be mailed to: First Unitarian Church of Victoria, 5575 West Saanich Road, Victoria, V9E 2G1

Check us out at [www.uusalishsea.ca](http://www.uusalishsea.ca) and our new Facebook page!



## Community Dialogues: update



The Community Dialogues are the process our community is using to develop its values and principles around various important and foundational aspects of Beloved Community. Please be on the lookout over the next few weeks for our follow up meetings. We will be moving forward in our discussions and decisions regarding Governance, Decision-Making, and Money & Resources. Each of these areas has had an initial meeting, please contact **Laura** if you would like to see the notes or recordings from any of these previous meetings.

### Draft Covenants

We are very much looking forward to getting to the next steps in our covenanting process. If you chose to draft something from the notes of our January community meeting, please send your document to **Laura** on or before **Wednesday, March 27**. Thank you for the good work you've put into your draft covenants.



Thank you to everyone who joined us on March 20th for the Sociocracy (Dynamic Governance) Town Hall with Scott, Libby and Linda from INUUC. They shared a lot of helpful information about their experience with Dynamic Governance and there were lots of great questions from participants.

If you missed the event, you can watch the recording here, or listen to the audio here. You can find out more about Sociocracy from the Sociocracy for All (SOFA) website. They have lots of resources for beginners.

The next step in our community dialogue on governance will be to select the governance model that we will use as our starting point. The session will happen in April, details to follow. It will be a hybrid session, meaning there will be an in-person option and an online option.

If you have any questions or ideas for governance models we should consider, please email **catherine** by **Monday, April 1, 2024**

OTHER  
EVENTSCUC National  
Service:**"My Muzungu Eyes  
Are Improving -  
featuring Liz James"**

Join us for a CUC National Service on Sunday May 19th, 2024: My Muzungu Eyes Are Improving.

How do we help effectively across a culture gap? Drawing from more than a decade of personal experience, Liz James tells a story that has it all ... Humour, thoughtful analysis, and confrontations with lions. Not a metaphor. Real lions.

Liz James is the founder of a 230,000-person online UU community called the Unitarian Universalist Hysterical Society (UUHS); half of The Cracked Cup podcast; and working on a book with Skinner House Press.

Liz is based out of Saskatchewan, where she is building a tiny house with her own two hands. She believes in a Unitarian Universalism that is filled with meaning and joy, and that sees change as an adventure.

Join the national UU community in a livestream of this service on **Sunday, May 19th** at 10:00 am PT | 1:00 pm ET on Zoom. A coffee hour conversation will follow the service. Join at this [link](#).

The full service, as well as just the excerpt of the reflection, is also available to congregations as a recording – to use at your regular service time if you prefer. Please [fill in this form](#) for the link.

## SAVE THE DATES

## Arran Liddel's ordination

Saturday, April 13, 2024 @ 2:00pm

## CanUuddle and Chorus 2024 in Edmonton

May 17-20th, 2024

Some upcoming events at  
Vancouver Unitarian

## First Intergenerational Circle Worship

March 27 @ 6:00

<https://vanu.ca/event/intergen-circle-worship/>

## Eliot Institute UU Family Camps

July 15-22, August 5-12, or Creative Arts week  
Aug 12-16.

<https://vanu.ca/eliot-institute-uu-family-camps-still-open/>

Some smiles from the  
Unitarian Universalist  
Hysterical Society

You May Be A Unitarian Universalist If...

- belly-dancing has ever been part of a Sunday service.
- on Hallowe'en you explain to everyone the Pagan significance of their costumes.
- you get mail from committees you didn't know you were on.
- you know at least two people who are upset that trees had to die for your church to be built.
- you are unsure about the gender of God.
- you think the Holy Trinity is "reduce, reuse and recycle."
- you hear OWL and don't immediately think of the bird

To join the Unitarian Universalist Hysterical Society Facebook group, click [here](#).

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