



UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP OF REGINA

# THE CHALICE

OCTOBER 2018



## *Sunday Services for October*



### **October 7 – VIDEO of Talk from Canadian Unitarian Council (CUC) Conference 2018: *What Love and Justice Look Like Now***

Each year, the Unitarian Universalist Ministers of Canada select an outstanding Canadian minister to give the Confluence Lecture at the CUC annual conference. This year, Rev Karen Fraser Gitlitz of the Saskatoon Unitarians was chosen to give the talk.

The video today will be the entire lecture - we'll have an opening song & reading, screen the video and then a closing song & reading.

Looking back over her decade in ministry, Fraser Gitlitz says her understanding of interdependence and love and justice has shifted considerably over the years. She believes that this a natural part of Unitarian Universalism, which recognizes that conditions change, and new thoughts and ideas come across our lives.



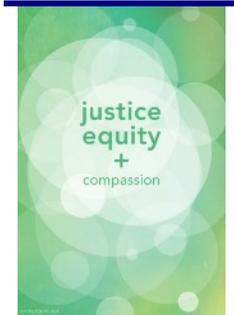
### **October 14 – The Social Gospel**

*Guest Speaker Dr. Richard Hordern*

Of all the reform movements arising out of the 19th century, arguably none had as extensive a reach as the Social Gospel. Faced with the new realities of urban overcrowding, grueling factory work, and grinding poverty, Christians in North America questioned whether their focus should be on the salvation of the individual or of society as a whole.

Dr. Richard Hordern is a retired professor of religious studies at Luther College on the University of Regina. His specialty area of research was liberation theology, especially Black Theology in the United States. Today, he will give an introduction to the early history of Social Gospel in Canada, the U.S. and England.

Potluck Sunday: Join us in celebrating food and friendship



### **October 21 – Our Second Principle: Justice, Equity & Compassion in Human Relations**

*Speaker: Regina Unitarian Jamie Struthers*

This is the second talk in a series about our seven principles. Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations points us toward something beyond inherent worth and dignity. It points us to the larger community. It gets at collective responsibility. It reminds us that treating people as human beings is not simply something we do one-on-one, but something that has systemic implications and can inform our entire cultural way of being.



### **October 28 – Indigenous Leaders in our Community**

*Guest Speaker: Angela Pratt*

As part of our commitment to furthering reconciliation, we are inviting guest speakers from local Indigenous businesses, tribal councils & non-profits. All too often, the news stories focus on negative events, or the hard stories in the Indigenous communities. Our guests will share their success stories and what motivates them, or has motivated them, on their life journey. Our first guest speaker will be Angela Pratt, whose career aspirations have been focused on supporting the advancement and success of First Nations communities.



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***Lay Chaplaincy Services***

The Fellowship provides non-denomination services to celebrate rites of passage, including births, weddings and deaths. Our Lay Chaplains are available to the public to provide services. Please feel free to contact us at (306)522-7357 or [reginauu@gmail.com](mailto:reginauu@gmail.com).

**Office Hours**

***Saturdays, 1-3 PM***

Mike McCall is available at the Unitarian Centre once a week for any business which needs to be dealt with in person. At any other time, feel free to telephone the Centre (306-522-7357) and leave a message, or email [reginauu@gmail.com](mailto:reginauu@gmail.com)

*If you have contributions to make to this newsletter, please contact Mike McCall: email [reginauu@gmail.com](mailto:reginauu@gmail.com). or 306-522-7357 (office). The deadline for contributions is the 23rd of the month.*

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## *Fellowship Choir Practices*

**Please join us!**

*Sunday October 14 and October 28 at 9:45 a.m.*

In the Regina Unitarian fellowship we have a group of dedicated singers that usually practice twice monthly. Do you like singing? Please join us!

## *Reconciliation Study Group*

The Study Group sends kudos to Regina's MacKenzie Art Gallery for their sign "As long as the sun shines, the river flows, and the grass grows" and also to the Regina Public Library for their sign "Sorry".

## *Ceiling Repairs in Lower Hall*

At a special meeting held September 16, the congregation approved the expenditure of approximately \$8,500 to install new drywall on the ceiling of the lower hall. This repair/renovation is badly needed!

We anticipate work will commence mid-October, and take about two weeks. The work will involve moving furniture away from the work area, lowering speaker cables, and removing & reinstalling light fixtures. Finally, the new drywall will be painted a flat white. No more falling plaster!

We will be calling on volunteers to move furniture as soon as we know a date for start of construction.

"A candle must give itself away. In the giving, the spending, the spreading, the sending, it finds itself."

— John Wood

## *THANKS and GIVING...the Unitarian way*

October means Thanksgiving ... a time for reflection and giving back to those who support you. A time for THANKS! and also a time for GIVING.

What do you value here in our Unitarian community? What does the Fellowship give to you? What meaning does it add to your life?

What do you give back to the Fellowship? *Your time is precious ... Do you volunteer your time generously? (Who does kitchen duty? serves on committees? performs the service leader role?) Your money is also valuable. Thank you for giving your time and money to the Fellowship!*

**Giving to the Unitarian Fellowship has a big impact.**

This year, your money helped us:

- to educate ourselves so we can better understand the world we live in
- to more readily support others. In our community, we helped support Carmichael Outreach, Rainbow Youth Centre, Housing First (for the homeless) and also Reconciliation Regina. In an African refugee camp, we paid tuition for a young Unitarian student from Burundi so she could continue her education
- to be part of the Canadian Unitarian community and contribute to the well-being of other Unitarian congregations across the country through the Canadian Unitarian Council
- to support each other so we can live our principles

<https://reginaunitarians.ca/about-us/>

## **Working together, we did a lot!**

Next year, in addition to searching for truth and sharing our compassion, we want to focus some attention on keeping our building safe (e.g., lower hall ceiling, back fire-exit stairs). We want to *energize* our Unitarian community in the months and years ahead, with a building that better represents the spiritual well-being of our Fellowship. So, this note marks the beginning of our fundraising campaign so that we can work together even more effectively.

*Your presence during services, your energy, your time and your money are all valuable to us. You are part of something big and full of positive energy. Please, GIVE GENEROUSLY!*

Warm regards

*Jane Knox*

*Treasurer, Unitarian Fellowship of Regina*

PS – There is a DONATE button on our website ... quick and easy! (scroll down if you do not see it right away)





# Building Beloved Community

Western Regional Fall Gathering Oct 26-28, 2018

Join other Unitarian  
Universalists for  
worship, learning,  
fellowship, and fun!

Explore Sessions On:  
Building Communities of  
Joyful Resilience  
Food for all, Justice for All  
Growing Solidarity Together

Guests Include:  
Rev. Jason Shelton  
Asha Philar, CUC  
Jenna Wirch of  
Aboriginal Youth  
Opportunities

Our Children's Program welcomes you to meet  
Tibert, le Voyageur  
All Youth are invited to exciting Youth Con!

Hosted by the First Unitarian  
Universalist Church of Winnipeg  
603 Wellington Crescent, and the  
Canadian Unitarian Council

To register, go to [cuc.ca](http://cuc.ca) Calendar of Events and click on Oct. 26 WRFG event

## Themes for the 2018 – 2019 Year

Soul Matters – the intriguing name for a group of people in the US that provide worship resources for ministers, RE staff, Sunday Service committees, and music people. Last year the Sunday Services committee used three themes in our ‘church year’. This year we will be using three more new themes and have purchased resources from Soul Matters. We hope you find that the themes and reflections provide deep meaningful services.

Our first theme will be in the month of November. The question is “What does it mean to be a people of VISION”? Liz James will be speaking on November 11 on her interpretation of the theme. On the 3rd Sunday, we’ll have a reflection & sharing service where we can share our thoughts on the theme.

“Realize that we as human beings have been put on this earth for only a short time and that we must use this time to gain wisdom, knowledge, respect and the understanding for all human beings since we are all relatives.”

- Cree Proverb

## *We Come with a Dream (Soul Matters Team)*

We come bound by the threads of a dream  
Of all walking together side by side,  
None of us above or below  
Less or more or forgotten.  
A dream that more is possible  
even more than we have yet imagined.  
A dream of kindness and connection  
that softens and turns us toward each other with tenderness.  
A dream of courage and commitment  
that will enable us to stay the course  
and admit where we have gone astray.  
May this vision comfort and challenge.  
May it weave us together and never let us go  
until the dream is made real.