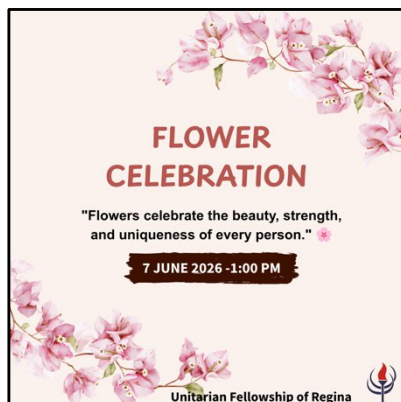


# The Chalice

## June 2026 Newsletter Unitarian Fellowship of Regina

Join us for *friendly, informal* **Sunday Services at 1:00 PM** at the Unitarian Centre, 2700 College Avenue (upper hall) followed by coffee in the lower hall OR **on Zoom**

### June 7, 2026



Today, we use the symbol of flowers to celebrate the unique beauty and gift of every person.

The flower ceremony is a celebration of the strength, diversity, and freedom of the human spirit.

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### June 14, 2026



The Globe Theatre firmly supports Reconciliation. Heather Ervin, the Globe's Director of Community Engagement will share how the Globe ensures that the plays it performs contribute to community discussions that inform and engage citizens with key reconciliation questions and other important social issues.

## June 21, 2026



David Chernushenko shares his family's journey, a personal quest and a universal story.

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## June 28, 2026



Join us for a relaxed end-of-year gathering filled with good food and great company. Bring your favourite outdoor dish to share. If the weather is nice, we will picnic outside under the tent so bring a chair! If it rains, we'll gather indoors. Let's celebrate the season together!

## Get involved with Unitarians!

**Share your knowledge & skills.  
Deepen your friendships.  
“+” means new members invited**

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

*Jamie Struthers*, Sandi Whitford,  
Claire Clement, Ethel Struthers,  
George Garbe, Istvan Sipos

### STANDING COMMITTEES

#### Finance Committee

*Sandi Whitford*, Phillip Muñoz, Jane Knox

#### Lay Chaplain Committee

*Jamie Struthers* ...+

#### Membership Committee

*Ethel Struthers*, Marena Charron,  
Jim Hutchings, ...+

#### Nominating Committee

*Claire Clement*, Jane Knox

#### Program Committee

*Glenna Ottenbreit-Born*, *Claire Clement*,  
*Jamie Struthers*, *Sandi Whitford*, ...+

#### Property Committee

*Claire Clement*, Jim Hutchings, ...+

### ACTION GROUPS

#### Social Media

*Sandi Whitford*, Jim Hutchings, ...+

#### Reconciliation

*Jane Knox*, *Ethel Struthers*, *Helmi Uguh*,  
*Sandra Blenkinsop*, *Tanith Perry-Mills*,  
*Claire Clement*, *Deborah Barton*

#### Policies

*Jane Knox* & others (will vary with topic)

#### Information Technology (ITAG)

*Michael FIG*, *Sandi Whitford*, *Istvan Sipos*

#### Inclusivity

*Jane Knox*, *Zoë Sargent*

## Board Talk

by Ethel Struthers, Secretary

The Board met on May 21, 2026. At that time the Treasurer informed the Board that expenses have been higher in the first quarter of 2026 due to replacing the furnace, other building maintenance, and staffing costs. These expenses were off-set by increasing income, primarily from renting the Unitarian Centre. Thanks Ethel & Sandi.

The Board accepted Terms of Reference to start an Information Technology Action Group (ITAG). This group will find technology risks and ways to resolve them. It will identify software to improve efficiency and facilitate cost-effective purchases as a nonprofit organization. The Group will also support the work of the Cybersecurity Overseer and report their work to the Board twice yearly.

The Board asked the President to explore whether members would attend a discussion group focused on global issues of current interest.



### Pride Parade June 13

The Board looks forward to being in the parade and will join other affirming faith groups.

**To walk with us, gather by 11:30 AM at the Conexus Center for the Arts (parking lot).**

The parade will begin to move at noon.

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## Reconciliation

### Ripples

Excerpts by Jane Knox  
from a report by Office of Treaty Commissioner

TREATY EDUCATION in Saskatchewan:  
The Office of the Treaty Commissioner  
(OTC) and the Regina Public School  
Division (RPSD) signed a Memorandum of  
Understanding (MOU) on **May 19, 2026** at  
the māmawēyatitān centre in Regina.

The 5-year MOU will enable:

- a) ongoing collaboration to help guide RPSD's strategic plan as it pertains to the inclusion of Indigenous concepts, history, culture, community, and inclusion of Indigenous narratives and perspectives.
- b) the creation of shared education projects that promote understanding of:
  - o Treaties and what it means to live the Treaties (rights, responsibilities)
  - o the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
  - o Calls to Action from Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission
  - o Calls to Justice from the final report of the Canada's National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

"We look forward to deeper collaboration on enhancing Indigenous and Treaty education in our schools." said Mark Haarmann, Director of Education and CEO at Regina Public School Division.

"The concrete actions being taken to implement Treaty education are for our children and future generations—so they may understand the truth of our shared history, ... and create a stronger future for everyone." said Dr. Kathy Walker, Treaty Commissioner of Saskatchewan.

[https://otc.ca/blog/blog\\_details/office\\_of\\_the\\_treaty\\_commissioner\\_and\\_regina\\_public\\_schools\\_sign\\_mou\\_on\\_treaty\\_education.html?page=1](https://otc.ca/blog/blog_details/office_of_the_treaty_commissioner_and_regina_public_schools_sign_mou_on_treaty_education.html?page=1)

## Give Us Spirit

In honour of Indigenous History month, Marena Charron submitted this powerful poem. Thousands of Saskatchewan Indigenous children experienced this loss when residential schools did not allow children to speak the language of their home (at all, ever). The implications for communication and the arts are stunning. Read it twice, please.

### *I Lost My Talk* by Rita Joe

I lost my talk.

The talk you took away  
when I was a little girl  
at Shubenacadie school.

You snatched it away:

I speak like you

I think like you

I create like you

The scrambled ballad, about my word.

Two ways I talk;

both ways I say.

Your way is more powerful.

So gently I offer my hand and ask:

Let me find my talk

so I can teach you about me.

► [Listen to \*I Lost My Talk\*](#)

Source: <https://nac-cna.ca/en/stories/story/i-lost-my-talk-poem-reconciliation>

## Protect the Planet *Submitted by Jane Knox*

June May 31 to June 6, 2026 is Canada's "Environment Week." It encourages action to preserve the natural environment and conserve precious non-renewable resources. It includes Clean Air Day June 3.

June is an opportunity to take action on urgent environmental challenges. For example, the Fellowship tries to avoid using plastics and recycles as much as possible.

What have you done personally to reduce plastic pollution? Simple changes that benefit our health can be made over time or, with determination, by the end of June.

- o Always use re-usable grocery bags (yes, leave grocery cart in aisle and get the bags you keep in the car)
- o Store food in glass containers (recycle those old plastic containers)
- o Switch to wooden or silicone cooking utensils instead of black plastic

## Canadian Unitarian Council (CUC)

### ANNUAL MEETING May 23, 2026

Michael FIG and Jane Knox represented the Unitarian Fellowship of Regina at this national annual meeting. We both participated in two orientation events and attended the entire annual meeting online.

About 80 attended including 62 voting delegates from across Canada (quorum requires 30 delegates). The Board has 7 members. Rev Debra Faulk and James Garland share the role of President. Michael Leboldus will represent the Western Region on the Board.

At this national annual meeting, it was interesting to hear all the views expressed. All information for this meeting is available at [AGM 2026 Public folder](#)

After discussion, voting delegates supported four motions with the intent to:

- a) Design bylaws to bring covenantal documents like the **Unitarian Principles** into the legal framework of the CUC. This will give these documents formal, legal status with a process for future changes.
- b) Establish that future changes to the covenantal documents of the CUC will require a 2/3 majority vote of delegates at a formal meeting.
- c) Ask the Board to outline a formal process to change these covenantal documents.
- d) Continue current CUC priorities. See <https://cuc.ca/about-cuc/governance-management/>

A planned new project for CUC is the **Mutual MUUSE website**. It intends to help congregations look for different ways of thinking about things, and to learn continuously through sharing locally and across the country. Join the discussion at the **June 20 event** (see CUC Events).

[The Mutual Muuse | Activating the Canadian UU Ecosystem](#)

<https://themutualmuuse.ca/about/>

**Stories** of the people, funding, spaces, and tools **that support innovation, learning, and transformation** across our Unitarian communities

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## Books to Build Bridges—for Pride

[Marsha](#) (2025) by [Tourmaline](#)

Black transgender luminary Tourmaline brings to life the first definitive biography of the revolutionary activist Marsha P.

Johnson, one of the most important and remarkable figures in LGBTQ+ history, revealing her story, her impact, and her legacy.

[Stop Me If You've Heard This One](#) (2026) by [Kristen Arnett](#)

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Mostly Dead Things*, a sparkling and funny new novel of entertainment, ambition, art, and love. Equal parts bravado, tenderness, and humor, and bursting with misfits, magicians, musicians, and mimes, *Stop Me If You've Heard This One* is a masterpiece of comedic fiction that asks big questions about art and performance, friendship and community, and the importance of timing in jokes and in life.

[Small Joys](#) (2023) by [Elvin James Mensah](#)

"This funny and bighearted debut is an ode to queer friendship and chosen family. . . . A tender and generous novel about finding your people, getting vulnerable, and celebrating every joy—big or small."

—*BuzzFeed*

[Tomorrow Will Be Different](#) (2019) by [Sarah McBride](#)

Informative, heartbreaking, and profoundly empowering, *Tomorrow Will Be Different* is Sarah McBride's story of love and loss and a powerful entry point into the LGBTQ community's battle for equal rights and what it means to be openly transgender. McBride weaves the important political and cultural milestones into a personal journey that will open hearts and change minds.

### Books for Children

[Papa's Coming Home](#) (2025)

by Chasten Buttigieg

A picture book about unconditional love and warmth in same-sex families.

[Stella Brings the Family](#) (2015)

by Miriam Schiffer ... a picture book.

Stella problem-solves with her two Dads before attending a school event about "Mother's Day".

[Violet's Song](#) (2025) by Duke Chang and Lizz Bryce, illustrated by Sakshi Mangal.

This heartfelt story for young children inspires all ages to spread kindness, help others, and make the world a better place. Sponsored by CanadaHelps, this book is also promoted by the Charities Directorate of the Canada Revenue Agency.

## Community Events

### Indigenous Climate Leadership for our Collective Future

Monday June 1 - 1:00 pm

[https://indigenousclimateaction.zoom.us/join/register/WN\\_EM8iQsvvQ3-YFwNZ-oKEPg](https://indigenousclimateaction.zoom.us/join/register/WN_EM8iQsvvQ3-YFwNZ-oKEPg)

### Community Resilience to Escalating Climate Threats—with David Suzuki

Wednesday June 3, 1 pm:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/7017785320632/WN\\_3B4ykMHzRiiWYj3AmeZypQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/7017785320632/WN_3B4ykMHzRiiWYj3AmeZypQ)

### Disability Without Poverty

Monday June 8 at 11:00 am

<https://plan-9.hubspotpagebuilder.com/five-years-of-dwp>

### When The Forest Breathes—A Webinar with Suzanne Simard

Monday June 8 at 7:00 pm

<https://sierraclub.bc.ca/our-work/re-connecting-with-the-lands-waters/webinars/when-the-forest-breathes-a-conversation-with-suzanne-simard/>

### Paved Paradise: The Ecological Impacts of Our Planet's Highway System

with Ben Goldfarb, Environmental Journalist and Author

Tuesday June 9 at 12:00pm noon

Register Free: <https://shorturl.at/78MTj> or at

[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN\\_vkpMEhZfROCFiKvw\\_K2PVQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_vkpMEhZfROCFiKvw_K2PVQ)

### Music For Palestine, Featuring Albert Von Ledebur, Abstractions Café, 2161 ROSE ST

Friday June 12 at 7:00 pm:

Multiple Performers for all ages! All money raised split between Palestine Children's Relief Fund and Gaza Soup Kitchen. Detail at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1496499225279297/>

## Be Cyber Safe

“**Core 4**” message: ACT NOW—high-impact steps that dramatically reduce risk:

1. Use strong, unique passwords, ideally with a password manager.
2. Turn on multifactor authentication (MFA) everywhere it's available.
3. Update software and systems regularly to close known vulnerabilities (set to automatic update for best security).
4. Back up important data often & securely. Then test recovery plans.

*Submitted by Jane Knox*

## CUC Events

[Emergent Strategy Book Club Session 2](#) at 1:00 to 3:00 pm **June 6**, 2026

### [Activating the Canadian UU Ecosystem](#)

Saturday **June 20**, 2026 – 1:00 pm CST (75 minutes) Register to [Join us](#) and celebrate Canadian Unitarian Universalism ... a casual coffee house.

### [Dismantling Barriers: Engaging in Governance](#)

Thursday, **June 25**, 2026 – 5:00 pm (90 minutes). Join us...

### [RAMP! Reciprocal Annual Mentorship Program: Projects, Partnerships, and Practical Wisdom from RAMP!](#)

Saturday, **June 27**, 2026 – 11:00 am CST Come to hear about current projects. Those registered in this Mentorship Program will explain the practical wisdom they have learned.

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