



# The Quest

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*We come together in beloved community, guided by our Unitarian Universalist principles and sources  
to grow in wisdom, welcome and deepen relationships, and act for a just and sustainable world*

## June 2013

### SWEET: Sunday Welcome Enhance and Engage Teams

Do you find yourself wanting to help out on a Sunday morning, but aren't sure what to do? Are you tired of being asked to make coffee, be an usher or a greeter? Have you ever wondered if there was a different approach to enhance the hospitality experience and provide a way to develop and deepen relationships with each other?

If your answers to these questions are yes, then consider this description taken from the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Centre County web site:

"Hospitality Teams are a great way to meet people and learn about the Fellowship. Teams are in charge of Sunday morning hospitality. This includes greeting, ushering, providing food and beverages, cleaning-up and creating a visual display for the Sunday service. Team members also have social times to relax and get to know each other better. Each of the five teams provides hospitality for four Sundays, two times per year."

If you are intrigued please watch this short YouTube video, which also provides a link to Parts 2 and 3. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GBIFTG0Yffe&feature=youtu.be>

Various committees have watched this video and have come away excited and enthused about the idea. So excited that we are going to begin to adopt this process in the next church year! Only we are calling them SWEET. Each member or friend of the congregation will be placed into one of five geographic SWEETs taking on the responsibility for the Sunday morning experience for a month. Initially we will need five team coordinators and five communicators. We already have a number of people who have expressed interest in being involved and there is still space for more to be involved. It is this core of people that will run through how it's done for the month of September, and then the hope is in October SWEETs will be ready to begin.. Watch for a display in Wickenden Hall on Sunday mornings that will outline how this process will work here at the Unitarian Church of Calgary.

We can see so many opportunities to welcome and deepen relationships within the congregation! If you're interested, want to learn more, ask questions, or volunteer, please join the Board of Trustees for dinner on Wednesday, June 5 at 5:30 p.m. here at the church. RSVP required by June 2 to Samaya Oakley at [samaya@unitarianscalgary.org](mailto:samaya@unitarianscalgary.org) for food and logistics planning.

### Thanks & Thanks Again – We Did It!

Hosting the Canadian Unitarian Council Annual Meeting and Conference has taken a lot of energy by the entire congregation so thanks to everyone!

A few special acknowledgements to the Host Planning Team:  
Chair ~ Jeff Webber

Treasurer/Secretary ~ Mich Michell

Publicity ~ Mary Jane Hussey & Mary Anna Louise Kovar

Registration ~ Jane Ebborn

Hospitality ~ Bev Webber

Gatherings ~ Danielle Webber, Jane Perry & Rev. Debra Faulk

Each of these people had teams of volunteers supporting their area with a total more than 60 volunteers from the congregation!

### A Few Special KUDOS!!!

**Ashley Cole:** for Young Fun and Junior Youth – and her many volunteers!!

**Hazel Corcoran & Alex Lamoreux:** for CanUdle Youth Conference coordination

**Rebekah Mobley-Kasner:** for Coordinating the Bridging Ceremony and Young Adult Monday gathering

**Shaun Pulsifer:** for videotaping!

**Karl Torfarson:** photographer extraordinaire

**Greg O'Neill:** Hootenany Master Ceremony and for his song "My Song is a Prayer" anthem

**Lynn Nugent:** head usher

**Emma Russell:** for amazing aesthetics

**Susan Stratton:** banner marshal

**Bill Wuttunee:** for the Ingathering blessing and setting the tone.

**Ned Levett:** tear down

**Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m. unless otherwise noted.**

## **June 2~~High Hopes**

Life is filled with the tension between the possibilities of what can be done, and the realities of living life in this world that is filled with so much oppression, pain, and sorrow. We take time during the service to reflect on how our shared principles call us to act in the world in the midst of this tension.

Presenter: Samaya Oakley

Music: Jane Perry, Music Director

## **June 9~~Bloom On**

After World War I, Czechoslovakian Unitarian minister Norbert Capek created the flower communion to affirm hope and natural beauty. This is a ritual with deep meaning and purpose. This morning we participate in this annual commemoration and explore the place and value of ritual in our lives.

Please bring a flower to add to the communal bouquet we will create.

This morning includes the recognition of new members.

Presenter: Rev Debra Faulk

Music: Jane Perry, Music Director with UUphonia

## **June 16 – The Art of Saying Goodbye**

This is my final service with you as your Intern Minister.

Over the years I have discovered that there is an art to saying goodbye, an art that includes grace, intention and a good deal of humility. A good bye said well allows the colours of the rainbow to run true, unsullied into the making of a wonderful world.

Presenter: Samaya Oakley

Music: Jane Perry, Music Director, with UUphonia featuring Ned Leavitt and Brandis Purcell

## **June 23~~Compassion – Living It**

Over the past year there have been two small groups meeting monthly to deepen their understanding of living compassionately, using Karen Armstrong's book *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life* as the guide. Some of the challenges and the satisfaction of compassion being a more active presence in their lives will be shared this morning.

Presenters: Kathryn Burwash and Martin Watson

(facilitators) and participants from the groups

Music: Jane Perry, Music Director

## **June 30~~Summertime ...**

Summertime and the livin' is easy - summer reflections, poetry and lots of music.

Presenter: Rev Debra Faulk

Music: Jane Perry, Music Director

**Church Services Committee** is looking for service leaders to present a lay-led Sunday service during the summer months, or during the next church year. Do you have a topic or experience you want to share with the church community? Are you inspired to inspire others? Sign up now indicating your interest in leading a service. Slots are available for our summer season, late June through August, with some additional open slots during the regular September-June season. For more information, or to indicate your interest, please email co-chairs Corinna Nielson ([corinna\\_renee@hotmail.com](mailto:corinna_renee@hotmail.com)) and Hendrik Schaink ([hschaink@infovisi.com](mailto:hschaink@infovisi.com)). Please include the dates you are available and a single sentence describing the topic of your proposed service.

Our nursery is staffed every Sunday from 10:20 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. for infants and children who require supervision during the service.

## Upbeat News

by Jane Perry, UCC music director

2013 Annual Conference and Meeting of the Canadian Unitarian Conference, or CUC ACM. Read on!

**UUphonia fills the CUC ACM with heart and song — yee-haw!** UUphonia lifted the national Unitarian conference with a big warm sound and lots of heart this past May long weekend. We sang at the Opening Ceremony, provided two-thirds of the live entertainment at the Hootenanny, and made up half of the 56-voice choir at the Sunday worship service. Our church choir did yeoman's duty at the ACM—congratulations and appreciation to one and all!

### Greg O'Neill's song becomes the 2013 ACM anthem!

Our own Greg O'Neill graciously offered his tune "My song is a prayer" to be the 2013 ACM anthem --- and the conference attendees loved it! Greg sang his song at the Saturday-night Hootenanny to a large and appreciative audience. Music Director Jane Perry created a four-part choral arrangement of the piece with piano accompaniment, and the piece was performed both at the Opening Ceremony and the Sunday worship service. Following the service, Jane was mobbed by excited conference-goers who wanted to take the sheet music home to their church choirs. Greg and Jane decided to give the arrangement as a gift to the ACM attendees. This means that UU congregations all over Canada will soon be enjoying Greg's wonderful song!

### Conference news!

The big news this month is all about music at the May

### A standing ovation to:

\*UUphonia, for outstanding service to the 2013 CUC ACM

\*Greg O'Neill, for being a wonderful Hootenanny host and for giving such a terrific song as an anthem for the ACM

\*Brandis Purcell, who created a "Welcome to Calgary" hip-hop tune, a madrigal, and a country song for our choir to perform at the ACM Hootenanny, to the delight of our audience

\*the ACM choir, which comprised a whole bunch of our church's choristers as well as singers from across the country

\*Multigenerational Choir, for another terrific Sunday-morning sing at the May Mothers' Day service

### Our resident choirs in concert!

\* One Voice Chorus (conducted by Jane Perry) presents "Rainbow Roots" on Saturday, June 15 at 8 p.m. at Scarborough United Church (134 Scarboro Ave SW). The concert will include music by singer-songwriters like Joni Mitchell, Neil Young, Stan Rogers, k.d. lang and The Wailin' Jennies, with a special performance by Calgary country/folk band Backyard Betties. Tickets: \$20 regular, \$15 senior/student, free for under-12.

## The Internship Committee

By Dorothy Lloyd, *committee Chair*

### FAREWELL, SAMAYA

Her time with us is nearing an end but the legacy she leaves will impact our church lives forever. With the guidance of Rev. Debra, Samaya has helped us strengthen our existing community and has helped us change the course of many of our endeavours to make them more meaningful and manageable.

Tuesday April 23, I had the opportunity to 'shadow' (i.e. attempt to keep up with) Samaya as she glided through her daily routine. We met at 11 a.m. and by 12:30 p.m. she had prepared for a Compassion facilitator Planning meeting, written an information item to be inserted in the e-news regarding the Better than Chocolate program and began an evaluation process for the Opening Doors program. Along with these tasks, she managed to drop into the office to say 'hello' to the staff and catch up on the comings and goings of administration. She helped a member carry belongings to her car. She listened to a teacher from the nearby school express concerns about missing plants from the garden beds and escorted her to the office for assistance. She arranged telephone contact with a colleague who will mentor her

through her next three years of ministry. And, she cleared out her inbox!

Following a half hour lunch, she participated in a two hour meeting of the Compassion Facilitator's Planning Group, offering much valuable input regarding content and program planning. It was then time to compile and process the evaluations of the Opening Doors Program. With that accomplished, she began researching information to assist us in revamping and revitalizing our Caring, Welcoming and Hospitality teams into a novel system that will be inclusive and less onerous for individual members.

She dealt with correspondence regarding the Owl Program and the Sexuality Throughout the Lifespan stream that she and Sean are offering at the ACM. It was then time to finalize the agenda for a 7 p.m. meeting, make a short private phone call, take a twenty minute walk, clean the chalice in the board room and have a 45-minute dinner break. At 6:45 she began setting up for the Chalice Circle Facilitator meeting where again, her input was thoughtful and valued. I don't know what she did after 9 p.m., but I was beat and went home to bed.

Will we miss her kindness, thoughtfulness and wisdom?  
YOU BET WE WILL!

## Debra's Deliberations



I am filled with a deep sense of completion and satisfaction on many fronts.

First ~ the Canadian Unitarian Council Annual Meeting and Conference we hosted last week-end was a resounding success. The entire congregation deserves a round of thanks as significant energy has gone into hosting, it has been a major focus for some of us for a few years and all of us since January. We did an amazing job! Lifted the bar high – I heard comments like – the best Ingathering service ever, we are shaping the future, meaningful and transformational – we rock!

I write this from the UUMOC Retreat (if you can call two days of professional development and two days of business meetings a retreat) where I am gathered with 33 other ministers from across Canada and one from Burundi, Africa. It is humbling to hear the appreciation offered for the ACM and what it has inspired.

We come to the end of Samaya's time with us as the first intern UCC has ever had, and she has exemplified the very best of what an intern can bring. It is a challenge to find the words to express the deep gratitude I feel for her presence with us this year! Her amazing gifts as a facilitator, her pastoral presence, her outside eyes, her wit, her contagious laughter, her wisdom, her depth – it has been such a privilege to assist with her formation as a UU minister, the denomination is enhanced by her being! At a very personal level it has stretched me and I have learned so much through this first experience of supervising an intern and it has been a gift to have a colleague in the city! While I will miss Samaya and I am so excited to see what will happen next for her. There may well be a convoy going to Vancouver for her ordination March 29, 2014!

This is also the end of my third year in Calgary. My love for and excitement with this congregation continues to deepen. There is such a positive energy here that each day is filled with deep gratitude and enthusiasm for the good work we do together and the potential we have. The vitality present was so

beautifully demonstrated at the Mother's Day service with the dedication of five babies, the next generation and their families finding home with our community.

It has been a very full and busy year and while I am really, really looking forward to some summer time off I am also looking forward to planning for next year. A number of initiatives are in process. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will see information about some of them and I would encourage you to talk with me or a Board member if you wonder where you might contribute (Audio-visual upgrades, SWEET, to name a couple). Such is the case with a thriving community, there are always new projects, always transitions and always change happening.

A couple of quotes for reflection:

"It had long since come to my attention that people of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them. They went out and happened to things." -- Leonardo da Vinci

"Before you can learn a new way of doing things, you have to unlearn the old way. So beginnings depend on endings." -- Rick Maurer

**Namaste**

**Debra**

## Staff Updates

Office Administrator ~ We are grateful to Corinna Nielson for stepping in as our interim Office Administrator. She has offered to stay through the summer. The search process will happen in August and Corinna will support the transition.

Youth Program Coordinator ~ Shaun Pulsifer has decided that his passion for audio-visuals is where he wants to put his energies and the Audio-Visual Upgrade Team will benefit from his time. However he will step down as youth program coordinator (remaining as an advisor though). Ashley Cole will hold the position for the coming church year.

Music Director ~ Jane Perry will be moving to half-time next year.

Debra's Office Hours:	Other times by appointment
<i>Monday: Day Off</i>	For other times please book
<i>Sermon Writing: Wednesday</i>	an appointment.
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Thursday: 11a.m.–7p.m.	
(Drop-in Tea: 3 – 4 p.m.)	

**CALL FOR USHERS**

We are short on ushers. Ushers are essential to the smooth running of the services. If you become an usher, you will make a lot of us happy and grateful. Ushering is a very visible position. If you are new to the congregation, it is a good way to quickly get up front and visible to the rest of the congregation.

Ushering will give you a sense of self-worth, and self-confidence. Please help us. Please become an usher. Ask any member of the church to point you towards a member of the church services committee, or send an email to Kichiji at [sekusamu@hotmail.com](mailto:sekusamu@hotmail.com).

**Endowment Trust Fund**

The Trustees are pleased to report that donations were received from the following in the year 2012. Names of donors are followed by the names (in brackets) of persons honoured or remembered.

Bob Spinney (old friends)

Eric Leavitt & Marsha Haug (Gorham Hussey, Dick Wilson, Ram Joshi)

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**SHAVINGS FROM THE BOARD**

by Mary-Anna Louise Kovar , UCC Board of Trustees  
president

*We come together in beloved community, guided by our Unitarian Universalist  
principles and sources  
to grow in wisdom, welcome and deepen relationships, and act for a just and  
sustainable world*

I am writing this immediately following the CUC's 2013 ACM, hosted by our congregation. To the Host Committee, all our wonderful volunteers and staff I extend congratulations and a heartfelt thank-you. I attended the conference and, as President, received many of the comments and expressions of gratitude from our visitors. I have no doubt that the attendees of this conference, inspired by the ceremony and music and friendship of the weekend, are already working on ways to share with their congregations all that they have experienced and learned.

Your new Board has held its first meeting. I am excited and looking forward to working with this group. We will be meeting on June 1 to plan for the coming year and explore some interesting program/project ideas that have potential to serve our purpose.

Keep your eyes and ears open for further news.

Summer will soon be here and the Board of Trustees will once again host a Stampede Breakfast at the church. Save the date – Sunday, July 7. Details in July Quest.

The fruit of silence is prayer; the fruit of prayer is faith; the fruit of faith is love; the fruit of love is service; the fruit of service is peace.

Let us not use bombs and guns to overcome the world. Let us use love and compassion. Peace begins with a smile. Smile five times a day at someone you don't really want to smile at; do it for peace.

~~~Mother Teresa  
*Reflects on Working Toward Peace*





My blessing to you as I leave you for a while is that you continue to be a blessing to each other. To be there when you say you will be. I pray that you will continue to lift up the best parts of each other. I pray you will continue to celebrate each other. You have been a foundation from which I have been able to step into living my dream. I pray that you continue to be there for others in such foundational ways. Thank you for who you are as a community and what you offer to those you hold.

## A Blessing and a Prayer

By Samaya Oakley

We Unitarian Universalists love our meetings! I discovered this fact fairly early on in my time and it didn't take me long to find out about Unitarian time. Unitarian time is the tendency for people to arrive anywhere up to an hour late from a scheduled start time. You can understand that in a community of individuals this could potentially become a problem. I remember sitting, waiting for a meeting to start. Those of us that were gathered were chatting away and that's when someone leaned over and made a comment about Unitarian time. I loved the response that I heard in that moment. It was kind, loving and filled with wisdom. It was one that I vowed to always remember – if we say we are a covenantal community, what does that say about us when we can't be there for each other when we say we will. How we hold each other in community includes how we are there for one another.

When I look at the message we give each other in this community about how we are there for each other, I see a blessing! I have seen the way that you have walked with each other over this year. I will never forget the first Unitarian Church of Calgary event I attended. It was a potluck at Prairie Sky with Vyda Ng and its purpose was to kick off the planning for the Annual Conference and Meeting. At one point, someone suggested that I say the grace before our meal. I deferred to Debra as your minister. I can't remember who said this, but the response very quickly was – but you're our minister too! And that's exactly how you've treated me throughout this year. I've learned so much about being a minister with you all. You've been there as I tentatively took hold of the mantle, encouraging me all the way. You have been a blessing to me and for each other. This is an amazing congregation and one that I have been truly blessed to serve. You have held me well in my path towards ministry. I am not sure that I will ever be able to repay you all the kindness, love, and generosity you have shown me.

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Wednesday: 9 a.m. through to 5 p.m.

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## Turn of the Wheel Spiritual Retreat

Please join us on Saturday, June 15, 2013 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. for the quarterly "Turn of the Wheel Spiritual Retreat". We will take time to look back over the spring season and consider what choices we want to make for the summer. Most of the time will be spent in individual reflection. This is a gift to yourself to reflect on how your life is going. Sign-up on the Church Activities board in Wickenden Hall or contact Ev Dewar ([ev.dewar@kogawa.com](mailto:ev.dewar@kogawa.com) or 403-473-0143).

*What the caterpillar calls the end of  
the world, the Master calls a butterfly.*

Richard Bach



## Cultivating Loving Hearts and Open Minds: Children & Youth Religious Exploration

It's a fact: there is life after the ACM!! What a great experience! For those who were able to attend (even just the Sunday service) there was a buzz of energy as Unitarians from across Canada met right here in our city! I was fortunate enough to meet some fantastic children as they travelled far and wide to journey with us as we learned about permaculture and diversity. As for CanUdle XIII, here is a note from one of the Calgary host organizers, Hazel Corcoran:

*Our church was the site of a very successful CanUdle youth conference, held at the same time as the ACM. You may have seen the youth / youth advisors at some of the ACM, as part of the youth experience was to attend & participate in the keynote lecture, the Young Adult-led bridging service and Hootenanny, plus the service / multi-generational day on Sunday. The theme of CanUdle was "All UU Need is Love." As a youth advisor attending & helping to coordinate some aspects, I was truly impressed with the youth and the programming, all of which they led. I understand that the five youth from our church who attended will be presenting in one of the June services about their experiences. (The youth & advisors did a great job keeping the church clean & orderly, but if anything is out of place, this may be why - just put it back where it belongs, if you know.) Many, many thanks to all associated with our congregation who stepped up to help—**youth advisor** Jim Washbrook; **food coordinator**: Dean Kasner; **food preparation helpers**: Greg O'Neill, Susan Bradt, Kelly Hildebrand, Allan Merovitz, Rebekah Mobley-Kasner, Sandy Cooper, and Ben Bradt; **overnight supervisors**: Maria-Lynn Johnson, Susan Stratton, Shaun Pulsifer, Samaya Oakley, and Bernie Amell; **drivers**: Duff Bond, Sandy Cooper, and Jamie Davidson; and **logistics coordinator** Alex Lamoureux. Also Corinna Nielson and Ashley Cole for going beyond the call of duty, and all those who lent or donated supplies to CanUdle."*

Now here we are in June and things are beginning to wind down for the summer and bringing to a close a VERY successful year of religious exploration/education. It has been so great to learn and journey with people in my first year as D.R.E and I have been blown away by the commitment and intentionality of the R.E. teachers! They have put their heart and soul into providing quality educational programming and the energy in the R.E. wing is out of this world.

In June we look forward to a month of all ages programming in which we will journey together as we learn about the different skills people in our congregation have as we continue with "Share your talent" month. Come join us as we build hand-made instruments, learn about the process of making movies, and much more! Also this month we will be honoring those teachers who have so blessed us with their time and talents this year through ongoing volunteer appreciation. (More to come on this).

### A couple dates to save:

**June 7 - 8** - Training for Youth (and current / potential youth advisors). An opportunity for youth, youth advisors, and those who are considering becoming youth advisors to get some training around youth and leadership. Based on the Chrysalis trainings and facilitated by long-time youth facilitator Samaya Oakley. Also a great opportunity to connect with members of the youth and those involved in the youth program. The program will run from Friday, June 7 at 7 p.m. until Sat., June 8 at 5 p.m. For more information or to register contact [ashley@unitarianscalgary.org](mailto:ashley@unitarianscalgary.org).

**June 7-8:** For those not attending the youth trainings and instead desire to get out of town there are still a few spaces available for the camping trip that will happen the same weekend. So far there are mainly R.E folks registered but this camping trip is open to the whole church so if you are at all interested send me an email! [ashley@unitarianscalgary.org](mailto:ashley@unitarianscalgary.org)

**July 12-14:** Our Whole Lives (OWL) Teacher Training in Spokane! Are you at all interested in working with Junior and Senior High youth? Have you wanted to learn about the OWL program and journey with the youth at UCC? We are planning to rent a van and drive down to Spokane so that a large group of interested persons can become trained in delivering the OWL programs which we are hoping to offer next fall. If you are interested in joining us send an email to [ashley@unitarianscalgary.org](mailto:ashley@unitarianscalgary.org)

Also important to note that June will be our last month of R.E. classes for this year. July and August we will have nursery care available but that will be all. Classes will resume Sunday mornings in September.

Ashley Cole, Director of Children & Youth Religious Exploration

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### ENEWS

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## Lay Chaplains: Carl Svoboda and Kathryn Burwash

Our Lay Chaplains are trained to perform rites of passage, such as weddings, funerals/memorial services, child dedications, etc. They are available to provide such services for a fee to the wider community. (Services for Unitarian Church of Calgary members are provided by the minister.) Our lay chaplains can be contacted by calling the church at 403-276-2436 or via email, [laychaplains@unitarianscalgary.org](mailto:laychaplains@unitarianscalgary.org).

## The Caring Team

The Caring Team provides support to the members, friends, and families of the congregation. If life has you stressed because of illness, hospitalization, moving, we can help. If you have something to be celebrated, such as a graduation, marriage or new child, we are there with you. We are all part of the Caring Team! Need support, have a concern, or want to be of service? Contact [caring@unitarianscalgary.org](mailto:caring@unitarianscalgary.org)

## Calling all writers!

Have a poem you want to see in print? Have a story tale to share? Have a Unitarian Universalist fact that we need to know? The Quest is accepting short pieces of original writing. Please send 75 to 100 word submissions to [quest@unitarianscalgary.org](mailto:quest@unitarianscalgary.org). Your work will be featured in upcoming issues of the Quest where space is permitting.