



## Lakeshore Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Welcome back! It's hard to believe summer is almost behind us! While most of you have been enjoying the roller coaster ride that has been our summer weather, we, the Board have been working hard to prepare for this coming year. In terms of the Board's vision and priorities, we've decided to build upon the momentum created by the previous board. As the old adage goes, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it". However, while the focus will be to continue building upon the success of the music and youth/children's programs, we are always open to new ideas and suggestions for activities and events.

A lot has been going on behind the scenes. Some of our projects included a refresh of our office (paint, de-clutter and reorganization) as well as an Eastern Regional Gathering organized by the CUC to be hosted by LUUC in October (more on that later....). Plus all the usual effort that goes towards planning a new year with a new board.... Phew!

LUUC has been contacted by Rev. Carly Gaylor, who will be in Montreal from September to April while her partner finishes his last year of seminary. She was inspired by our Northern Lights crowdfunding campaign, and is looking forward to meeting us in person. She will be delivering the reflection on our first Sunday service called *Coming Home*.

Enjoy the last few remaining weeks of the summer, and I hope to see all of you again at our first service on September 11.

- Irene

**September 11 - 10:30 am**

**COMING HOME : Rev. Carly Gaylor**

Coming home can bring a myriad of emotions: it can be gratefully staggering to a safe haven, a sanctuary, after a difficult journey; it can signal the end of pleasurable time away from the day-to-day busy-ness of our lives - a return we may embrace or actively resist; it can be re-entering complex relationships and painful memories; and it can be the joy of greeting beloved friends and family at the airport and excitedly catching up. It can also be something so elusive that whether or not we have a roof over our heads, we never seem to find 'home.' Whatever home means to you, all are welcome at this Ingathering Service.

Carly Gaylor has been working as a community minister at Welcome Inn Community Centre in Hamilton, Ontario. She is particularly passionate about building community across diverse groups of people.

**Service Leader: Susan Czarnocki**

**Musician: Kerry-Anne Kutz**

**Hospitality: Sheila Laursen**

**Nancy Graham**

**September 18 - 10:30 am**

**THE FIRST PRINCIPLE : Calogero Cumbo**

Everyone matters. This is the first UU principle. We need to affirm it, because it was not always the case, and still isn't in many parts of the world. And all the other principles flow from it; are consequences of it. But having affirmed that principle, how can we live it in our daily lives? Calogero will explore these points and questions in his talk.

**Service Leader: John Foulds**

**Musician: Kerry-Anne Kutz**

**Hospitality: James Sisley**

**Jose van Amerongen**

**POT-LUCK TEAM: Sari Kelen, Susan Czarnocki, Phil Prince, Gary Spiller**

**September 25 - 10:30 am**

**FAITH IN SOCIAL ACTION – REMEMBERING  
DANIEL BERRIGAN**

**Christopher Thomson**

Can poetry and imagination help us find our way in a world of continuing violence? Christopher revisits the troubled America he knew, as a student, in the 1960s and recalls the life and work of an extraordinary Cornell University



chaplain, the Jesuit poet and Vietnam war resister Daniel Berrigan. His story points us toward the possible reconciliation of action in the world with a sympathetic understanding of the human experience.

**Service Leader: Daniel Amstutz**  
**Musician: Kerry-Anne Kutz**

**Hospitality: Dori and Peter  
Abbott**



### ***Eastern Regional Gathering***

The CUC has approached LUUC about hosting the Eastern Regional Gathering on Saturday, October 22nd. There are several purposes to the Gathering, namely to provide an opportunity for networking between congregations, and to offer a way for people to connect with other UUs and to understand the larger context of UUism. We will hold the event at the Beaconsfield United Church, as its facilities have more options for break-out rooms and conference spaces.

The planning is still in its preliminary stages. The CUC is planning the programming, and at our request, will likely include an activity for the youth as well as one or two youth sleepovers. LUUC has a large role to play in planning the logistics for the Gathering, and for that we need volunteers:

- to organize coffee-breaks (preparation and squares/refreshments)
- to organizing home hospitality for participants
- to host people for the night/weekend in their homes
- for welcoming and registering people to the conference

A lunch will be catered in, in order to have as many LUUCers participate at the conference rather than sweat over a hot stove.... ;-) We expect about 50-60 participants.

Please contact Irene at 514-949-3333 if you are able to help out in any way with the above-mentioned tasks. Let's put LUUC on the map as a thriving and growing congregation!!

--Irene Hausknost

### **Status of our Syrian refugee family Sponsorship :**

We are quickly learning that sponsoring a Syrian refugee family is a long process of rushing to meet tight deadlines, and then trying to wait patiently for the next step. The experience of our Summerlea Refugee Support Coalition has been just that so far.

After several months of diligent work to create an official sponsorship agreement between Summerlea United Church (which has taken on the sponsorship role), our Lakeshore UU Congregation and Merging Waters (Beaurepaire United and Union Church), our final detailed refugee sponsorship proposal was sent by Action Réfugiés Montréal (ARM) to the Quebec government in April 2016. Collectively, we had raised the required \$32,000, and we had been matched with the family of Bilal Kernazi, currently living in Saudi Arabia under visitor's visas after fleeing Syria about a year ago.



During the Spring, we met with Bilal's brother, Salman Karnazi, who is serving as our co-sponsor to bring Bilal, his wife Farah, and 4 young children to Montreal. Salman arrived in Montreal 7 years ago, and he has offered to use his own experiences and learnings to take on many of the welcoming, orientation, integration and support roles for his brother and family.

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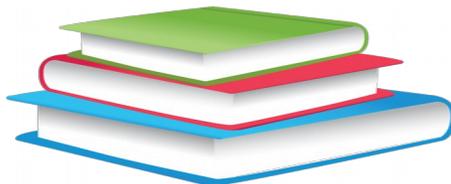
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### **Treasurer's Report**

After a year in which responsibilities for the Treasurer's position shifted and was divided up, I have been asked to take on this position in 2016-2017. There is a lot to learn and yet to do, but our records with various government services have been updated. The process of moving from paper filings to on-line ones is on-going. But as for our BMO bank account, we now have on-line access. The monthly financial statements have been revised to bring them in line with the suggestions of our Internal Auditor, Gabor Matyas. Our monthly statements now more clearly distinguish between the general income and expenditures of LUUC and those monies earmarked for specific ends, such as the Bindman Mutual Aid Fund and the Crowdfunded Music Program.

- Christopher Thomson, Treasurer
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### **Spiritual Exploration Program**

Regrettably, Karli Warren will not be returning to the SE team for 2016-2017. We have received some applications and are in the process of hiring a replacement. Anyone interested in this position has until September 9th to apply. We hope to introduce the new team on September 18th. Details of the curricula will be up on the website soon. Parents are warmly invited to participate in this committee.

- SE Committee

**Shared Responsibility : Greeting, Coffee Hour and Pot-Luck Lunches :**

composed by Sari Kelen, Hospitality Chair

Come and contribute by being involved in Greeting and Hospitality. On September 25, I am giving a mini-course about where to find everything needed for greeting, for coffee time and for pot-luck lunches.

I am requesting that everyone who is new to these responsibilities meet in the hall at 12 Noon. You will receive an instruction sheet describing the duties. No one need worry:"newbies" will be paired with greeters who are experienced. As I have choir practice at 12:15, I am asking everyone to come at 12h00 sharp.

Greeters receive a telephone reminder of their duty several days before their turn. If you need to change your date, it is your responsibility to switch with someone else, preferably with someone assigned during the same month. There is something that must be addressed this year as never before: We are tenants of the Norwegian Church and Community Centre, and as such, we must leave the kitchen pristine and immaculate, with everything put away. We are very fortunate to have our space, and doubly so, because we are permitted to use the Norwegians' kitchen. If you need extra help (e.g.:"Do you know where this goes?") all you need to do is ask! This is a matter of respect on the one hand, and our enjoyment of our coffee time on the other.

When we have our potluck lunches, coffee making and clean-up is the duty of the potluck team. Therefore those who are greeters on these days need only focus on greeting, except for bringing something for the potluck.

**Demo for Volunteers:**

You will learn:

- where tablecloths are kept on the stage
  - how to secure and lock the double doors with the board (hard to believe, but essential). In each team there must be at least one person who knows this skill!
  - where our LUUC cupboards are, and where the Norwegians' dishes go.
  - how to use the three-minute industrial dishwasher
- AND many other exciting secrets of this important responsibility!**

– For Pot-Luck Teams:

- Each team is responsible for:
  - bringing juice, milk and cream
  - making tea and coffee (empty bags for coffee need to be kept in the coffee tin for refilling in specific measurements)
  - setting out the cups, juice glasses, milk, cream, and sugar.
  - setting the tables with cutlery and napkins
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- one team member should monitor the hot food, and another person should make sure that all the cold dishes are removed from the fridge. Goodies need to be kept out of sight of little ones in Sunday school, until dessert time!
- overseeing the clearing of tables and the setting out of desserts, plates, cutlery, more napkins.
- Once all this is done:
  - the garbage bags should be tied up and taken outside to the appropriate bin. Full recycling bags can be emptied into the bin, and reused.
  - rinse counters and tabletops and wipe the floors if needed.
  - tables and chairs need to be put back.

I know this is a lot! Many hands really do make light work! Everyone looks forward to a chance to relax and chat; it's nice if you are able to pitch in!

Team work is needed in pot luck organization! If you are helping with pot luck or hospitality, please keep this information. If you lose it, please call me (450-458-6644) or write: sari.kelen@gmail.com

- I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on the 11th!
- Sari Kelen

### **Social Action Committee**

Sheila Laursen has volunteered to be the chair of the Social Action Committee for 2016-2017. The content of the action of this committee is generated by the interests of the congregation. Speak with Sheila about the types of issues you would like to see LUUC involved in, and consider joining this committee to help support action in those directions.

### **Sunday Services Committee**

Most of the members of the committee are thankfully continuing from last year, and we are welcoming two additions, the new member Tim Byrnes and the new Chair Christopher Thomson. During the services this year, we will see some familiar faces return and some new resources appear. The committee endeavours to meet the desire of members for spiritual depth as well as continuing with key attractive elements, such as music, in the celebrations.

**Service Leader Workshop scheduled for November 6:** Recognizing the importance of involving our new members in the life of the congregation and in its services, we are organizing again this 6 November at 12:30 a workshop on service leading by Rev. Frances Deverell. I encourage all new members (as well as older ones) to contact me to sign up for the workshop which will give you excellent and necessary preparation for leading UU services.

Christopher Thomson, Chair

## **The importance of RSVPing to LUUC activities announced through Meetup.com:**

Many of you are members of LUUC's 'Meetup group', and receive regularly a notice of our services and other activities every week.

For those of you who are not familiar with it, Meetup.com is a website where groups like ours can create a page to advertise activities, post photos and where members can RSVP if they are participating in an event, such as a Sunday service, a potluck, a fundraising activity, etc.

Many people, who are not part of LUUC, subscribe to our Meetup page because they are interested in our group and our activities. The page acts as a front door to our congregation more so than our website, as more people access Meetup than access our particular website. However, these people may not come to our services, because with only a small number of RSVPs, they may be too shy to come out if they feel the group is too small and intimate. However, they might check us out if they feel that there is enough people present to be somewhat anonymous.

Therefore it would really be appreciated if you have access to the internet that you join [LUUC's Meetup page](#) and that you RSVP when you are attending an event or an activity (or even if you're not!). This goes a long way towards showing the outside world our vitality. People who haven't yet attended a service might be more inclined to visit one Sunday if we have 20 or more RSVPs as opposed to only five.

Please take a few moments to join our page if you haven't yet, and when you receive a notification of an activity or event, take a moment to RSVP. Let's show the world that we are a dynamic congregation!

Thank you,  
LUUC Board

## Introducing our first guest speaker of 2016-2017 :

### Who is Rev. Carly Gaylor?

Carly Gaylor works as a UU community minister at Welcome Inn Community Centre in Hamilton, Ontario. Social justice and community building are integral to her call to ministry. It was volunteering and then working at Welcome Inn that led her to pursue a Master of Social Work together with a Master of Divinity at Wilfrid Laurier University. At Welcome Inn, her passion for social justice found new and deeper expression as she developed meaningful relationships with people struggling daily with poverty. She found she often had more to learn and receive than to give, and came to understand the seven UU principles in new ways.



### Ken Burns PBS documentary is testament to UU courage :

#### Defying the Nazis - UU Action Project | [UUA.org](http://www.uua.org)

Unitarian Universalists will share their deepest faith values on September 20, 2016, with the showing of Ken Burns PBS documentary Defying the Nazis: the Sharps' War

<http://www.uua.org/action/defying-nazis-sharp-story>

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### **Sponsorship Proposal Approved:**

We were VERY excited to receive news from ARM that our sponsorship proposal had been approved by both Quebec and Canadian governments in early July, and that set us off on another "rush" of actions. We met with Salman and his wife to work out the formal co-sponsorship sharing of tasks and responsibilities. They are eager to host Bilal and his family when they first arrive in Montreal, which is a wonderful offer! That will help those families reunite after being apart for so long, and it will allow Bilal and Farah to find a suitable apartment and sign a lease.

So, while Salman began to research locations and costs of apartments in his Ville St Laurent area, we began our search for furnishings for the family that could set them up once an apartment is found. Thanks to NOVA and Boutique 24, the family will also be able to choose other items and furniture to make the apartment their "home". So far, we have found some bedroom furniture, a table and chairs, a desk and book case, a couple of mirrors, a lamp, dishes, cutlery and offers of bedding, pots and pans, etc thanks to many generous West Islanders.

But now, we must wait (although it is difficult to be patient). We know that the Canadian officials in Saudi Arabia received the approved sponsorship applications for Bilal and his family on July 5, 2016. That is step 1 of 5 that must be completed before our family is formally approved and receive their visas and airline tickets to come to Canada, to Montreal. There is a formal review of the documentation to be done first, then an interview appointment to be set by Canadian officials, then the interview, followed by medical and security checks for the family. Those "in the know" tell us this could take anywhere from 4 to 24 months! We will keep you informed.....

Sheila Laursen

A message to Canadians from [UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency](#): "Eymen loves to spend time with his young niece, Sems, now safe in their new home in Ottawa, Canada. Eymen, his older brother and his family, arrived to Canada at the end of January 2016, as part of Canada's humanitarian program to resettle 25,000 Syrian refugees.

We want to thank Canada for their generous opening of hearts and homes to refugees in need."

Potential LUUC Discussion Circle:

Our Fifth Principle underlines the importance of the democratic process for decision making. The issue of electoral reform challenges us to evaluate how we implement democracy.

Do you have questions about Electoral Reform and its potential impacts? Do you understand how the various alternatives work?

Would you like to attend an LUUC Discussion Circle on this issue? We can engage an expert and become better informed from a non-partisan perspective.

Contact Sheila Laursen, or speak with any member of the Social Action Committee if you are interested.

You might also want to attend:

**TOWN HALL ON ELECTORAL REFORM**

You are invited to a public meeting to discuss ideas for reforming Canada's federal voting system. The meeting is part of a Canada-wide initiative to consult Canadians on alternatives to the current first-past-the-post system.

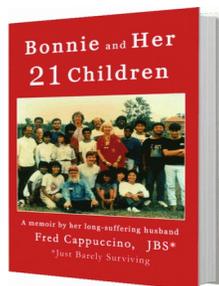
SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

7 to 9 pm

John Rennie High School

Louise Chalmers Theatre

501 Saint-Jean Boulevard,



### "Bonnie and her 21 Children"

**Fred is a Unitarian Rock Star : always worth a listen**

Our beloved LUUC Minister Emeritus, Rev. Fred Cappuccino, will be speaking about his book on **Tuesday October 4 at 1:30 p.m. at the Pointe Claire Central Library**. For those who may not know, Fred & Bonnie raised 21 children - 2 biological sons and 19 adopted boys and girls from 11 countries and then went on to form Child Haven International homes for destitute children in India, Nepal, Tibet and Bangladesh.



### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

In September: Happy birthday to Bella Gavanski on the 3rd , Brianna Amstutz on the 7th and Cormac Lutes on the 28th - We hope you all enjoy a very special day. ALSO - Special greetings to Lois Read on September 27th -She had a bad fall this summer, but she is recovering – Happy Birthday Lois!

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