



LAKESHORE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

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JUNE 2018

June 3, 2018 - 10:30 a.m.

Quesnel

**Presence & Permission
Rev. Rodrigo Emilio Solano-**



Pastoral care can be a nebulous discipline. It also involves skills that aren't often framed as work or as a service, but which are vital in offering spiritual connection and healing - whether in professional ministry or as lay members of a congregation. Rev. Rod Emilio Solano-Quesnel is the current minister at the UU Fellowship of Ottawa as well as a chaplain at Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto. He

will offer insight on the central values of spiritual care.

**Service Leader - Susan Czarnocki
Musician - Kerry-Anne Kutz**

**Hospitality -
Sari Kelen & Philip Prince**

We will be welcoming 2 new members, Margaret Godbeer and Toni Smith, during the service. Let's give them a warm LUUC welcome.

June 10, 2018 - 10:30 a.m.

**Before and After: A Story about Immigration
Michel Mpambara**



Michel Mpambara immigrated to Canada from Rwanda when he was 17 years old. He will talk about his family, their life in Rwanda before the genocide, and everything he has learned from the process of integrating into Quebec culture. Today he is a stand-up comic, a film actor and a television host.

**Service Leader - Karine Deschamps
Musician - Rob Lutes**

**Hospitality -
Peter & Dori Abbott**

June 17, 2018 - 10:30 a.m. Seeking Justice

LUUC Youth



A long-standing Lakeshore tradition is closing the service year with the Youth-led Service, organized, scripted and led by the youth of our community. Again, this year we look forward to the creativity and energy which our young folks deploy in finishing the year en beauté.

**Service Leader - LUUC Youth
Musician - Kerry-Anne Kutz**

**Hospitality -
Gary Spiller & Peg Wooley**

Please Note - We will have our Annual Picnic following this service. More information to follow on LUUC's website and in the Orders of Service.



LUUC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Date/Time: June 21st, 7.30 to 8.45,
at the Church Hall**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



All good things must come to an end.... It's hard to believe that this is my last message as President of our little congregation!

Looking back, I remember that knot I had in the pit of my stomach when I was nominated for the position. I've never chaired a Board before... What was I thinking!? And then the congregation agreed to the nomination... What were THEY thinking!? Talk about feeling like a fish out of water!

All in all, it's been a positive experience. After all, I had the support of the Board and the entire congregation. Once I realized I had that support, a certain chunk of the weight was lifted from my shoulders. I learned a bit about myself: What type of leadership style I possessed, when to let things go, when not to let things go... Oh, and I have really great and understanding daughters, who put up with my occasional outbursts in those moments where I was overwhelmed.

I think increasing membership remains LUUC's biggest challenge. We are fortunate to be welcoming two new members, Margaret Godbeer and Toni Smith, to our community this year. We were hoping for more success with the launch of our new website. There have been nibbles, but reeling them in has proven to be a challenge. I know the new Board will address this ongoing issue... I've already heard some plausible good ideas being bandied about!



The arrival of the Syrian refugee family LUUC helped to sponsor was a highlight of the year. Also, the Lakeshore Community Choir had some very successful concerts and performances in the wider community. Our potlucks, mini-fundraisers, service auctions, talent shows, inter-generational services, etc., all show that while we are a small group, we are a vibrant one.

I want to thank all the other Board Members and committee chairs for their tireless efforts during my tenure. And to the congregation, for their continued belief and faith in me.

If I were singing, this is where I would drop the mic...

~ Irene



A LOVELY LUUC SERVICE

There was so much to like about the May 20th Sunday Service - truly a service for all ages. Two young-at-hearters, **Dori Abbott** and **Hélène Cimon-Auer** played a little light Mozart; one of our favourite presenters, **G. Scott MacLeod** told us of his month-long sabbatical in Iceland, while **Rob Lutes**, as service leader, kept it all flowing smoothly.

The *Children's Time* was rather unique – as **Rob** had looked up some Icelandic sayings - translated into English – and we had to guess what the sayings meant. i.e.: *I come completely from the mountain* – means – *I don't know what you're talking about!* That was fun – for all of us - children and adults alike.

It was **Scott's** eighth visit to us – and he told us of the pure, clear air in Iceland - and how the Icelanders rely very little on fossil fuels, except for their fishing fleets; the black sands; their art; their culture of helping and their famous thermal heating. He noted that 64% of the female population are of ancient Scottish or Irish stock, women who were taken as slaves hundreds of years ago; and commented on the unusual landscapes - at times stark, yet beautiful and colourful. **Scott** had clearly enjoyed his experience in Iceland and plans to go again.

When we came to the time for the chalice lighting – young **Simone Lutes** walked up to light the candle. We could hear her long before we could see her – as she tapped to the front in her brilliant pink twinkle-toes shoes. She wore her bright red dress, and her long blond hair fell around her face. It was a bit of a challenge for her to reach the candle, so she got up on her tippy-toes in those twinkle-toes shoes – and with her Dad's help and her tongue set determinedly to one side of her mouth, she reached up and lit that candle. Mission accomplished! Well done **Simone!** – PS: she's all of 5 years old! ~ **Heather Falconer**



LUUC CARING CORNER

Maud Bonnier is now back home and happy to be there. We hope you stay well, Maud, and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Mary Rowan is still recovering from ill health, so it was wonderful to hear that she recently enjoyed an afternoon party in her lovely garden to celebrate her daughter Carol's birthday.

Ofie Spiller hurt her wrist not long ago. We hope that is healing quickly and well!

If you know of someone in the congregation who is ill, lonely, needs help or a drive, please let us know.

During June and July - Jose Van Amerongen is the person to phone at 514 694-9842 or e-mail at friedajose@gmail.com

For August and September - Please contact Dori Abbott at 514 630-4264 or by e-mail: dorijabbott@gmail.com

~ **Sheila**

SE NEWS – OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH



The younger LUUC children have continued to enjoy their Sunday mornings with Elsa, doing crafts and activities. For Mother's Day, the children made cards shaped like houses in which they drew the members of their family. They have also created crafts inspired by nature, and collage crafts that they made to reflect aspects of themselves which they then explained to one another, as a way of learning about one another.

Two members of the older LUUC youth group, Olivia and Bella Gavanski, attended the CanUuddle conference, the annual national conference for Canadian UU youth at the CUC, in mid-May in Hamilton. Bella was Co-Dean and Olivia was the Activities Coordinator for CanUuddle. Both girls report that they had an outstanding time and appreciated meeting other UU youth and overseeing the activities at the conference. They hope that other LUUC Youth can join them at the next one!

The older LUUC youth will be turning their attention to the youth-led service that will end our 2017/2018 season, on June 17th. This is always a highly-anticipated event and the youth will be preparing a service on the broad theme of Justice. The service will include all youth members of our congregation.

~ *Monique Riedel – SE Chair*



THANK YOU!

A big thank you to the **organizers** of the Sunday Service and **Men's Brigade** Luncheon on Mother's Day. It was such a happy occasion – the **service** dynamic, the **choir** delightful, **Rob Lutes's** song was perfect and the food very tasty. And to top it all, we Mums each received a lovely red rose. Merci, merci, merci.

~ *Heather Falconer*





CUC National Gathering in Hamilton

This year, the CUC Annual Gathering was held in Hamilton, Ontario – and the most impressive aspect of the meetings was the Hamilton Congregation itself. You may remember Curtis Murphy and Carly Gaylor, both of whom spent time in Montreal and spoke at LUUC. They were married last year and moved to Hamilton. Carly (now pregnant) was invited to engage in a process of discernment with the Hamilton congregation to determine how they envisioned their future. This process inspired them to undertake their [Social Justice Outreach Ministry Project](#). This project became the subject of the Sunday Service and was one of the most powerful presentations that I have ever witnessed. New members from across marginalized communities in Hamilton took center stage at the service to highlight how partnering with UU Hamilton has impacted their lives. Largely as a result of this outreach, the congregation has grown to over 300 members and bristles with energy and enthusiasm.

Many threads of UU'ism were present in greater or lesser degree: community outreach, spiritual practice, indigenous issues, global citizenship and wonderful music. I enjoyed reconnecting with the Canadian UU's. I've met at other conferences, and interacting with many new members who are trying to figure out what this movement is all about – just like me!

On Saturday evening the Canadian Unitarians for Social Justice showed the film *Sea of Life*, an award winning film by a young woman who learned in High School Biology that 90 percent of all large fishes have disappeared from the world's oceans in the past half century, and almost half of the coral reefs are dead or dying. She was so distressed by this, that instead of spending money on college, she convinced her parents to send her to learn deep-sea diving and is making films to wake up the world to the precarious state of the oceans. Julia Barnes film took us through the “stunning world of coral reefs into the heart of the environmental movement”.

The next ACM will be in Halifax in 2020. Plan to attend!

~ **Susan Czarnocki,**
LUUC Delegate



JULY BIRTHDAYS

June 1
June 11
June 18
June 24

Peg Wooley
Gabriel Shaar
Monica Warren
Mary Rowan

JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 3 Adam Frost
July 5 Karli Warren
July 12 John Schmidt
July 13 Huntley McNiven
July 19 Monique Riedel

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 6 Maud Bonnier
August 7 Alba Santos-Deschamps
August 11 John Foulds
August 19 Susan Czarnocki
August 21 Gabor Matyas
August 23 Margot Barclay
August 25 Heather Falconer
August 27 Susan Hawker

SUMMER PICNICS & BBQ'S

Gabor and Kathy Matyas This will be a Picnic, **Saturday, July 7th, 2018**, starting at 5:00 pm.

Please RSVP. 450-458-5045,
gabor@alumni.concordia.ca
Note that we don't own a BBQ.

Susan Czarnocki, to host a BBQ on **July 21st.**

Nathalie Hainaut, to host a BBQ on **August 18th**

Details to follow!
~ *Editor*



STEWARDSHIP



Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

STEWARDSHIP IN THE NEW YEAR

Last month, after the distribution of the printed version of the **Stewardship Report**, which by the way can also be found on the Home page of our website <http://luuc.org> under **Recent Posts**, we also handed out the pledge forms for 2018-2019.

Members should realize that, even if their financial situation precludes them making firm financial commitments to help support the activities and programs of Lakeshore in the coming year, their contributions of time and talent are just as important.

So, if you haven't done it yet, I urge you to send me a pledge form, even without a dollar amount on it, so the Committee Chairs will know who is willing to lend a hand this year.

What are the committees you may ask? Well, we don't have the space to go into all the details here, but a comprehensive listing with the past year's chairs and members can be found on our website here: <http://luuc.org/about-us/join-in/make-difference/>

If you don't yet have a pledge form, go to the **Recent Posts** on the Home page of <http://luuc.org> and at the bottom of the **2018 Stewardship Report** there, you will find a downloadable form, called [Pledge form](#), which you can either print or email to the Treasurer. Many thanks for all your contributions to our community in presence, in care and, when possible, in financial support.

If you want to receive a paper pledge form directly from the Treasurer, please just phone me at 514 635 5916. Thanks!

Please note that the Home page of our website also now contains a **Suggestion Box** by which members and friends of the Congregation can put forward ideas or suggestions to the Board or to the whole community on any topic concerning the life of the Congregation, its activities, events and policies **by adding a Comment** at the bottom of the Suggestion Box page. Comments will be moderated before posting.

- **Christopher Thomson,**
- **Treasurer, Finances & Fundraising Chair**



THE INDOMITABLE NANCY

A little bird told me that **Nancy Graham** spent the winter collecting dozens of empty pop cans - she roamed the parks and open areas near her home picking them up. **Nancy** then lugged them all to her local grocery store, threaded them into a machine one-by-one, collected nearly \$200,00 in coin – and then carted all those lovely dollars to LUUC for *Suitcases for Africa*. Amazing!



As you know we sponsor a couple of children in Kenya by paying their school fees. **Nancy's** heroic effort goes a long way to fulfilling our financial commitment to that worthy cause. Well done Nancy you deserve a medal!

- **Heather Falconer**

FRONT PAGE NEWS

From time to time I receive *Francis Scarpaleggia's* Parliamentary Report – and on the front page of the latest edition, there was **Sheila Laursen** and **Gary Spiller**, flanked by our MP and smiling broadly. Of course I had to find out what these two intrepids were involved in now!

Francis Scarpaleggia was consulting with interested West Island groups as Canada is developing a new *Food Security Policy*, so it is not surprising that he consulted members of **LUUC**. The Government's aim is to increase access to affordable food, particularly fresh food, improve health and food safety, conserve our soil, water and air and grow more high quality food. A tall order! This policy will include revising Canada's food guide, prohibiting the use of partially-hydrogenated oils in foods, instituting front of packaging symbols that will allow consumers to identify food high in sodium, sugars and saturated fat, and restricting the marketing of unhealthy foods and beverages to children. I hope we hear a lot more about this policy in the future.

- **Heather Falconer**



Hosting a town hall to gather ideas for a national food policy



Meeting, and Greeting our Syrian Refugee Family

April 29 was a special and wonderful day as LUUCers joined with members of the Summerlea, Union and Beaurepaire Church congregations to meet, and welcome “our” Syrian refugee family of Bilal and Farah, and their 4 lovely and lively children. Speeches were kept to a minimum and the family was thrilled by the warm greetings from all. They were given a beautiful handmade quilt from the Montreal Modern Quilt Guild, which will certainly keep them warm and cosy next winter!

Over 120 people filled the Summerlea United Church hall to enjoy homemade soups, sandwiches, veggies and desserts. It was a noisy, happy meal indeed, and everything was delicious and eagerly eaten! Salman’s Syrian Lentil soup was a big hit, as was Noor Deger’s home made Bhaklava, and the Syrian dessert treats brought by Farah and Basma and family.....

It is good to know that the children have started Classes d’accueil in Ville St-Laurent, and practicing their French with their cousins who have been here longer.

Of course, the children are really looking forward to summer, and the outdoor activities available in nearby parks. Bilal’s 4 children (ages 3, 5, 10 and 12) would love to have bicycles too, so if you know of anyone with a tricycle for the little ones (2 needed) and 2 bicycles for the older ones, please let me know.

Sheila Laursen 514 697-4195 or sheila.laursen@bell.net

REMINDER – MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

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What's Happening



COME TO THE MOVIES!

At the Pointe Claire Central Library (no admission charge)

Thursday June 7 at 1:30 p.m. (French) Le trip à trois

Estelle is a strait-laced 34 year old mother whose life is settling into a predictable, boring rut. A series of events challenges her identity to the point where she finally realizes that the cause of her existential crisis is....sexual. Way out of her comfort zone, she challenges herself to organize a threesome, and gets her husband, who is just as awkward as she is, in on the action!

(91 min.). Directed by Nicolas Monette. With Mélissa Désormeaux-Poulin and Martin Matte

Monday June 11 at 1:30 p.m. (English) Lady Bird

"Lady Bird" fights against but is exactly like her wildly loving, deeply opinionated and strong-willed mom, a nurse working tirelessly to keep her family afloat after Lady Bird's father loses his job.

(93 min.). Directed by Greta Gerwig. Nominated for 5 Academy Awards, nominated for 4 and winner of 2 Golden Globe Awards.

Tuesday June 19 at 1:30 p.m. (English) Battle of the Sexes

Based on a true story of the 1973 tennis match between women's champion Billie Jean King and former men's champ Bobby Riggs. As fierce rivals on opposite sides of the court and the gender equality issue, Billie Jean and Bobby served up a cultural spectacle that resonated far beyond the sporting world.

(121 min.). Directed by Valerie Faris and Jonathan Dayton. Starring Steve Carrell and Emma Stone, both nominated for Golden Globe Awards.

Thursday June 21 at 1:30 p.m. (French) Hochelaga, Terre des Ames

A tremendous downpour hits Montreal, and a spectacular sinkhole opens up in Percival Molson Stadium in the middle of a football game. Mohawk archaeologist Baptiste Asigny then sets out to find what he has spent his career searching for: the vestiges of the village of Hochelaga where his Iroquoian ancestors met French explorer Jacques Cartier in October 1535.

(100 min.). Directed by François Girard.

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