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Our Theme for December is *Awe!*

December 1

The Power of Awe — A truly awesome experience can be a life changing positive experience. This morning we explore the power of awe to change our perspective and our sense of connection to the world around us.

Presenter: Rev. Norm Horofker; Service Assistant: Margaret Galbraith

December 8

Our Awesome Place in the Universe — Sometimes we can feel totally insignificant in the vastness of time and space that is our universe. This morning we will counter that image with another perspective on our place in this universe... and it is awesome!

Presenter: Rev. Norm Horofker; Service Assistant: Troy Saulnier

December 15

The Importance of the Jewish 'Days of Awe' — The ten days starting with Rosh Hashanah and ending with Yom Kippur (Sept 29 to Oct 9 in 2019) are known in Jewish Teaching as the Days of Awe. It is traditional teaching that on Rosh Hashanah, God writes down who will have a good life and who will have a bad life for the next year, but our actions during the Days of Awe can alter God's decree before they are sealed on Yom Kippur.

Presenters: Rabbi David Ellis; Service Leader Rev. Norm Horofker

December 15 — 7 pm

The 8th Annual Blue Christmas at Bearly's House of Blues and Ribs — Tonight we take our chalice out of our sanctuary and into the community to raise the spirits of those whose memories of Christmas are not always happy, and those who may be jaded by the materialism of the season. The kitchen and bar are open throughout the service... It is recommended that you arrive early, (6 pm) as seating is limited.

Featuring: The Chalmers Doane Trio and our own Afterchoir

The Theme for January will be *Integrity*

Our mission is to provide a community that nurtures personal and spiritual growth, practices inclusiveness, celebrates diversity and affirms individual and collective commitment to community service and social justice.

December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30-10:15 Choir Rehearsal today, and 8th, 15th & 22nd	2	3	4 4:45-6:15 Afterchoir	5 Noon – 1 pm Tai Chi	6	7 10-11:30 am Neighbourhood Brunch
8 1-4 pm Gingerbread House Fundraiser		10	11 4:45-6:15 Afterchoir 6:30 pm Board Meeting	12 Noon-1 pm Tai Chi	13	14 10-11:30 Neighbourhood Brunch
15 Noon Intro to UU with Rev Norm Noon-1:00 Humanist Group 7 pm Blue Xmas, @ Bearly's	16	17	18 4:45-6:15 Afterchoir	19	20	21 10-11-30 Neighbourhood Brunch
22 Music Service	23	24 4:30 Candlelight Service	25 Christmas Day	26	27 12 noon Newsletter deadline	28
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December services, continued ...

December 22

Magnificent Music of the Season — If you are not there yet... this service will crank you up for Christmas and the Holidays. Come and enjoy the music and poetry in the company of good friends.

Presenters: Jessica Friesen and musical friends.

December 24 — 4:30 pm

Our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service — Our annual candlelight service on Christmas Eve will be a multi-generational celebration of the season with song and dance, hot cider and Moravian buns, and sacred silence.

You are invited to bring potluck festive finger food for the social gathering after the service.

Presenter: Rev. Norm Horofker; Service Assistants: Numerous

December 29

Awesome Possibilities for the New Year — We end the year by celebrating the amazing potential for the year 2020. Leave your cynicism at the door and enjoy an hour of optimism as we prepare for a new year.

Presenter: Rev. Norm Horofker, Service Assistant: Mary-Lu MacDonald



Minister's Notes



December: A Month of Awe

I have been doing some reading about the experience of awe, in preparation for the services in December when we will be exploring this topic. There is strong evidence that experiencing awe is good for you, physically and mentally. It can jump start personal growth by opening you up to new experiences and it can help to reduce feelings of isolation by giving you a new perspective on life.

Experiencing awe, and the life changing effect of that experience, does not require that you travel to a mountain peak or attend the birth of a child.

In the past few weeks I have had the great pleasure of spending time with Mr. Chalmers Doane. For those of you who do not recognize the name, Chalmers is famous for promoting the ukulele as an instrument for teaching music in school. Between 1967 and 1984 he introduced the ukulele into every classroom in Nova Scotia and many others across Canada. He took students from Nova Scotia to Hawaii to teach the Hawaiians how to play ukulele! And, he received the Order of Canada in recognition of his work.

I got to watch Chalmers play the ukulele up close and to talk to him about his "religion of music." Watching him play the ukulele and talking with him in his 81st year was an awe-inspiring experience for me. I was so moved that I was crying and laughing at the same time. How is it possible to make your fingers move so effortlessly to make such wonderful music?

If you don't think ukulele playing can inspire awe, I invite you to check out James Hill with this web link: www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOfycEepSOo

James was a student of Chalmers and they are good personal friends. (I am now taking music lessons from Chalmers once a week in his studio in a field on the banks of the Shubenacadie River.)

Watching a virtuoso musician can be awe inspiring, or it can be totally insignificant as we learned in the story for children of all ages about Joshua Bell playing the violin in the subway. The quality of the experience depends primarily on the attentiveness and the attitude of the observer. We are surrounded every day by awesome experiences but we allow our familiarity to dull our senses robbing us of the experience of awe.

Experiencing awe, like many good things in life, is a matter of our attitude. And our attitude, the way we see life, is the result of many complex factors most of which are beyond our control.

However, almost everyone can improve their attitude, their orientation toward life if they determine that that is a priority and if they find the right people to support them. Our congregation can be a place that encourages an appreciation of awe in our lives. I hope you will join in the exploration of the experience of awe with us this December.

And by the way, don't miss the opportunity to meet Chalmers Doane and hear him play instruments from the ukulele to the saxophone to the xylophone at our annual Blue Christmas Service at Bearly's House of Blues and Ribs on Sunday December 15. This is the perfect venue to bring a friend to "church." See the poster elsewhere in this newsletter.

With Love, Norm



“MAKING WAVES” Conference, Halifax Five Months Away and Counting!



November saw lots of Making Waves activity. Nationally, the CUC office published their **request for proposals for streams, workshops and special events**. The CUC Program Committee is deciding on those now.

The CUC also posted the job position of Director for the CanUdle program to be held in the UUCH building for youth ages 14–19. Once that selection is made, the Director, CUC staff, and Marie-Claude will plan the program for all children and youth attending the conference.

Meanwhile, the Host Committee has made great progress. More people have stepped forward to help alongside the people listed in last month’s newsletter. **Etta Hamm** is working with Karen on Communications and has also agreed to lead Hospitality. **John Lindsay-Botten** will plan the music for the Saturday night Kitchen Party; **Pam Berman and Mia Huh** have agreed to work with John to make it a terrific event. John is also leading the creation of a Making Waves theme song, which will be fun. **Co-chair Glenda** hosted the first information-sharing meeting for the various team leads—and **Co-chair Molly** is close to finalizing the design for the Making Waves T-shirts.

More helpers will be needed to make this a memorable conference. Please let co-chairs Molly or Glenda know if you will be able to help with advance planning and/or during the actual event, and your area of interest. For example, the CanUdle program at the church will require lots of UUCH people for building logistics, food preparation, and night supervision. In the January newsletter we will publish the full list of “who is helping with what”, so please let Glenda and Molly know if you can help!

Specific requests from the Host Committee:

- **Does anyone have a wheelchair to lend** for use during the conference? Please let Glenda know.
- **Is anyone willing to offer home hospitality during the conference?** Some attendees are on a tight budget, and others just prefer a home stay instead of a dormitory stay. If you are able to offer accommodation, please let **Elinor Egar-Reynolds** know what you can offer. Even a tentative commitment to be confirmed closer to the time of the conference would be helpful to Elinor.

Part of the challenge of Making Waves is convincing UUs to pay travel, registration, and accommodation costs when considering coming to Halifax. The Communications team has created a Vacation Planning letter with lots of ideas for fun in Halifax and Nova Scotia, proposing to people that they combine Making Waves with a vacation. This letter was submitted to the CUC eNews that goes out to about 3000 names (which eNews subscribers have received by now). A copy was also sent to each of the other 45 UU congregations in Canada, asking for distribution of it. It is being posted on various CUC websites and on the UUCH website. It will also appear in the December newsletter of the USA Northeast Region of the UUA.

The CUC office will publicize conference logistics such as the workshop choices and the registration process, but it is up to the Host Committee to let people know that Making Waves will be fun. We are planning to distribute a regular stream of communications pieces to get this message out to other UUs.

MakingWavesHalifax2020@gmail.com

(our hyperlink included in our publicity for requests for information and assistance) will be a good indicator of whether we are getting attention with our communications campaign. So far we have received three requests to this account, but let’s hope that with the December publicity we can report a good number in the January newsletter!

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ON MAKING WAVES, please email MakingWavesHalifax2020@gmail.com with questions. We will find the answers for you and communicate them in future newsletters.

WHAT WE SHOULD ALL DO NOW:

- Let Molly and Glenda know now how you can help with Making Waves.
- Save the dates May 15–May 17, 2020, for attending Making Waves yourself.
- Consider whether you can lend a wheelchair or offer home hospitality.
- Let your UU contacts across Canada and elsewhere know that a terrific conference will be happening in Halifax and suggest that they attend for a whale of a good time. If they want information about the conference or about vacation possibilities, please refer them to MakingWavesHalifax2020@gmail.com

Karen Woolhouse, Etta Hamm
Host Committee Communications

Making Music for Making Waves.
Sunday, January 19th

Come and help write the Making Waves theme song with John Lindsay-Botten, Musical Director for the CUC Making Waves Conference.

John will be hosting a song-writing circle on Sunday, January 19th from 1-4 pm at the church.

No experience necessary, enthusiasm highly desired! Lunch will be provided.

Molly Hurd



Bazaar, Book Sale & Silent Auction
Saturday, November 30
10 am - 2 pm

If you were at church this past Sunday the 24th, you may have noticed the piles and stacks and boxes and hampers and bags full of stuff coming in for the bazaar. It looks like more than ever before!

We have books, we have tools, we have cross-country skis, we have jewelry, we have pottery and glassware, and who-knows-what-else because it's not yet unpacked.

Then this showed up!



Green Carnival glass punch bowl & cups, Mid-century Modern style. Can be seen on eBay for over \$100. This will be in the Silent Auction for sure!

We have two requests:

Please tell everyone you know about our amazing Christmas Bazaar, Book Sale and Silent Auction happening at UUCH this Saturday from 10-2.

And if you're available, please consider coming Thursday after 1 pm or Friday from 9:30 on to help us unpack and price.

Thanks from your Bazaar Task Force

Board Buzz

There was a lot of “buzz” at our last Board meeting! We had decided to try a “group read”, with everyone reading the same chapters of the same book—2 or 3 a month, to discuss at the next meeting, and this was our first discussion.

The initial preface and chapter of the book, “Governance and Ministry: Rethinking Board Leadership” were well received by all the members, and we will continue spending time at each of the next few meetings sharing our insights as we work our way through. The author, Dan Hotchkiss, is a minister with many years of experience as a consultant around church governance—large or small, of all faiths, in the US and Canada.

Our other major “buzz” was the discussion we had on church membership and fellowship—concepts, ideas, action items—general brainstorming, with the ideas going to Pam Berman, our Membership Chairperson. It was a fruitful conversation, with a lot of aspects of the topics covered.

We did regular business too. Some highlights: We received an update on the music portion of the CUC 2020 Conference. John Piccolo will be our current handyman but we are still looking to replace Allyn Clarke as overall Property Chair. We started the process of registration as an HRM Heritage Property to give us access to maintenance grants. And we approved the plan for the Gingerbread House Fundraiser proposed by Marie-Claude Leroux.

It was a good meeting, well-fueled by J-F’s snacks! Thank you, Jean-François!

**Margaret Galbraith
for the Board**



UUCH Board of Directors June 2018 - May 2019

Officers

President	Margaret Galbraith
Vice-President	Troy Saulnier
Past President	Kim Turner
Secretary	Pam Griffin-Hody
Treasurer	Marilyn Shinyei

Members at Large

Jim Morrison	Katherine Hutka
Michael Belland	Jean-François Turcotte

UU-UNO Membership, 2019-2020



For many years members of our congregation have supported the UU–United Nations Office (UU-UNO) because it's our denomination's channel to the UN and all the good work it does, some of which was mentioned in last month's church newsletter.

Members' consistent, annual support has also meant that UUCH has been awarded Blue Ribbon Status by the UU-UNO several years in a row and we are proud of that!

UU-UNO membership dues are now due. To join or renew your membership, please give the money to the church office in the next few weeks. You can put it in the offering plate as long as you mark it clearly as your UU-UNO membership. Cheques are payable to the Universalist Unitarian Church of Halifax with “UU-UNO membership” written on the memo line. Membership levels are: Retired or student level \$30; Individual support level \$60; Family/Household level \$150; Global Equality level \$250.

Thank you for your support!

**Jane Wilson
UUCH-United Nations Office Youth Envoy**

Hana and Halim's Flower Shop



Our church is in a wonderfully diverse neighbourhood that includes a number of small businesses. One of those is South End Florists at 5396 Inglis Street. Almost three years ago, the owners Halim and Hana Saba (shown above) offered to provide flowers for our church, and every Sunday since then, without fail, they have provided us with a beautiful bouquet of cut flowers to enhance our sanctuary at no cost to us. (They have also, without being asked, paid for the food for one of our Saturday morning brunches.)

Hana and Halim's shop is a delight to visit. If you drop in to buy flowers or to say hello, be sure to mention that you are a member or friend of the Universalist Unitarian Church of Halifax. You can tell them that Norm sent you...

Rev. Norm Horofker



The Caring Column



We are sorry to learn from **Allyn Clarke** that the health of his wife **Sandra** has continued to deteriorate so that she is no longer able to attend Sunday services. Allyn and Sandra have been integral members of UUCH for many years and we are saddened by this news.

Denyse Brothers and Etta Hamm recently announced at candle-lighting that their good friend **Alexina Proctor** had died in the Amherst Hospital on November 4th at the age of 91. "Alex", a long-time member of our church, had moved to the Advocate area in recent years. Donations in Alex's memory may be made to the Universalist Unitarian Church of Halifax or to the Victorian Order of Nurses. Full obituary at info@madewithlove.ca.

Also reported was that **Janet Horofker's brother, David Duncan**, is undergoing treatment for colon cancer. We send best wishes and our hopes that Duncan will soon be on a road to recovery.

We're happy to report that **Marie Davis** is now doing very well following surgery for a broken arm resulting from a fall. She recently enjoyed a group tour of Walmart offered by Northwood where she lives.

And it's good to see that **Kathy Anthony** is progressing well following surgery in early October. She is now happily participating in most of her usual activities including those at church.

Best wishes, everyone, for Happy Holidays and a year of good health, pleasure and reward in 2020.

Sylvia Mattinson



JOIN UUCH'S
FESTIVE FUN FOR ALL AGES!

Gingerbread House Fundraiser

DEC. 8, 2019 • 1-4PM
UUCH • 5500 INGLIS ST

\$20 per Gingerbread House

Includes 1 assembled house,
icing, assorted candies &
hot beverages

ALL PROCEEDS
WILL GO TO THE
UNIVERSALIST
UNITARIAN
CHURCH OF HALIFAX



Have fun while raising funds!

On December 8, join us for an afternoon of festive fun!

Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces & nephews.
Tell your family and friends.

Decorating a gingerbread house is fun for all ages!

Can't make it? Consider "sponsoring" a family with
lesser means by buying them a gingerbread house.

Having family over during the holidays?
Buy a kit to enjoy later.

Thanks!
Marie-Claude

Annual Christmas Hamper Drive

The Saulnier family along with the RE children are continuing a tradition at UUCH. They will be preparing hampers full of tasty goodies and holiday items for some local people who are isolated during the holidays. This project is done in collaboration with Building Bridges, a program of the Canadian Mental Health Association. During the first three weeks in December the offertory will be gratefully accepted to help fill the hampers.



Hampers base operations at the Saulniers, 2018.

During the weeks that we collect for the Christmas hampers, unless indicated during announcements, all loose change and donations will go to this cause. Any funding beyond what is spent to help make the recipients feel a little less isolated at Christmas will go to the other great works at UUCH.

As always, thank you so much for your support.

Danielle and Troy Saulnier



In keeping with our monthly themes, we'd love to hear a short story from you about your life and personal experiences.

The Worship & RE committees can help you in presenting a 5-minute story to be shared with the congregation.

Themes coming up are:

December: Awe

January: Integrity

February: Resilience

Have you a story to share? Reach out to

Marie-Claude Leroux
at marieclx@hotmail.com

*Missing some
Jingle in your
Bells?*

Join us
for a

Blue Christmas

at Bearly's House of Blues

*Grief, stress,
and loneliness are
difficult to navigate
alone, especially this
time of year. The
Universalist Unitarian
Church of Halifax invites
you to join us for an
evening of reflection,
laughter, live music and
genuine community.*

- Kitchen and Bar will be open
- Free Will Donation at Door

Dec. 15th, 7pm

*Featuring the musical
talents of our
Afterchoir and
Chalmers Doane &
Friends*



Contact: Rev. Norm Horofker
902 229 9239

Share the Plate



The taking of an offering during the Sunday service is a ritual of generosity. Twice a month, money collected during this part of the service is donated to help those outside our walls. This has a two-fold effect: we learn of the good works being performed by great organizations in our community—and it makes our presence and our generosity known to the broader public.

Your Share the Plate coordinators are Etta Hamm, and Jean-François Turcotte representing our Board of Directors. We have recently sent donations to East Coast Environmental Law, the Avalon Sexual Assault Centre, the Family SOS Centre and L'Arche Halifax, among others. Donation amounts have varied from \$100+ to \$425.

If you have a suggestion for a charity you would like to see us support please let us know. The charity must be a registered Canadian charity and must fit within our Seven Principles. Another aim is to coincide a charity with our monthly theme whenever possible.

Plate contributions are receipted for income tax purposes when you use a church envelope and identify yourself by name.

Your generosity is much appreciated.

Etta Hamm
Jean François Turcotte

Canvass Update



Dear members and friends... just letting you know that the canvass is looking very good!

We set a goal of \$112,500 and as of press time, we have reached \$103,016. We are feeling fairly confident of reaching our goal. Might we even surpass it? Wouldn't that be amazing!

At this point there are still 19 people to hear from. Among these, some have been contacted and have not yet gotten back to their canvasser. Others may not have been reached yet. If this describes you, please feel free to reach out to Marilyn or Darla to make your pledge.

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JANUARY NEWSLETTER

The deadline for submissions for the January newsletter will be extended **to noon, Friday, December 27th. Submissions received any time during the month would be much appreciated.**

Electronic issue release: Monday, Dec 30
Hard copies available: Sunday, Jan 4

Please send your submissions to both
Etta Hamm, braeside@eastlink.ca
& Sandra Jamieson, [uuchurch@eastlink](mailto:uuchurch@eastlink.ca)

Etta Hamm, Editor

THE MUSIC PAGE



The holiday season is upon us once again! A time of love, kindness, gratitude, and generosity. However, we often feel bogged down with the hustle and bustle of crowded malls, the pressure of creating the perfect Christmas dinner, hosting relatives, friends, and being consumed with materialistic gifts. Whether this Christmas is joyful, worrisome, or difficult to endure, the spirit of music may bring you confidence, fellowship, and cheer!

You are in luck this Christmas season as **we have started a UUCH Christmas Choir**. Whether you have experience singing or you believe you can't hold a tune, we would be thrilled to welcome you into our choir community! If you don't feel comfortable singing, you can come enjoy the music and be among kind and welcoming faces! You might even surprise yourself and join us in song! All ages are welcome!

Name the choir, win a PRIZE!

I need your help please, UUCH! We are coming up with a new name for the UUCH Choir! Please place ideas in the suggestion box and if chosen and approved, you could win a prize! We will announce the winning name on Sunday, December 15th!

Choir member announcements

Christmas Choir rehearsals: Sundays 9:30–10:15 (before the service)

Rehearsal dates coming up: December 1, 8, 15, 22

Performances coming up:

December 22, Sunday, a music service, 10:30 am

December 24, Candlelight Service (tba)

Songs we're currently learning:

Silent Night

Jingle Bells

O We Believe in Christmas

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Angels We Have Heard on High

Christmas is Coming

Please email me if you would like to suggest a song or carol.

Always remember, music accepts everyone, does not judge, and welcomes you into a safe, therapeutic space of creativity and community!

Jessica Friesen
UUCH Music Director

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Religious Exploration


November has been another month filled with exploration, creativity and collaboration. Using their creativity with skits and illustrations, youth continue to be guided through the Amazing Grace program in exploring the fluidity of the concepts of “right and wrong”. The children have continued with the Love Surrounds Us program in exploring what it means to be kind and fair with friends old and new, and with family—our own and the diversity of families that make up a community.

The last Sunday of November was the first in a series of “Service Sundays” for the youth. Throughout most the year, the youth will spend one Sunday of the month in service to others. Together, we will find various ways to contribute to charities and organizations that serve our community. This past month the youth put together 31 jars filled with the scents of Christmas to be included as a gift in the Christmas hampers for the Building Bridges program of the Mental Health Association. If you know of an organization that could use our contributions, we would love tributions, we would love to include it.

We especially want to thank Claudia de Fuentes and Andy Blair for their time and attention in teaching us about the Mexican tradition of Day of the Dead and ancient Aztec beliefs in the afterlife.



December 2019

 **Universalist Unitarian**
Church of Halifax



Religious Exploration For Children & Youth

Join us on Sundays from 10:30 for our one hour age-appropriate programs to explore questions that matter. Learn more about our current programming and schedule below.

Schedule

- Dec 1 Spirit Art: Christmas Crackers Annual Tradition
- Dec 8 Cards for the Christmas Hampers
- Dec 15 Cookie Decorating for Saturday Brunch & Food Hamper
- Dec 22 All Ages Holiday Musical Service
- Dec 29 Care Packages for the Caring Committee

Joy of Giving Over the Holidays

This month, the children & youth will join together for festive activities, all of which will be meant to be given and shared with others.

Christmas Hampers for Building Bridges

Building Bridges is a program of the Canadian Mental Health Association that aims to connect with those living in isolation. UUCH continues the annual tradition with the help of the Saulnier family in preparing hampers full of goodies to bring a festive touch this time of year. The RE program is contributing to this tradition with the gifts made by the youth in November, and cards being made this month.

Spirit Art

Christmas Crackers Annual Tradition

On December 1st, we will continue Kay Smith's annual tradition of making Christmas Crackers to be shared with family and friends.

There will be plenty of opportunity to connect with congregants throughout this month. The children and youth will be working together in the spirit of giving, with the help of many volunteers. I am grateful to all who have offered to help. We are all looking forward to kicking off the season with the annual tradition of making Christmas crackers, and keeping the momentum going in making gifts to be shared with our neighbors and for the Christmas hampers.

Marie-Claude Leroux

Director

UUCH Religious Exploration Program

Editor's note: The following is an excerpt from a letter from the Reverend Diane Rollert, minister of the Unitarian Church of Montreal. Our Minister requested that we include this in the newsletter, because this issue goes to the heart of Unitarian Universalist traditions of respect for a respect for religious freedom and diversity.

We are facing challenging times in Quebec and need your support.

This past June, the Quebec government invoked the notwithstanding clause of the Canadian constitution in order to push through Bill 21, *An Act Respecting the Laicity of the State*. Public debate was short-circuited in order to deny basic rights to Quebec citizens that would otherwise be guaranteed by the Quebec and Canadian Charters of Rights and Freedoms.

We are already seeing the negative effects of this law, which bans the wearing of religious symbols by teachers, lawyers and police officers, among others. Quebecers are losing their religious freedom and must choose between faith and the ability to financially support themselves and their families. While this law covers all religious symbols, it is clear from government statements that the main target is Muslim women. We have already begun to see a documented rise in public attacks on women wearing the hijab.

With the support of the Montreal congregation, I've been working with members of Quebec's faith communities and others to challenge this law. This spring we officially incorporated as the Comité juridique de la Coalition Inclusion Québec, and our team of lawyers has filed a legal challenge. You can find more about our case by clicking on the links below.

Here's how you can help:

Please consider donating money to our legal fund. Any amount you give will make a difference! Our lawyers are donating their time, but there are costs involved, from filing fees to paying for expert witnesses.

You can donate online through PayPal:

www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=BTGST2EXYQLDA&source=url

Or send a cheque, paid to the order of Comité juridique de la Coalition Inclusion Québec.

Mail to: Comité-juridique de la Coalition Inclusion Québec

% Rev. Diane Rollert

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With gratitude,

Rev. Diane Rollert, Unitarian Church of Montreal

As noted, you can make a contribution directly as an individual. If you would like to make a donation as a concerned member of the UUCH community, you can give a cheque or money order to our treasurer, Marilyn Shinyei or to Rev. Norm Horofker. In either case your contribution WILL NOT BE TAX DEDUCTIBLE because the Comité juridique is not a registered charity. The donations sent through UUCH would not be coming from the church, but rather from a group of concerned individuals.