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A Place to Connect, Grow and Serve

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Meet Jennifer Haywood

UUCA's new Children and Youth Music Leader and Intergenerational Pop-Up Ensembles



What a joy to already feel so welcomed in the UUCAVA community! I am especially honored to be a part of “a community who works to build a more just and peaceful world – a community that finds inspiration in music and the arts and honors and respects the beauty of the earth...” I am looking forward to working with Sophia and Ken and the RE program and all of the many music volunteers and parents and families and staff and community members of all ages in music-making. Every voice is beautiful and whether with your voice or an instrument or sign-language or all of the above, there is a place for you to Connect, Grow, and Serve through music-making at UUCAVA!

This year, among many hopes and plans, I will have the opportunity to work in support of the following programs while continuing to collaborate with the entire spiritual community:

- **Chalice Musicians** (K through 4) meeting in the Chapel between services 10:30-11:00 a.m. (starting September 29 with the Intergenerational Pop-Up Ensemble in the Sanctuary and October 6 in our typical rehearsal space in the Chapel),
- **TrUUbadours** (5 through 8) meeting in the chapel 12:30-1:00 p.m. beginning September 29 (and encouraged to join all Pop-Up Ensembles),
- **Intergenerational Pop-Up Ensembles** (all people of all ages) meeting from 10:30-11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary in order to joyously prepare and share music for the 11:15 a.m. service Introit in celebration September 29, November 3, and January 12.
- **High school students/young adults** are also encouraged to be in contact in order to volunteer and participate with any of the above ensembles, as well as to participate in and receive mentoring in: ongoing songwriting, singing, and/or instrumental sharing in services and with intergenerational collaborations and presentations such as with Goodwin House.

My entire life's journey (in school, spiritual, and community settings) has included a focus on creating inclusive environments in music, lifelong learning, and intergenerational collaboration. I received the PhD from the University of Toronto working with mentor Dr. Lori-Anne Dolloff; a tremendous model as educator, conductor, composer, and scholar whose work includes teaching in the Arctic (Iqaluit, Pangirtung and Rankin Inlet) with recent reflections on unpacking colonialism most recently shared in her chapter in the book *First Peoples and Arts-Based Service Learning*.

As we all strive to Connect, Grow and Serve, may music simply be one more form of learning and growing in connection. We are all musicians and music may be one more means of sharing peacemaking. With the example of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. from his studies of Gandhi, through the lens of Dr. Dorothy Cotton's songleading: "we shall live in peace – today!"

I look forward to connecting with you through lifelong religious education programs at UUCAVA; through sharing in services; and through the Chalice Musicians, TrUUbadoours and Pop-Up Intergenerational Ensembles (in addition to other connections and possibilities) now and into the future!

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