

## **Unity Vancouver Island**

### **Notes from community meetings on Dec 7 and January 4**

There is confusion about the names of activities and events as all three areas have their own 'language'. A common use of terms and promotion of that would be very helpful.

#### **Gratitudes**

- Both musicians
- Patricia & Thomas
- Newsletter seems to work for most people
- facebook and youtube links in the newsletter make it easier to watch live
- having zoom fellowship after service.

#### **Questions – general**

What's happening with the choir?

- They will sing at Dec 19<sup>th</sup> service and reconvene in January

Are classes only facilitated by a minister or Licensed Unity Teacher?

- No, anyone can do this

Can we have a calendar on the website?

- that includes events in all communities. Patricia suggested that the quality of the calendar will be improved when we are up and running on Google Workspace.

Are the financial statements available for viewing?

- Patricia stated that financial statements and board minutes could be posted on Google Workspace with access given to members

outcome of the weekend roof leak.

- Patricia reported that the Hanus family had cleared the snowpack and frozen pipes and there doesn't appear to be serious damage but cleaning and screening will be required in the spring.

#### **How are people staying connected?**

- Victoria and Comox Valley have Connection Call teams who contact people on a regular basis
- Are we promoting the One Organization or the local community? Discussed the challenge in doing both
- There could be a social media daily connection group

#### **Activities to Consider**

- Book study groups
- Spirit Groups as well
- common picnic/gathering in the summer with billets and there could be one in each community
- picnic in each area in July, August and September
- Sally and Gilles stated that they miss the social aspects and Gilles would like to cook pancake breakfasts after service once a month.

### **Spiritual Enrichment & Activity Teams**

- If you have an idea, let your local team know and they will take it to the monthly joint SEA team meeting.

### **What's Coming Up**

“Who Ordered This Truckload of Dung?” starting in February with a Zoom session and possibly small groups in-person in the Victoria area

Road shows with live service

Patricia and Thomas said difficulties are: venue, appropriate internet speed, winter travel. Thomas reported we have the technology to do many things such as pre-record the Sunday service and stream it on Sunday morning while conducting an in-person only service at Victoria or Comox. Let's figure it out.

Joseph suggested not streaming a Sunday service on those Sundays so as to emphasize the in-person service

Patricia reported that Unity Canada will be offering a book study in February and that Unity Canada now has a page where every ministry can post their upcoming events. We should encourage cross-Canada participation

Patricia report that she and Charlane Simpson spoke this morning with Linda Martella-Whitsett (vice-president of Silent Unity) about running a prayer training

Vicki shared “What are the components of a Spiritual Centre” and listed 10:

1. Sunday celebration
2. Fellowship
3. Special Celebrations
4. Community Circles/Congregational meetings
5. Prayer
6. Unity education – classes
7. Community outreach
8. Social
9. Fundraising
10. Workshops

suggestion that the list of 10 components could be on the website

Vicki offered to write up summaries of these meetings so they could be on the newsletter as a link and people who did not attend will know what is being discussed