

# The Olinda Outpost

Monthly Newsletter of the [Unitarian Universalist Church of Olinda](#)  
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R.E. Class and Service held at 10:30  
(followed by refreshments)

## Sunday Services Summer 2020

Date	Speaker	Title	Musician(s)
July 26	Ray Stone	<i>Ancient Wisdom for Timeless Problems: Ashoka, Emperor of India</i> - Ashoka ruled a vast empire encompassing much of present day India plus parts of Nepal, Pakistan and Afghanistan for 36 years from 268 to 232 BCE. Although a figure in Indian mythology, archeological and documentary evidence of his actual existence and remarkable rule emerged in the 19th century. His benevolent and ethical philosophy of government was a great inspiration to Nehru and had a profound influence on newly independent India in the 1940s.	Bill & Bobbye Baylis
Aug. 9	Rev. Rod Solano-Quesnel	<i>Topic: Pride</i>	TBD
Sept. 13	Rev. Rod Solano-Quesnel	<i>Water Ceremony</i> – At our Water Communion we can celebrate the wonder of water and the meaning it brings to our lives.	TBD

\*There will be no services at the church until further notice, at least until October 4, 2020, because of the requirement for Social Distancing due to COVID-19. The decision on the actual start date will be made at the Board Meeting on September 10.

Services will be continue to be available at the usual time via Zoom. You will receive notifications by email and/or regular mail. The website, [uuOlinda.org](http://uuOlinda.org), will be kept up-to-date regarding services and meetings. See following pages for instructions on how to join the services by phone. Note that this is a long-distance call.

Rev. Rod is publishing his reflections on the website. You can access them by going to [UUOlinda.org](http://UUOlinda.org) and clicking on the appropriate Recent Post (upper right-hand corner.) His reflections are also being mailed to those who prefer to read written materials, thanks to Helen Moore.

## From The Board

Here is hoping you are creating innovative ways of having an enjoyable summer as we continue to negotiate through this extraordinary time of COVID-19.

Throughout the months of July and August, the Olinda Church Board and its various committees are continuing to work with the ever changing information and stages of reopening that Windsor and Essex County finds itself going through. As such, two additional Board related activities are planned looking to see significant progress in each area as we move forward into September:

1. The full Board members will be attending two preliminary VISIONING sessions to be held THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2020: 7 to 8:30pm and THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2020: 7 to 8:30pm (pending final confirmation at the first meeting). These two meetings will allow the Board members to engage in an initial brainstorming process focused solely on discussing ideas around:
  - a. the ongoing pandemic environment plan starting in October, 2020 and through to February, 2021;
  - b. ideas for the expansion of the congregation through virtual/online services; and
  - c. additional ideas looking to ensure the future survival of the church beyond the next five years.

These two summer meetings will allow for completion of the ongoing board work related to the By-laws as well as assist in setting the stage for a presentation to the congregation of proposed action plans as we move forward into the new fall Schedule.

2. Concurrent with meetings set out in #1, the By-Law sub-committee has been working on the needed designing and modifying of the DRAFT Corporation By-laws with a next edition to be available to distribute to the Board at the first meeting in early August. The goal is to then receive input from the full Board in order to allow for a close-to-final Bylaws DRAFT document to be presented for review for the second meeting at the end of August. The end goal is to have any additional input to be then incorporated into a FINAL DRAFT edition for presentation to the Board no later than the October Board meeting.

We, the Board, look forward to continuing to serve you throughout the summer months. Please feel free to connect to me in the event you have any questions during this time.

Respectfully,

Stephen Brennan,  
Board President

# Clergy Connection

The Canadian Unitarian Council is hosting a series of live online Sunday Services during the summer. These will be led by a different Canadian congregation every Sunday.

Below are the links to the main information page, as well as a link to pre-register (required). The Zoom rooms can hold up to 1,000 people - if you're unable to log on, you can also view the service on the CUC YouTube channel.

## Sunday Summer Services Series - Schedule (See next page)

[https://cuc.ca/events/sunday-summer-services-series/1593964800/1593972000/?fbclid=IwAR3mgl6MIiVeqOYoEkWYLnVj5hvlSdkSjZLCZ\\_t-zyxn6ssAx451h8jhn8](https://cuc.ca/events/sunday-summer-services-series/1593964800/1593972000/?fbclid=IwAR3mgl6MIiVeqOYoEkWYLnVj5hvlSdkSjZLCZ_t-zyxn6ssAx451h8jhn8)

### Pre-register here:

<https://bit.ly/UUSummer>

FREE

Simple Registration (Name, E-mail address, Confirmation that you're not a robot)

### CUC YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJ25IMWQwrxSnry11bdBS-g>

In solidarity,  
--Rod

## Sunday Service 26 July, 2020 at 10:30 Instructions to join Zoom by phone (audio-only):

Call any of these phone numbers – *long distance charges may apply*:

- +1 647 374 4685 Canada
- +1 587 328 1099 Canada
- +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
- +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

An automated voice will ask you for the **Meeting ID**, at that point, dial this number:

**839 1005 3631**

The automated voice will then ask for a "Participant ID" – for this, you can just press the "#" sign

OR simply wait a few seconds for the next prompt.

The automated voice will finally ask for the **password**, at that point, dial this number:

**620482**

You will then be joined to the live online service!

## Important Dates

There will be no face-to-face meetings before October. All meetings will be held using Zoom. If that should change, a revised schedule will be published.

**Aug. 6 7 pm**  
1st Visioning Meeting

**Aug. 9 Noon**  
Sunday Services Meeting

**Aug. 26 10 am**  
Membership Committee Meeting

**Sep. 3 7 pm**  
2nd Visioning Meeting

**Sep. 8**  
September Newsletter Reports Due

**Sep. 10 7 pm**  
Board of Trustees Meeting

## CUC Summer Services

Jul. 19 Youth: Heather MacLean-Smith      National Youth Service:  
Celebrating Life in a Time When Life is Limited

Jul. 26 Unitarian Church of Montreal: Caite Clark  
Lessons from the Playground: Reflections from RE Teachers

Aug. 2 Young Adults: Casey Stainsby      To Get to the Other Side

Aug. 9 Unitarian Fellowship of Fredericton: Heather Lunergan  
Connections Between the UFF & the One-time Harvey Universalist Church

Aug. 16 Saskatoon Unitarians: Liz James      Reverence for Weird Things

Aug. 23 Grand River Unitarian: Rev. Jessica Rodela      Parable of the Plumber

Aug. 30 Westwood Unitarian: Rev. Anne Barker      Nature in the 6 Sources

The start times for these services will not be the usual Olinda time. You will get this information when you register.

### **Sunday service 9 August, 2020 at 10:30 Instructions to join Zoom by phone (audio-only):**

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+1 647 374 4685 Canada

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

An automated voice will ask you for the **Meeting ID**, at that point, dial this number:

**831 7756 5014**

The automated voice will then ask for a “Participant ID” – for this, you can just press the “#” sign

OR simply wait a few seconds for the next prompt.

The automated voice will finally ask for the **password**, at that point, dial this number:

**664328**

You will then be joined to the live online service!