



Stewardship: Cultivating a Sustainable Congregation

Stewardship Time and Talent Connections 2009

Westwood Unitarian Congregation

How are you going to participate in the coming year?

Westwood flourishes on the time, talent, and financial contributions, in short the dedicated stewardship, of its friends and members. There are many opportunities for participation. We hope this will help you connect with one or more ways to participate as fully as you wish in the life of our community!

Instructions:

Please complete this preferably online by March 29.

Please complete as **individuals** not as couples.

1. Review the options for volunteer involvement at Westwood.
2. Do not reply to the sender e-mail. Send an e-mail (just click on the address) directly to those committees you are interested in – this is not a commitment but a chance to explore the opportunities further. **In the subject line put Westwood Survey; be sure to include your name** in the e-mail.
3. A committee member will respond by e-mail or by phone if you provide your phone number.
4. We strongly encourage you to make direct connections via e-mail but if this is not possible please circle what interests you and hand in to the box at church marked Canvass Survey.

1. Worship

- Participate on the Worship Committee
- Be a service leader (training available)
- Be a speaker (training available)
- Present a sermon at Sunday Service
- Facilitate a Summer Serendipity service.
- Coordinate/lead/participate in a Winter Solstice Service (circle one or more)
- Coordinate/lead/participate in a Summer Solstice Service (circle one or more)
- Learn more about operating the sound and recording system

e-mail worship@westwoodunitarian.ca

2. Communication (Publicity) (experience in writing, graphic design, media relations helpful)

- In-house communications: bulletin board maintenance, posters & leaflets, promoting activities & events to Westwoodians, etc.
- External communications: generate public service announcements on Westwood services & programs, media releases, promotional efforts, overall strategy
- Write articles for publication outside Westwood

e-mail communications@westwoodunitarian.ca

3. Hospitality/ Sunday volunteers

- Be an occasional Sunday volunteer: greeter, sign and sanctuary or library/newcomer.
- Help with coffee preparation (two hosts per Sunday)
- Sound & recording technician (training necessary & provided)
- Computer projection, as needed

Please sign-up on clipboard at back of church available every Sunday, duties are in explained in Sunday Volunteer binder. For more info email: hospitality@westwoodunitarian.ca

4. Pathways to Spiritual Community

- Westwood ambassadors – as time permits, talk to newcomers and visitors before or after services
 - Name tag holder organizer – once per month, sort name tags in alphabetical order by first name, sideways
 - Session partner – help organize New 2UU & Orientation to Westwood sessions (4 per year)
- e-mail pathways@westwoodunitarian.ca

5. Music & Choir

- Participate in the choir.
- Assist with choir organization, planning, accompaniment or direction.
- Contribute musically to worship service.
- Maintain choral library and choir folders.

e-mail choir@westwoodunitarian.ca

6. Social Justice

- Be a member of the Social Justice Committee (researching, choosing & recommending projects to the congregation)
- Attend rallies/demonstrations
- Help with Public Forums
- Help with Fundraising events
- Assist with Social Justice services at Westwood

e-mail sjc@westwoodunitarian.ca

7. Lay Chaplaincy (different from lay leading – this is someone who officiates rites of passage)

- Be a member of the Lay Chaplaincy Committee
- I would like to find out more about being a lay chaplain
- I am interested in being a lay chaplain at some point

e-mail: lccommittee@westwoodunitarian.ca

8. Children's/ Youth Programs

- Participate in children's program planning
- Teach children
- Help out an occasional Sunday
- Participate in Youth programs
- Help lead Youth programs
- I am willing to provide childcare for Sundays or other events
- Lead or help with Intergenerational services.

e-mail kids@westwoodunitarian.ca

9. Building & Grounds

- Participate on planning committee
- Help with building maintenance projects
- Shovel walks in winter
- Mow lawn in summer
- Help with interior decorating and seasonal banners
- Help with maintaining the gardens and grounds
- Help with Saturday work bees
- Participate in Plant a Row - Grow a Row at Westwood (gardening for the food bank)
- Tell us your specific skills (none actually needed!)

e-mail buildingandgrounds@westwoodunitarian.ca

10. Adult Education Programs

Tell us a topic you would be interested to see in the 2009-2010 church year.

e-mail adults@westwoodunitarian.ca

11. Stewardship Team

- Participate as member of annual Stewardship Team
- Help as a canvasser – discuss volunteer preferences and financial pledging with members and friends

e-mail stewardship@westwoodunitarian.ca

12. Chalice Circles (small group ministry / discussion groups)

- Participate in a chalice circle
- Assist in chalice circle planning
- Act as a small group facilitator

e-mail chalicecircles@westwoodunitarian.ca

13. Care & Connections

- Share the coordination of or participate in Care & Connections Committee
- Make visits
- Make phone calls or write notes
- Provide daytime transportation to appointments, etc.

e-mail careandconnections@westwoodunitarian.ca

14. Minister

- I would like the minister to contact me.

e-mail anne@westwoodunitarian.ca

15. Board of Trustees

- Interested in being on the Westwood Board

email president@westwoodunitarian.ca

16. Wider UU World

- Interested in connecting with other UU congregations and organizations (e.g.annual CUC Conference, Regional Gatherings, Leadership School)

e-mail anne@westwoodunitarian.ca

17. Library

- Participate on committee: ordering, cataloguing, organizing library books

e-mail library@westwoodunitarian.ca

18. Endowment Fund

- I would like some information about the Westwood Endowment Fund.

e-mail info@westwoodunitarian.ca

19. Welcoming Congregation

- Interested in participating in Welcoming Congregation efforts that promote Westwood's diversity as a community, welcoming gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people?

e-mail queer@westwoodunitarian.ca.

20. Other groups/events

- Would like to be involved in a **youth group**

e-mail youth@westwoodunitarian.ca

- Interested in participating in **Westwood Guys' group**

e-mail uuguys@westwoodunitarian.ca

- Interested in **Earth-Centred Spirituality group**

e-mail earthcentred@westwoodunitarian.ca

- Interested in participating in /helping with **Spinning the Web dinners**

e-mail spinningtheweb@westwoodunitarian.ca