



# The Don Heights Bulletin

February 2010

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# Don Heights Unitarian Congregation



## Debra's Deliberations



*Don Heights is a resilient, welcoming community of diverse individuals, promoting love, reason and freedom in religion, fostering lifelong spiritual growth and acting for social justice and the environment.*

*Freedom in religion; Justice in action.*

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February brings to mind many things; the shortest month, winter's midpoint and of course Black History Month and Valentines Day. I find myself pondering these latter two foci in light of the Haitian earthquake. Strange you might think to join these two and yet the history of Haiti is poignant and the universal expressions of love in support of disaster relief have been incredible.

The Haitian situation has dominated the media and thoughts and conversations. I have found myself researching the history, trying to understand the spirit of the people that emerges in the telling of particular stories and is expressed over and over again in the news reports.

Haiti was the first independent nation in Latin America, the first post-colonial independent black-led nation in the world, and the only nation whose independence was gained as part of a successful slave rebellion. Haiti is the only Francophone nation in the Americas. It is one of only two independent nations in the Americas (along with Canada) that designate French as an official language (from Wikipedia).

The history is also woven with violence, corruption, conquest and oppression yet there seems to be a spirit, a *je ne sais quoi*,

when I hear people of Haiti and in Haiti speak about the current situation and their future. It is not quite resolve or optimism, though it is that much more than hopelessness. As I struggle to name it the word that comes close is resilience.

Love too is resilient or perhaps it is more accurate to say that an aspect or facet of love is resilience. In the face of fear and pain, love prevails. In our lives, when the suffering we experience and witness can weaken our resolve and lead to despondency and despair, love buoys us up. Resiliency is the facet of love that perseveres and the nurturer of hope.

These thoughts lead me to reflect on the use of resilient as a descriptor of our Don Heights community, in fact as the very first word in the newly adopted Mission Statement (see Masthead).

This is a flow of thoughts rather than any sort of comparison. What comes to light is the strength of love actualized in community that offers hope and solace, comfort and commitment. Love is a powerful force, what a blessing that we are able to give and receive it.

I close these deliberations with words from Brian Wren:

*Love makes a bridge from heart to heart and hand to hand.*

*Love finds a way when the laws are blind and freedom banned.*

*Love breaks the walls of language, gender, class and age.*

*Love gives us wings to slip the bars of every cage.*

*Love lifts the hopes that force and fear have beaten down.*

*Love breaks the chains and gives us strength to stand our ground.*

*Love rings the bells of wanted births and wedding days.*

*Love guides the hands that promise more than words can say.*

*Love makes a bridge that winds may shake, yet not destroy.*

*Love carries faith through life and death, to endless joy.*

Namaste

Debra

## President's Thoughts



*Don Heights, Dialogue and Democracy*

Lately I've been thinking about power and responsibility in all aspects of life. Maybe proroguing has renewed my interest in how power is played out. I've been thinking about how vulnerable freedom and democracy are. Are they usually taken from us or do we give them away? This led me to thoughts on democratic power within a religious organization. So I began thinking about how democracy works at Don Heights.

At each Annual General Meeting in April, we follow our by-laws and elect a President and Board of Directors. Volunteers come forward to carry out our shared ministry and the operations of our congregation. These volunteers invite others to participate in specific areas like greeting, financial management, publicity, Sunday Service Planning, Social Action initiatives and Fellowship opportunities. It works pretty smoothly to maintain our activities as we have known them. But what happens when conditions change, and our membership and financial support gradually decrease? Should we continue with activities as we have known them or should we be considering some kind of major change? Choosing change, as we all know, whether it be in our personal lives or in the life of a shared organization, is difficult. We are creatures of habit and once we have worn a path it is hard to leave the known and forge through uncharted territory.

Finding an uncharted direction for our future, even one that could see us share our Unitarian path more widely, isn't easy. I am confident that a future form for us can be found, but to find it will require the work of many in our small congregation. We need all of our optimism, contacts, suggestions and wisdom shared in dialogue. I believe that Don Heights Unitarian values and

community have much to offer to the wider community. We also have much to learn about building a shared vision for our future. I'm asking all of you as you go about your daily occupations, encountering people, ideas and places, to think about how some of these experiences can help inform our future. I'm asking you to be alert to possible partners and opportunities and to explore these ideas with lots of other Don Heighters in open conversations at places like Clusters on Wednesdays. Don't let any of your ideas fade without first sharing them with the group.

In our democratically run congregation, the power over resources and decisions is shared by all members. We all want to have some power over our destiny – how our country will be run, how our household/family will be run, how our province, city, town, village, religious group will be run. We usually join and invest our time and money in organizations – sports clubs, charitable organizations, service clubs and religious organizations, that meet some personal needs for us and that we hope will continue to meet the needs of others in the future. Exerting this power over our hard earned resources is not just about coming to the AGM annually and electing a President and Board who will take care of business. Most of us do not want to see an end to Don Heights but it is obvious to most of us that if we continue with the status quo that end will come sooner than we might want.

Maybe our Don Heights love of dialogue could lead us to future partners. Maybe we could become more serious about dialogue and could develop these skills through engagement with a group like the registered not-for-profit Canadian Community for Dialogue and Deliberation. Have a look at [www.c2d2.ca](http://www.c2d2.ca). Maybe you've come across a possible partner that you'd like us to explore?

At Don Heights over the past several months of strategic planning we have been working to deepen our capacity for dialogue, deliberation and decision-making about our vision and mission – where we want to go and how we can get there.

We have invited congregational members to engage in discussions about our investments. We have asked for suggestions about how we should best use our 'building fund' to ensure

that we sustain another liberal Unitarian voice and place in the city. This is a dialogue that is not meant for a half day meeting. This is a dialogue that must go on until we have created our new destiny.

The Wednesday night Cluster Groups are one method of encouraging more voices to participate in our Don Heights Community Conversations. Food has always been considered a great conversation facilitator and this is one of the reasons that we start our clusters with a hearty soup and great bread. This hour of eating and the time spent preparing our dining experience have value for our community.

The Cluster Groups are another opportunity for Dialogue and Deliberation. Clusters follow one of the principles of 'Open Space Technology'. Everyone is welcome and those who show up are the right people. All members are invited to join us for our community meal and to stay to listen and engage in the cluster conversations.

- On the first Wednesday of each month the Cluster group talks about our programs – Sunday Services, Social Action, Education etc.
- On the second Wednesday the Board meets.
- The third Wednesday Cluster is about Fellowship and Community Building.
- The fourth Wednesday Cluster is about the Administrative and Financial issues in our congregation.

Cluster Groups provide a forum for participative democracy – sharing decision-making in our congregation. When you have a free Wednesday evening, we hope you'll join other Don Heighters in the ongoing dialogue about our present and future. Democracy – dialogue, deliberate, decide and do it.

Lorna Weigand

**Don Heights Community Choir**

**Tuesdays, 7:00 to 8:30pm starting January 5<sup>th</sup>**

Choir practices are fun, inclusive and open to all. Come, sing and socialize with others who enjoy music! Singing opportunity for all!

On the Sundays that our choir director is with us (twice a month) everyone is invited to arrive at 10:00am to go over the day's songs. **Start the day with a song!**  
*Choir Director: Nick Nanos*

**ETHICS: Building Your Own Theology**  
**Tuesdays 1 to 3pm, February & March**  
**(Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8 sessions)**

Individuals enjoy self-determination in behaviour. Ethics involves more than listening to sermons. It involves engaging this often messy life, with character. There is room for a few more participants. The sessions are:  
Authority ~ Can We Be Good Without God?  
Motivation ~ Doing the Right Thing For the Wrong Reason  
Responsibility ~ The Difficult Art of Doing Good  
Situation ~ What Is Going On Here Morally?  
Intention ~ Does the End Justify the Means?  
Relationships ~ In a Different Voice  
Values ~ Is the Golden Rule Enough?  
Character ~ The Moral Virtuoso  
*Facilitators: Rev. Debra Faulk and Judy Newman*

**Spiritual Dialogue Circle**

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 10:00 to 11:30am**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 7:00 to 8:30pm**

February Topic: **Love**  
This multi-faith Spiritual Dialogue Circle is committed to bringing diverse people together for conversation, prayer, meditation and faith. We share readings and experience from our own unique spiritual traditions. We invite everyone to share their own inner wisdom connecting spiritual practice and everyday life. How can we, as individuals, live our own practice in such a way as to affect peace in our selves and our world? This circle is a safe and open community in which to explore, grow and be supported.  
*Facilitators: Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> Rev. Michelle Singh (Interfaith)*  
*Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> Rev. Debra Faulk (Unitarian)*  
*Contact Person: Rev. Debra Faulk*

**Gathering for Lunch**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, following the Sunday Service**  
We thought we would try going out to lunch once a month for conversation and good food. Sign up for reservation appreciated.  
*Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup>: Armenian Kitchen, 1646 Victoria Pk.*



**Open Mike Coffee House**  
**Second Friday of the Month**

Doors open at 7:00pm and the show starts at 7:30pm. If you read poetry, dance, sing, paint, or perform short pieces, come and share them with us. There will be a free will offering ~ proceeds to benefit Street Outreach Services.  
*Date: Friday, February 12*  
*Contact person: Nick Nanos*

**Book Discussion Group**

**2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month,**  
**following the Sunday Service**

Books are chosen by the members who also facilitate the discussion. Emphasis is on novels and non-fiction with social or spiritual content.

*February 14<sup>th</sup>: The Life You Can Save: Acting Now to End World Poverty* by Peter Singer – Part plea, part manifesto, part handbook, this short and surprisingly compelling book sets out to answer two difficult questions: why people in affluent countries should donate money to fight global poverty and how much each should give. Singer doesn't ask readers to choose between asceticism and self-indulgence; his solution can be found in the middle, and it is reasonable and rewarding for all.

**Greening Our Spaces**

**Sunday February 21, 12:30 to 2:30pm**  
**Bring a brown bag lunch**

In this workshop, participants focus on aspects of daily life, such as food, home, church and explore how they may make small but significant changes and apply their spirituality in practical ways in order to reduce energy consumption and help care for creation. The goals of the session include:

Exploring how "greening" sacred spaces is relevant to this faith community; the relevance of "greening" to our way of life; the connection between our faith and the health of the Earth; how our beliefs become concrete in our behaviour; possibilities to make our homes, lives, and sacred spaces greener; creating an action plan to begin making changes.  
*Facilitator: Katherine Vansittart*  
*Contact Person: Rev. Debra Faulk*

**Dinner & Dialogue**

**Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm, @ Germaine Kovary's**  
Dinner and dialogue is an opportunity for social connection. We try to have a mix of ages and people newer to the congregation along with some seasoned members. A few questions may be offered to stimulate the discussion. It is a pot luck and limited to the host's space so be sure to sign up. **Pre-registration required.**

**Y Friday Youth**

**Third Friday of the Month 5:00pm**  
**Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**

*Y Friday* is a multi-faith youth group that meets monthly in the Don Heights space. Meetings consist of games, dinner, conversations and are guided by a social action theme. All are welcome!  
*Contact: Alexandra Sproule*



**DoBeDoBeDo Group**

**4th Tuesday of the month, February 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:30am to 1:00pm**  
This semester the group will meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month to provide an opportunity to Be together and Do things for one another and for the wider world beyond Don Heights. Bring a lunch and something to share if you choose. We will be baking muffins and filling soup jars for the Agincourt Community Services Association (ACSA). See their website at [www.agincourtcommunityservices.com](http://www.agincourtcommunityservices.com)

**Wine, Women, and Spirituality**

**February 26<sup>th</sup> 7:15pm @ Margo Holland's**

This group meets in member's homes and gives the women in our congregation the opportunity to talk and laugh together. There is no set agenda for the get-togethers, and discussions centre on issues of concern. Bring your own wine or a snack. The group usually meets on the last Friday night of the month.

**Sunday Movie Matinee**

**February 28<sup>th</sup> following the Sunday Service**

Since many Don Heighters love movies, we indulge their passion by scheduling movie events throughout the year. Bring a lunch or a sandwich following the service so we can eat together and enjoy the movie.

**The Reader** tells the story of Michael Berg who, one summer when he is 15, meets a woman twice his age called Hanna Schmitz, with whom he begins an affair. Because it asks rather than answers questions, we can consider it from so many angles. For all of his youth and inexperience, the boy taught Hanna much more than she could ever teach him ~ not to be missed!

**Delmanor on Wynford Lunch & Visit**

**Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 11:30am to 2:00pm**

Delmanor is the new seniors residence at Wynford and Eglinton. Their bus will come and pick us up at Don Heights at 11:30am and we will go for lunch, a tour and possibly some entertainment. Sign-up is required by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Growth Initiatives**

At the special Board meeting in January, three initiatives for growth were selected from those generated at the congregational planning day. To begin, we have identified a contact person for each initiative. These individuals will gather an ad hoc team to move these initiatives forward.

1. **Website** Don Heights' website has become one of our primary means of outreach and communication with potential visitors. As a result, the website needs to be redesigned, to make it more interactive and informative. To this end, we're looking for ideas on how to upgrade and improve it, and also for people who might be interested in taking part in the redevelopment process. Anyone with ideas, or who'd like to help, is encouraged to contact me.  
*Contact: Ian Corlett [website@donheights.ca](mailto:website@donheights.ca)*
2. **Communication/publicity** is a very broad category. Can we target particular media? The intention is to create a broader scope to getting our name and activities out to the wider community.  
*Contact: Judy Newman [publicity@donheights.ca](mailto:publicity@donheights.ca)*
3. **Welcome/befriending** is already one of Don Heights strengths. How can we be even more inclusive and enhance connection and involvement of people who find their way to us?  
*Contact: Germaine Kovary [membership@donheights.ca](mailto:membership@donheights.ca)*

**Notes from the Board**

**Meeting of January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**by Jane Robson**

Prior to the meeting, Ruth Plumpton served a delicious dinner. Jeanne Lovell was appointed to the Board to complete Phyllis Eleazar's term.

**Minister's Report**

- Debra conducted the memorial service for Ivan Amery.
- Sharyn and Debra visited some properties.
- Debra raised the topic of the new trial format for the coffee house. The event raised \$60 for SOS and was enjoyed by those who attended.
- Our Whole Lives (OWL) – working on a national initiative.
- Fiona will be focusing on Pastoral Care this semester.
- The final Preliminary Fellowship renewal has been submitted.

**Financial**

- \$5,000 has already been raised for the Palestinian Family.
- Good news – due to the recovering economic situation, the building fund, as of the end of November is ahead of December last year.
- The Canvas took in more than was pledged in 2009. As of the January Board meeting, pledges totaled \$48,000.
- The Financial review will take place in 2010.
- The Investment committee met and discussed the cost of investing in Socially Responsible ways.
- Neighbourhood Congregation sold all the debentures for their solar panel project, mostly to non Unitarians.

**Discussions on Growth**

- Special Board meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup> and a Town Hall on January 31<sup>st</sup>.
- The Board approved a special appeal for Haiti. The donations amounting to just over \$2,000 will go through the Red Cross.
- It was agreed, in principle, that a youth facilitator will be hired from February to June at a maximum of \$150/month. This will be a pilot project with the aim of recruiting younger youth so that a youth group will continue once the present members go to university.

**The next Board meeting will be on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Please submit agenda items to Lorna Weigand ([lorna@donheights.ca](mailto:lorna@donheights.ca)).**

Board Members and all interested Don Heighters are welcome

Find out more about  
The Real Estate Social Enterprise  
Approach to Collaborating

Monday, February 8, 2010  
6:00p.m.

Don Heights, 18 Wynford Drive

Speaker: John Baker from  
Aperio – [www.aperio.ca](http://www.aperio.ca)

**Mary Rideout** has moved to a retirement home. Although it is a distance from Don Heights, we hope Mary will be able to attend services and functions from time to time, and I am sure she will be happy to have visitors and phone calls.

Our condolences go out to **Jake and Jean Javanshir** on the death of Jean's father. Jean flew over to England to be with the family at this difficult time.

**Elisabeth Plain** is recovering from a broken hip. With the aid of Bruce, their daughter and other helpers she is able to be at home and welcomes phone calls or visits from old friends.

Congratulations to **Ian Corlett's** fiancée **Charlene Felix** on getting her first long term occasional teaching contract with the Toronto District School Board. We hope it will open the door to a permanent position for Charlene.

Several Don Heighters, including Matthew and myself, are joining **Sharyn Devine and Glenn Tarver** in the villa they have rented in Venice, Florida. Sharyn and Glenn very generously offered this holiday accommodation as a Don Heights Dream Event. I am sure we will be visiting the nearby Unitarian congregation on Sunday mornings.

Rosemary Wood

Congratulations to **Jane Robson** who welcomed her 6<sup>th</sup> grandchild at 4:00am on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to grandfather **Tom Davis** and his daughter **Theresa** who welcomed baby **Naanyuni** at 9 lbs. 8 oz.



## Social Action

### ***Vigil for the Homeless***

On the second Tuesday of each month the TDRC (Toronto Disaster Relief Committee) sponsors a vigil in remembrance of those who lived on the streets of Toronto and died as a result of homelessness. This month the vigil will be held on **Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 11:45am**. The vigils are held at the south steps of the Church of the Holy Trinity, located behind the Eaton Centre.

[www.holytrinitytoronto.org](http://www.holytrinitytoronto.org) – Social Justice Committee

### ***Our Palestinian Refugee Family***

Our refugee family arrived on January 27<sup>th</sup> and are settled in Thorncliffe Park. Thanks to all of the generous Don Heighters who helped in so many ways to prepare for this family. We have a year-long commitment to the family, so there will be many ways to support them in the next twelve months.

### ***Background to the Refugee Situation***

At the time of the US invasion of Iraq in 2003, there were approximately 34,000 Palestinians in Baghdad, some of them refugees or descended from refugees. They were displaced from their homelands in 1948. In the aftermath of the overthrow of Saddam Hussein, the Palestinians became targets for violence. They were arbitrarily arrested, detained, publicly slandered, kidnapped, tortured, attacked and killed. Many of them fled Iraq, only to be declared stateless persons. About 3,000 stateless Palestinian refugees have been stranded in dangerous desert camps on the Syria-Iraq border, waiting for a country to accept them for resettlement. They have been forced out of Iraq, but denied asylum elsewhere. Our commitment to the family comes under the Canadian federal government program, The Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program, administered by Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

### ***Camelot***

On January 16, twenty-six Don Heighters met at the home of Linda Schofield for a joyous fundraising party for our refugee family. We called the party Camelot after the Don Heights camel which is stabled at Linda's house. Wonderful Middle Eastern food was provided by chefs Ellen Jamal, Linda Schofield, and Rosemary Sheppard. The menu included baba ganoush, hummus, Mediterranean stuffed eggplant, Moroccan stew, Arabic orange salad with olives, chicken and couscous, cucumbers in yogurt, tabbouleh, leg of lamb, kibbi (organic beef), rolled vine leaves (yabra), breads, Middle Eastern desserts, mamool (nut) cookies and dried figs, apricots, dates, pistachios, wine, pomegranate juice, mint tea, fabulous Arabic coffee, and more.

If you weren't there, you're probably wishing you had been! Entertainment was provided by emcee John Sproule with supporting roles played by Sandra Morgan (our fortune teller), Robert Bray, Margo Holland, Ellen Jamal, Linda Schofield, and Nadeem Jamal. The Don Heights women put on a great fashion show of Middle Eastern costumes, and the men in attendance were quickly adorned with Linda's tea towels. It was a splendid evening and thanks go to all who helped. Along with having a great time, the twenty-six people in attendance raised \$780 for our Palestinian refugee family.

Mary Doucette

**Seedy Saturday**

These events are an opportunity to obtain heritage seeds and to learn more about heritage farming. The Unitarian Congregation in Mississauga is scheduled for February 27<sup>th</sup>. For information on Seeds of Diversity and a complete listing of all the events, please visit [www.seeds.ca](http://www.seeds.ca).

**Out of the Cold**  
[www.ootc.ca](http://www.ootc.ca)  
 Don Heights will be hosting at Knox United (corner of Sheppard & Midland)  
 Friday, February 12 for supper  
 Saturday, February 13 for breakfast  
 Sign-Up sheets for food and helping will be posted  
 Murray Fulcher will co-ordinate

**February Birthdays**



Don Heights Choir, January 17, 2001



Don Heights Christmas Brunch

**All Sunday Services begin at 10:30am**

**February 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Street Outreach Services (SOS)**

Susan Miner is the Executive Director of Street Outreach Services in downtown Toronto. She will discuss the support provided for youth under 25 who are homeless and at risk. The program offers alternatives to street living with a range of services to assist them to get back on their feet.

*Presenter: Susan Miner*

*Service Leader: Ellen Jamal*

*Musician: Ben Cruchley*

**February 14<sup>th</sup>**

**The Greatest of These**

Valentines Day and the start of a Chinese New Year (The Year of the Tiger!) seem like a fortuitous time to explore the endless meanings and manifestations of Love. The Reverend Allison Barrett recently retired from the parish ministry to devote herself to Love in all its fullness. She served the First Unitarian Church of Hamilton as Parish Minister for 12 years.

*Presenter: Rev. Allison Barrett*

*Service Leader: Ian Corlett*

*Musician: Eka Shanshiashvili*

**February 21<sup>st</sup>**

**The Green Rule**

Do unto the earth ... this morning will explore the ecological sacredness articulated in all faiths. Using the metaphor of a tree with different leaves we will explore the quote: "Every leaf of the tree becomes a page of the sacred scripture once the soul has learned to read." (Sa'di Shirazi, Sufi master, 1213-1293)

*Presenters: Rev. Debra Faulk & Katherine Vansittart\**

*Musician: Nick Nanos*

\*Katharine Vansittart will be co presenting the service this morning and then offering a workshop in the afternoon following the service. She is the Toronto Representative for Faith & the Common Good. Her academic experience includes studies in English Literature, Green Architecture/Design History and Journalism. She has worked as an editor and freelance writer for Brick Literary Journal, Azure magazine, Canadian House & Home, Canadian Geographic, and the Globe and Mail, among others. Katharine has a great deal of experience in community outreach, communications, and she is a certified yoga instructor.

**February 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Thank God For Africa**



Kurt Byron Huggins, Artist, Mentor and Animator, will share insights and inspiration from his pilgrimage to Africa.

*Presenter: Kurt Byron Huggins*

*Service Leader: Lorna Weigand*

*Musician: Nick Nanos*

## February 2010 Black History Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 *1:00 to 3:00 pm <b>BYOT:Ethics 1</b>  *7:00 to 8:30 pm <b>Don Heights Community Choir</b>	3 * 10:00 to 11:30 Spiritual Dialogue Circle: <b>Love</b>  6:00 pm Soup 7:00pm <b>Program</b> Cluster Meeting	4   Oraynu Eva 3 Adult Program	5   Midwinter Retreat	6   Midwinter Retreat
7 <b>Street Outreach Services (SOS)</b> Susan Miner  * 12:45 pm Lunch at the <b>Armenian Kitchen</b>  Midwinter Retreat	8  6:00 pm Special Board Meeting ~ <b>Real Estate Social Enterprise</b>	9 11:45am TDRC Vigil for the Homeless  *1:00 to 3:00 pm <b>BYOT:Ethics 2</b>  *7:00 to 8:30 pm <b>Don Heights Community Choir</b>	10  6:00 pm dinner and <b>Board Meeting</b>	11	12   7:00 pm Open Mike Coffee House  Out of the Cold @ Knox United	13 Out of the Cold @ Knox United  6:30 pm Dinner & Dialogue @ Germaine Kovary's
14 <b>Love Reflections</b> Rev Allison Barrett  12:45 Book Group <b>The Life You Can Save: Acting Now to End World Poverty</b>	15 <i>March Bulletin Deadline</i>  11:00 am <b>Caring</b>  11:30 am to 2:00 pm Lunch & visit to Delmanor on Wynford  *7 to 8:30pm Spiritual Dialogue Circle: Love	16 *1:00 to 3:00 pm <b>BYOT:Ethics 3</b>  6:00 <b>COSM</b>  *7:00 to 8:30 pm <b>Don Heights Community Choir</b>	17  6:00 pm Soup 7:00pm <b>Fellowship</b> Cluster Meeting	18	19  5:00pm Y Friday	20
21 <b>The Green Rule</b> Katherine Vansittart & Rev Debra Faulk  *12:30 - 2:30 pm <b>Greening Our Spaces</b> Katherine Vansittart	22	23 *10:30am DoBeDoBeDo Group Soup jars and muffin bake for ACSA  *1:00 to 3:00 pm <b>BYOT:Ethics 4</b>  *7:00 to 8:30 pm <b>Don Heights Community Choir</b>	24  6:00 pm Soup 7:00pm <b>Admin</b> Cluster Meeting	25	26 Bulletin Stuffing  7:15 pm Wine, Women and Spirituality @ Margo Holland's	27
28 <b>Thank God for Africa</b> Kurt Byron Huggins  Pot Luck Lunch Sunday Matinee Movie: <b>The Reader</b>						
<b>Song of the Month:</b> #360 Here We Have Gathered		<b>Focus of the Month</b> <b>Love in Action</b>  Unitarian Principle: The worth and dignity of every person.		* = Lifespan Program ACSA = Agincourt Community services Association TDRC = Toronto Disaster Relief Committee COSM=Committee on Shared Ministry BYOT = Building Your Own Theology		