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Raging Grannies Margaret Rao and Kate Chung at Evidence for Democracy Rally, TO

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AGM Agenda

Sunday, May 12, 2019

Toronto First, Toronto, ON

12:30 pm *Registration and light luncheon*

1:15 pm – *Member conversations*

2:00 pm *Business Meeting (live streaming begins)*

- 1. Call to Order, Welcome**
- 2. Invocation**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Approval of May 2018 Minutes**
- 5. Chapter and Social Justice Group reports (West to East)**
 - a) CUSJ Islands Chapter (BC)
 - b) Thunder Bay Chapter
 - c) CUSJ Toronto Group
 - d) Global Justice Working Group, Ottawa
 - e) Québec Regional Chapter
- 6. President's Report: Margaret Rao**
- 7. Membership Report: Lynn Armstrong**
- 8. Financial Report: Gary Campbell**
- 9. Questions & comments about the Annual Report**
- 10. Report of the Nominating Committee**
- 11. Election of the Executive**
- 12. Resolutions**
- 13. Other business**
- 14. Closing, Announcements and Adjournment.**

3:00 pm **Keynote speaker Joyce Nelson**
Damming the future?: SNC-Lavalin and water export

3:45 pm **Comments, Questions, and Discussion**

4:00 pm **Closing**

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Minutes of the 2018 AGM Business meeting

Held on Monday, May 21, 2018 at McMaster University, Hamilton, ON.

Present:

Phyllis Baxter, Gary Campbell (Treasurer), Audrey Chin, Susan Czarnocki, Frances Deverell (Past President), Sharyn Devine, Cym Gomery, Helen and Tony Iacovino, Jake Javanshir, Christine Johnson, Leslie Kemp, Margaret Rao (Chair), Sally Palmer Woods (recording), Ellen Papenburg, Jim Sannes Bob Stevenson, Colin Wood, Susan Woods, Bill Woolverton, online: Lynn Armstrong, Marlene Koehler, Nancy V.

1. Call to order and Welcome (Margaret Rao) at 10.03 am

2. Quorum check

20 people present in the room and 3 via zoom conferencing.

3. Invocation: Rev. Frances Deverell.

4. Approval of agenda

Proposed: Jim Sannes; seconded: Christine Johnson; carried.

5. Approval of May 12, 2017 AGM minutes

Proposed: Susan Czarnocki; seconded: Susan Woods; carried.

6. Chapter and Social Justice Group reports – West to East

Highlights briefly given by Margaret Rao and others present

1. Metro Vancouver Unitarians (BC)
2. CUSJ Islands Chapter
3. First Church of Victoria
4. Nanaimo
5. Southern Alberta Social Justice Committee
6. Global Justice Working Group, Ottawa
7. CUSJ Toronto Chapter
8. Hamilton Outreach and Social Justice Committee
9. Thunder Bay Chapter
10. Quebec Regional Chapter

7. Motion to accept reports

1. Leslie Kemp; 2. Ellen Papenburg; carried.

4. 8. President's Report: (Margaret Rao)

Two quotes given to encourage us in our work: "indignez-vous – be indignant" and from Philip Symons: "if it's not fun, it's not sustainable."

Motion to accept President's report: 1. Sally Palmer Woods; 2. Bob Stevenson; carried.

5. 9. Membership Report: (Lynn Armstrong)

As of May we have 140 members. Renewing or applying for membership on line is greatly appreciated.

Motion to accept Membership Report: 1. Bill Woolverton; 2. Gary Campbell; carried.

6. 10. Financial Report: (Gary Campbell)

Gary noted two errors in his report:

1. Re congregational payments: p 36 and 37 amounts do not match. The \$50 discrepancy is due to one congregation sending \$50 for both 2016 and 2017.
2. Individual member payment amounts are different on p36 and 37. They are based on different spreadsheets. A correction will be sent out.

Susan Dolan has agreed to be our pro bono financial reviewer

Motion to accept Susan Dolan as our financial reviewer: 1. Gary Campbell; 2. Frances Deverell; carried.

Motion to accept Financial Report: proposed: Leslie Kemp; seconded: Helen Iacovino; carried.

Questions and comments about the Annual Report: Bob Stevenson commented that CUSJ spending was conservative.

11. Nominating Committee Report and Election of Executive

Frances Deverell and Bob Stevenson reported that there are no new board members this year, but some changes in positions. Frances and Bob requested help for the future as we shall need some new board members next year – qualifications needed are being a natural networker.

The Executive for the coming year will be as follows:

- Margaret Rao – President
- Andy Blair – Vice President (to take over from Margaret next year)
- Frances Deverell – Past President
- Gary Campbell - Treasurer
- Sally Palmer Woods -Secretary
- Membership – Lynn Armstrong

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- Leslie Kemp – Just News
- Cym Gomery - Webmaster
- Regional Reps: Gustavo Federico, Ellen Papenburg, Jim Sannes, Joy Silver, Bill Woolverton

Thanks to Philip Symons, who is stepping down from the Board, for his years of service.

Motion to accept the slate of the Executive: proposed: Frances Deverell; seconded: Jim Sannes; carried.

7. 12. Resolutions:

Motion: that people with past convictions for possession of Cannabis receive amnesty when Cannabis becomes legal on July 1, 2018: proposed: Cym Gomery; seconded: Frances Deverell; carried.

8. 13. Other Business:

a) Susan Czarnocki mentioned that Andy Blair has been approached by Rainbow Railroad (who assist refugees). They are looking for assistance in settling an English speaking, gay Syrian doctor, who is not out. Leslie can put her in touch with a group in Vancouver.

b) Cym mentioned that there is not a process for following up on resolutions we make. Leslie stated that this is up to the board and therefore no motion was formulated.

9. 14. Closing

Hymnal #610 – “Journey of Love.”

The meeting adjourned at 11.10am for a break.

CUSJ PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2018-19

WORKING TOGETHER: LOVE AND JUSTICE IN ACTION!

Humanity is facing multiple crises: economic, environmental, social, political, and spiritual. People of faith and people of good will the world over, are being asked to step out of our comfort zones and speak up for the earth and all its inhabitants.

Canadians are waking up to a new reality: Climate change is warming Canada twice as fast as the global average. Northern Canada is heating up nearly three times as fast, and three of the last five years were our nation's warmest on record, according to the Environment and Climate Change Canada.

No one is more aware of this than our young people who are rising, as the waters rise, to meet this existential challenge. Today, May 3, 2019, there was a national student strike for the climate in cities and towns from coast to coast. Allie, one of the student organizers in Toronto, told CBC radio that she was suffering from climate anxiety. She said that we have only 11 years left to cut global greenhouse emissions in half, before runaway climate tips us over the edge. Allie said the only antidote for her anxiety is **action**. She also emphasized that we need to talk to our politicians at all levels of government.

Today, I felt troubled and proud when our youth raised their fears and spoke truth to power on the front lawn of the legislature.

I believe in the power of one, such as the world has witnessed with Swedish teen Greta Thunberg, the catalyst of the student *strike for the climate* movement. I also believe in the collective power of the many. "We are unstoppable. Another world is possible", rang the voices of young and old today. We must transition to an alternative, sustainable green economy, and make sure there is a just transition for workers and everyone else. We have yet to reach the critical mass needed to change the system, but I remain hopeful, based on the science, that only 3.5% of any given population is needed to achieve societal transformation. Time is of the essence in this consciousness-raising paradigm-shifting world. The choices we make today, individually and collectively, will determine our tomorrow. Just as we recognize climate change as a 'threat multiplier' for heat, hunger and violent conflict, CUSJ recognizes the importance of the ally building multiplier effect. In working collaboratively together, as one, we will **'be the change we wish to see in the world'**. (Mahatma Gandhi).

CUSJ is also facing a critical moment in time. Our paid membership is in decline. Three of our Board members are stepping down as of May 12th, two of them long serving members – CUSJ's former Treasurer, Bob Staveley from Ottawa; former webmaster Ellen Papenburg from Kitchener and our talented current webmaster and editor, Cym Gomery from Montreal. I, too am stepping down as President. However, I plan to remain on the Board for the time being, as CUSJ faces its own transition. Our Vice President, Andy Blair in Halifax, was planning to take on the President's role but family circumstances changed in the past year and Andy now finds himself caring for his ailing mother as well as his young family. If anyone reading this or attending the AGM feels so moved, we would welcome you with open arms as a new Board member. Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to our current dedicated Board members and especially to Bob, Ellen and Cym for their many wonderful contributions to CUSJ and for their friendship. I know our paths will cross again soon enough in our U.U. justice-seeking journeys. It has been an honour to work with each of you and to serve as your President.

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CUSJ's DEMOCRACY ALLIES

DEMOCRACY WATCH

Democracy Watch is made up of 100 citizen groups and has 16 current government and corporate accountability campaigns on the go with online letters you can sign, including the Bank Accountability Campaign. Canada's six big banks' profits of \$45 billion in 2018, have risen for 8 years in a row, even though they were given a record \$114 billion bailout by the government in the 2008 global economic recession. Last year's report from Canada's banking regulator eliminated proposed protections for consumers, following input from the federal Finance Department and the big banks.

One of Democracy Watch's proposals is to grant Canada Post a banking license to provide basic banking services and small business loans at its branches across Canada and to fire the current Canada Post Board for its failure to pursue postal banking, even though their internal report showed it would be feasible and profitable to do so. You can also sign a letter to the Commissioner of Canada Elections in regards to Bill C-72, *An Act to Amend the Canada Elections Act*. This bill, passed in December, fails to stop false online election ads and wealthy interests from dominating the election period.

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL LIBERTIES MONITORING GROUP

ICLMG is an Ottawa-based-coalition of 45 Canadian civil society organizations, whose mandate is to defend civil liberties and human rights. Bill C-59, *The National Security and Defence Act*, now before the Standing Senate Committee, has made some oversight improvements, such as the new National Security and Intelligence Review Agency (NSIRA) but the Intelligence Commissioner's job is part-time and government appointed. Only three of the 21 federal security agencies (namely CSIS, CSEC and the RCMP) will have some sort of review mechanism. The oversight body will be working largely in secret with little public accountability. Bill C-59 will also legalize public data collection (metadata) and retention, otherwise known as mass surveillance. It also puts into law offensive cyber operations. Privacy protections remain weak. You can sign a letter online to Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale regarding the proposed Bill.

CUSJ member at Toronto First, Jack Dodds, has doggedly pursued CUSJ's submission to the Standing Senate Committee on National Security and Defence (Bill C-59), with well researched letters to Independent Liberal Senators, Marilou McPhedran and André Pratte, outlining our legal and ethical concerns on achieving a democratic balance between Canada's security agencies surveillance mechanisms and Canadian citizens' privacy rights.

HUMAN RIGHTS

CUSJ is a longtime supporter of Mohamed Harkat and his wife Sophie (Moe was first arrested on December 10th 2002, Human Rights Day, outside his home in Ottawa) as he continues to face deportation to his native Algeria following a Supreme Court decision that the 'security certificate' regime is constitutional. But the Canadian government also has a policy not to deport refugees to their home countries if there is a possibility of torture. Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale has the discretionary power to stop Moe's deportation. If you go to the ICLMG website you can sign on to a letter to the P.M., your MP and Minister Goodale.

CUSJ wrote a letter to Global Affairs Minister Chrystia Freeland, commending her on calling for the release of Raif Badawi, his sister Samar Badawi, and other peaceful human rights activists. We also called her and the Prime Minister out for continuing to sell tanks and arms to Saudi Arabia, a known human rights violator in their own country and in war torn Yemen, (not to mention the ruthless murder of

Washington Post journalist Jamal Khashoggi in the Saudi Embassy in Turkey).

FAIR VOTE CANADA

CUSJ has long campaigned for fairer voting systems provincially and federally. Despite setbacks in Ontario, PEI, and BC, electoral reform has become mainstream and evidence seems to indicate that Quebec's CAQ provincial government really will implement mixed-member proportional representation. Our Vice President, Andy Blair commented on the CUSJ forum, "The string of narrow referendum defeats and failed political promises is actually good news in disguise: every campaign, every referendum educates more and more Canadians about the need for electoral reform, and our long-term base builds."

This excerpt from a Times Colonist article by former *JUSTnews* editor Philip Symon states, 'Our democracy is broken. It could be repaired, at least partly, if governments relied more on citizens' assemblies. Every citizens' assembly that has studied electoral reform has recommended we adopt some form of proportional representation.' And finally, this clever tweet from Fair Vote Canada's website, 'Political polarization is occurring at an alarming rate, creating wild swings in election fortunes and a sense of dislocation within the electorate. FPTP will do that! #Electoral Reform.'

CUSJ members are more determined than ever that this needed reform will be a vote-determining issue in this year's election.

PEACE ALLIES

International Peace Bureau (IPB) President Reiner Braun recently returned to Toronto to touch base with his Canadian partners in peace to discuss next steps in persuading the Canadian government to sign on to the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and to present Canada's former Ambassador for Disarmament, Senator Douglas Roche, a lifelong champion of nuclear abolition, with IPB's Seán MacBride Peace Prize. In receiving the award, Doug remarked, "Because I want peace in the world so much, I feel it, and this in turn makes me want to keep working for it. I could not stand up and lecture about peace or write books about it if I did not feel peace within me." His latest book is *The United Nations in the 21st Century: Grappling with the World's Most Challenging Issues: Militarism, the Environment, Human Rights, Inequality*.

Mines Action Canada, co-founder of the [Campaign to Stop Killer Robots](#), has enlisted a coalition of non-governmental groups, including CUSJ, to entreat the Canadian government to sign a new UN Treaty to Ban Lethal Autonomous Weapons. So far, the Government of Canada has been largely silent on lethal autonomous weapons. Here is an example of a question to ask election candidates: "Would you support an international treaty banning lethal autonomous weapons?" Look to CUSJ's website soon for upcoming questions to ask candidates on various issues, including climate change and electoral reform.

The [Canadian Voice of Women for Peace](#) is Canada's oldest national feminist peace organization. It holds consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Each year VOW holds an Awards Gala to honour women peace educators and activists. This year's Kim Phuc Youth Award recipient is 12 year old Zoe Keary-Matzner, a young 'FridaysforFuture' climate change activist. Kim Phuc, honorary VOW board member and UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for the Culture of Peace, notes, "We would not have war at all if everyone could learn how to live with true love, hope and forgiveness."

[World Beyond War](#), an international peace organization based in the US, is returning to Canada for its **No War 2020: Divest, Disarm & Demilitarize** conference and peace fest in Ottawa, May 26-30th. There will also be a public demonstration to protest Canada's Annual Weapons Expo. #Say No to

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CANSEC. CUSJ is an endorser of this event and sits on the planning committee.

PALESTINIAN ALLIES

Canadians for Justice & Peace in the Middle East (CPJME)

CUSJ commends CPJME's many visits to MPs with Muslim Canadians to plead for justice in Gaza and Jerusalem and to speak out against Islamophobia in Canada. CUSJ members signed on to CPJME's letters to the Prime Minister commending him for his statement condemning Israel's shooting of Canadian doctor Tarek Loubani and the killing of over 100 Gazan protesters last May. He also called for an independent investigation into the Israeli army's excessive use of force with live ammunition. One year later, the Gaza protest continues as the impoverished population marches against the 12 year blockade and for the right of return as refugees to their ancestral homes.

Canadian BDS Coalition

The BDS Coalition is organizing a cross Canada Day of Action (Sat. May 18th) to commemorate Nakba71, the year Palestinians were driven out of their homes and lands. We call on Canada to a) end its complicity with Israeli apartheid, b) the Israeli government to end the Occupation and for c) Palestinian self-determination. CUSJ endorses the joint BDS Coalition - Palestine Association #IVotePalestine online election campaign pledge and event <https://www.facebook.com/events/436462187148469/>.

Independent Jewish Voices Canada

CUSJ Toronto members took part in a joint [Independent Jewish Voices Canada](#) demonstration at Global Affairs Minister Freeland's constituency office in 2018, calling on her to demand the release of teenage Palestinian activist Ahed Tamimi. We also promote IJV's www.stopthejnf.ca campaign to revoke the Jewish National Fund (JNF) of Canada's charitable status.

CUSJ wrote letters:

- 1) To the Prime Minister and Opposition leaders, calling on the Canadian government to denounce Israel's violent suppression of a civilian population and to impose appropriate economic sanctions, including an arms embargo, until such time as the blockade against Gaza, the continued appropriation and illegal settlement building of Occupied Territories, is ended.
- 2) To the Prime Minister, thanking him for Canada's long overdue apology to the Jewish people for turning away Jewish refugees in 1939, and requesting similar action on the plight of Palestinians.
- 3) To the Prime Minister, asking him to denounce the new Nation-State Law, defining Israel as the Nation-State of the Jewish people only, thus discriminating against minorities, which runs counter to democratic values.
- 4) Members of CUSJ also wrote letters of support to Pastor Todd Eklof, Minister at the Spokane Unitarian Congregation whose showing of [The Occupation of the American Mind](#) caused negative reactions from the local Jewish Federation in November 2018.

For a full list of actions see CUSJ's Annual Report to the Canadian BDS Coalition @cusj.org

INDIGENOUS ALLIES

On January 7, 2019, the RCMP crossed the Gidumt'en checkpoint set up by the Wet'suwet'en to

protect their land from the proposed Coastal GasLink pipeline and arrested 14 people. The following day, an International Day of Solidarity took place from coast to coast and beyond. Rev. Shawn Newton spoke at the Toronto rally. On January 11, the Canadian Unitarian Council issued a [pledge of solidarity](#) with the Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs, and CUSJ also made a statement. Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, President of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs said, "It's very simple. No consent, no pipeline. The law clearly states that not only must there be substantial and thorough consultation, but there must also be consent."

CUSJ Board member Gustavo Frederico visited Grassy Narrows in May, 2018 with a Christian Peacemaker Team. Grassy Narrows and Whitedog First Nation in northern Ontario have been dying from mercury contaminated river water and waste storage leakage from the long defunct Dryden Mill chemical pulp and paper plant. Fifty years later, 94% of Grassy Narrows people get no compensation for the ongoing mercury effects on their health and livelihood. In Toronto, solidarity protests have taken place outside the Ontario legislature and more recently at a fundraising dinner for Trudeau's Liberal party, calling for action to remediate the mercury contaminated Wabigoon river system and to fund a promised treatment centre for the Grassy Narrows and Wabauskang First Nations.

Bill C-262, the Indigenous Rights Bill, introduced by Quebec MP Romeo Saganash, is in Second Reading in the Senate. If passed, federal laws and policies would be harmonized with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP). This bill is a roadmap for true reconciliation. You can send an urgent e-letter to the Senators at Kairos Canada website <https://www.kairoscanada.org/what-we-do/indigenous-rights/pass-bill-c262> and/or write your own letter before Parliament recesses.

CLIMATE ALLIES

Climate Action Network-Reseau Action Climat Canada (**CAN-Rac**), a network of 104 climate, faith, youth, union, Indigenous and others, recently held its AGM in Toronto. E.D. Catherine Abreu was named one of the world's most influential people on climate policy. CAN-Rac represents civil society at the federal and international levels and plays a vital role at the UN Climate Summits. Ahti Tolvanen, a CUSJ Thunder Bay Chapter member, has been our representative with the CAN-Rac delegation for the last three Climate Summits. Meanwhile, the world's 5 largest fossil fuel companies have spent more than \$1 billion to lobby against climate action since the Paris Agreement. CAN-Rac is gearing up for the federal election collaborating with the initiators of *Le Pacte Pour La Transition* in Quebec, and the Pact for a Green New Deal in the rest of Canada. You can sign on to the Quebec Pact as an individual or organization and commit yourself to personal and political actions to reduce your own climate footprint and bring about the collective political will to leap (The Leap Manifesto) to a just transition for workers and a guaranteed annual income for all Canadians. What would a made-in-Canada Green New Deal look like? Check it out at leap.org and policyalternatives.ca. As passionate Board member Shaughn from CARE Canada exclaimed, "**We are Canada's climate movement and we are doubling down!**" Other election campaign messages suggested were, "**Our climate is changing. We can too!**" and "**It's time to act like our lives depend on it!**" Also doubling is the fossil fuel industry's carbon emissions at a rate of 2% per year (a doubling every 35 years) since 2005. Already, Canada's oil and gas industry pollutes 50 million tonnes more than the entire country's 2050 climate target. We have our election campaign work cut out for us.

CLIMATEFAST began as a small "fast for the climate" group on Parliament Hill in 2012 during the Steven Harper regime. Past President Rev. Frances Deverell joined the group that spring and I followed suit in 2013. We collected dozens of MP and Senator pledges to act for the climate. Since the Liberal Party came into power on the strength of its election promises, Climatefast turned its efforts towards municipal and provincial climate policies and building a local and regional constituency base. Our members speak regularly at Toronto City Hall and recently won a request for staff to research the

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full costs of climate change as well as the feasibility of suing fossil fuel companies. In January, Climatefast and Drawdown Toronto launched the **People's Climate Plan for Ontario** at the Ontario legislature. We have a [petition](#) to the Ontario government you can sign. I also recommend you sign up for [TheEnergyMix.com](#) to read about the latest climate news and actions across Canada and globally. Many municipal councils in Quebec and BC have signed a **Declaration of Climate Emergency**. A few of our members have met with their PC MPPs to discuss the need for an immediate climate action plan.

Besides Drawdown Toronto¹, Climatefast's most inspiring collaboration to date is with the monthly **FridaysforFuture** student strikers at Queen's Park. A small group meets at Friends (Quaker) House prior to the rally to make signs and we break bread—or rather pizza—together following the rally. Elementary, secondary and university students are front and centre at the podium. The student strike founder, Greta Thunberg, called the initiative “a great first step because it sends a clear signal that we are in a crisis and that the ongoing climate and ecological crises must be our first priority. We cannot solve an emergency without treating it like an emergency.” Another promising development is the U.K. based Extinction Rebellion (XR) direct action group that successfully blockaded downtown London streets for 10 days. Since their bold street actions, the United Kingdom became the first country in the world to declare a climate emergency. XR Toronto also took to the streets on a Saturday afternoon with police accompaniment. The next action will step up to one of non violent civil disobedience. A little disruption goes a long way!

Bill C-69, Environmental Impact Assessment

Bill C-69 is a significant improvement over Canada's current environmental laws and a credible attempt to fulfill the federal government's election mandate to balance environmental protection and economic development. The Bill is now before the Senate Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources. CUSJ wrote a letter urging them to pass the Bill, as it addresses many of the needs of Canadians, environmentalists and industry. The Bill is being stalled in the Senate by the oil and gas industry lobby. To make matters worse, the newly elected United Conservative Party Premier of Alberta, Jason Kenney made an appearance before the Senate Committee claiming the proposed Environmental Impact Assessment Bill violates the Constitution. He and other Conservative provincial Premiers are using taxpayers' money to sue the federal government over its national carbon tax policy, claiming it has no jurisdiction over the provinces. Click on [environmentaldefence.ca](#), to send an urgent letter to the Senate Committee and/or write your own.

THE TRANSMOUNTAIN PIPELINE PROJECT

One year ago, 60 civil society organizations, CUSJ among them, wrote a letter to the Prime Minister stating our deep concerns about the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion project, keeping our Paris commitments to climate action and progress on reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples. And then our government saw fit to purchase the Kinder Morgan pipeline to the tune of 4.5 billion dollars. This reckless project is now in a state of limbo and this is a good thing for the environment and for the economy. Progressive voters from coast to coast cast a ballot in 2015 for a leader they thought would act on climate change. The Prime Minister still has a chance to be true to his word prior to the federal election in October.

1 . Check out [drawdown.org](#) and download *DRAWDOWN: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reduce Global Warming* - Paul Hawken Editor.

DAMN THE MEGADAMS

The Dogwood Institute recently reported that SNC Lavalin was “an environmental consultant for Site C.” Joyce Nelson claims that the company “is intricately involved in Site C” and she has written extensively about it in her latest books and for Global Research. The full story of the SNC-Lavalin scandal has yet to emerge. I am looking forward to Joyce's keynote speech.

A similar scenario is being played out in Quebec with Hydro-Quebec's massive \$5 billion Romaine Complex, which is damming the River Romaine and flooding 100 square miles of land and in Newfoundland and Labrador. The Muskrat Falls \$12.7 billion megaproject is now the subject of a public inquiry.

CUSJ wrote a letter last year to BC Premier Horgan, calling his decision to proceed with the controversial Site C dam a betrayal of the people who had voted for him. CUSJ also wrote a letter to the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador entreating it to cease all activity on the Muskrat Falls hydroelectric project as it failed to properly consult the Innu and Inuit communities that would be negatively affected, contrary to the UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING ALLIES

CUSJ has long advocated for housing as a human right. In early April, the federal government tabled the “[National Housing Strategy Act](#)” in Parliament as part of Bill C-97, the Budget Implementation Bill. This Act establishes the progressive right to housing and focuses on providing housing for vulnerable populations. It also establishes new accountability mechanisms such as a National Housing Advocate and Council.

ACORN CANADA'S Ottawa campaign demanded that the City invest \$12 million of its own funding to build new affordable housing. And guess what? The City announced they will be committing \$15 million of its own resources to create new affordable housing!

Toronto City Council voted to approve the Housing Now initiative to build 10,000 units of rental housing, only 1/3 of which will be ‘affordable’. ACORN members met held a press conference with City councillors and met with the Director of Affordable Housing. They won a commitment from the City to prioritize developments that offer more affordable units and got the City to agree to look into building affordable housing itself, rather than leaving it all to private developers.

The deeper global systemic causes of lack of affordable housing worldwide are revealed in *Push*, a documentary by UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Housing, Leilani Farha. Wealthy private equity firms, such as Blackstone, are skewing the housing market by buying up apartments, residences and other real estate and “renovicting” low income tenants, thereby driving housing prices up and the housing supply down. Ironically, Blackstone and other investment firms, are partially funded by public pension funds, including, among others, the Canada Pension Plan, and the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan. When push comes to shove, there is a way out, according to Ms. Farha. Thirty-five cities from around the world have joined **Shift**, a new movement to reclaim and realize the fundamental human right to housing and to resist the commodification of housing.

ANIMAL RIGHTS ALLIES

CUSJ gives annual donations to each of these organizations.

UU Animal Ministry

Husband and wife animal activists, Ellen Papenburg and Jim Sannes, longtime members of the Board,

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represented CUSJ as advocates for the UU Animal Ministry at the 125th Anniversary of the Parliament of World Religions in Toronto last fall. Recognizing that we humans are interconnected to the web of life, Ellen and Jim promote justice and compassion in our human interactions with animals. They advance a vegan diet and turning away from animal agriculture, which accounts for a high degree of greenhouse gas emissions, land and water waste, human diseases as well as inhumane treatment of non-humans. Treating others the way we wish to be treated not only extends our circle of compassion, it has enormous benefits for the planet. The food industry is among the three largest emitters of greenhouse gases. Two of the top five solutions to reducing carbon emissions, listed in Project Drawdown, are #3, Cut down on food waste and #4, Eat more plants and less meat. Canada's new Food Guide recommends the same. By changing our personal eating habits--something as simple as **Meatless Monday** for instance--we reduce our carbon footprint enormously. This is a win/win solution for people, animals and the planet.

Mercy for Animals Canada

Mercy for Animals mission is to construct a compassionate food system by reducing suffering and ending exploitation of animals for food. They have had many successes around the world, including in Canada, resulting in farm animal cruelty convictions and major changes in corporate animal welfare policies.

At the Parliament of World Religions we watched a moving documentary on the treatment of animals around the world entitled, *A Prayer for Compassion* by Thomas Wade Jackson. I highly recommend this film.

ECONOMIC ALLIES

The Committee on Monetary and Economic Reform (**COMER**) was founded in 1988 as a thinktank and educational resource. Co-founder William Krehm passed away at the ripe old age of 105 on Passover/Good Friday Eve, April 19th 2019. Bill wanted the best for Canadians burdened by an economic system infected with neoliberal 'free market' ideology. He questioned the system that held private banks and their profits at the center of the economy. His contributions to a more equitable world will live on through Comer. The late John Hotson, economics professor at Waterloo University, and Comer co-founder opined, "Could anything be more insane than for the human race to die because we couldn't afford to save ourselves?" There are sane alternatives to the current unsustainable, debt-based money system. Although the Supreme Court of Canada declined to hear the Comer case, Comer members are more determined than ever that the Bank of Canada Act be restored to its original mandate to serve Canadians. Tell the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Bill Morneau, we already have a Canada Infrastructure Bank. We don't need a new Public-Private Partnership (P3) Bank.

Joyce Nelson's book "Beyond Banksters", exposes the major players privatizing the world (Blackrock, Goldman Sachs etc.) and her latest book, 'Bypassing Dystopia: Hope-filled Challenges to Corporate Rule' is a guide to what's wrong with our political economy and what we can do about it. I also recommend Susan George's latest book, 'Whose Crisis, Whose Future?: Towards a Greener, Fairer, Richer World', wherein the environment is central to society and the economy and the financial system subordinate to the whole.

CHAPTER AND GROUP REPORTS

We have five active chapters and groups, compared to ten last year. The CUSJ Toronto Chapter, chaired by Margaret Rao, has disbanded, but Toronto activities are still represented in the report from the Toronto First Eco-Social Justice Committee, reporting for the first time this year.

CUSJ Islands Chapter (BC)

CUSJ's Islands Chapter has these members: Bill Woolverton, Frances Deverell and Sharon Fulton (Nanaimo); Christine Johnston, Judy Gaylord, Leslie Gillett, Margot Lods, Marion Pape, Philip Symons, and Sonya Ignatieff (Victoria).

Nanaimo has had the CUSJ banner out to anti-pipeline rallies and has had a presence at a rally for old growth forests. We were recently out at the Children's strike for Climate Action. Beyond that the congregation has taken on refugee sponsorship this year in addition to our shelter work.

The Victoria members have been pre-occupied with activities conducted by the Social Responsibility Coalition of First Unitarian Church of Victoria.

- *Submitted by Philip Symons*

Thunder Bay Chapter (founded in 2017)

- In our second year of existence we have continued to invite guest speakers from various social justice groups to our monthly meetings and keep our congregation informed about our activities. Two ongoing interests of our members are the medical assistance in dying (MAID)'s legislation and restorative justice. We have been tracking the report tabled by the Council of Canadian Academies and encouraging people to sign Dying with Dignity's Audrey's Amendment petition.
- At the end of March, we held our first public meeting with Celina Reitberger, an Indigenous Elder, retired lawyer, and the new Chair of Thunder Bay Police Services Board, giving a presentation on restorative justice circles as used in the Indigenous tradition and then facilitating a role play to illustrate how they operate. The meeting was well attended and the latest edition of JUSTnews arrived on that very day, so attendees were able to take copies home.
- *Sally Palmer Woods, Chapter Chairperson*

Toronto First Eco-Social Justice Committee

CUSJ is recognized as an Affiliate under the Toronto First Eco-Social Justice Committee umbrella group. As such, CUSJ maintains a bulletin board, listing local, national and international news and events. From time to time, CUSJ requests a Sunday table for signing petitions to all levels of government and to promote local events. We also post justice-related events in our weekly *First Light e-news* and to the Eco-Social Justice group listserv. Recently, I co-facilitated the second joint Neighbourhood UU and Quaker interfaith meeting with longtime fellow activists Michael Polanyi and Lyn Adamson to engage participants in a 'Faith-based Response to the Climate Emergency'. We continue to raise the CUSJ banner at City Hall, the Ontario legislature, and at Minister of International Trade & Global Affairs Chrystia Freeland's office, and at the US and Israeli Consulates for peace and justice in the Americas, including Venezuela, Ukraine, Israel-Palestine, and other conflict zones in Africa and the Middle East and against the expansion of NATO.

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Anti-racist counter rallies at Toronto City Hall, and solidarity protests both provincial and federal, for action to remediate the mercury contaminated Northern Ontario Wabigoon river system and to fund a treatment centre for the Grassy Narrows and Wabauskang First Nations took place last summer and again this spring. An Indigenous youth-led rally with allies, including Toronto UUs, took place in early January at Toronto City Hall in solidarity with national demonstrations to protest the RCMP raids on unceded Wet'suwet'en territory to protect Indigenous lands from Coastal Gaslink pipeline construction.

Toronto CUSJ members took part in a joint interfaith demonstration at Global Affairs Minister Freeland's office in 2018 to protest the arrest of Palestinian teen activist Ahed Tamimi and to promote Independent Jewish Voices Canada's parliamentary e-petition to revoke the charitable status of the Jewish National Fund of Canada. Toronto CUSJ members took part in cultural boycott actions against Ballet BC and Batsheva Dance Company's 'artwashing' of Brand Israel in their 2019 international appearances. The CUSJ Toronto First bulletin board has flyers promoting the 'No Way to Treat a Child' military detention campaign and the weekly Friday vigil in front of the Israeli Consulate. CUSJ Toronto members will also take part in the cross-Canada day of action marking Nakba 71, the right of return and self-determination for the Palestinian people on Saturday, March 18th.

CUSJ members take part in the first Friday of the month student-led 'Fridays for Future' climate rallies in front of the Ontario legislature.

This past January, I gave a testimony on my life as a UU activist and was recently invited to speak on CUSJ's eco-social justice and peace work to a 'coming of age' religious education class. Lastly, intrepid Toronto First & CUSJ member Jack Dodds continues to follow up on CUSJ's submission to the Standing Senate Committee on National Security and Defence (Bill C-59), with well researched letters to Independent Liberal Senators, Marilou McPhedran and André Pratte outlining our legal, moral and ethical concerns on achieving a democratic balance between Canada's security agencies surveillance mechanisms and Canadian citizens' privacy rights.

Margaret Rao, Committee Chairperson

Global Justice Working Group, Ottawa

- February 25, 2018 Anita MacLean gave a talk on "The Future of Jerusalem" at a Breakfast Forum.
- On May 4th, 2018 we invited The Former Ambassador of the Republic of Yemen, his wife Dr. Ilham Bashihi and Dr. Qais Ghanem to speak about the current situation in Yemen. At that same time we had an exhibition by a Yemen artist Najween Lawj in Worship Hall.
- On June 3, Dr. Peter Larson spoke about his recent trip to Gaza at our Breakfast Forum.
- On June 24, 2018 we had former Lieutenant James Bartleman give the Sunday service talking about "The Plight of Indigenous Children". It was very well attended.
- In May we had assisted Gustavo Frederico to visit Grassy Narrows... On October 30, 2018 he spoke about this trip and showed a film demonstrating the difficulties of the Indigenous people living on this reserve who are all suffered from mercury poisoning.
- On October 2, 2018 we sponsored The Humanitarian Association of Ottawa to show the film "Highway of Tears" during an evening event.
- On March 10, 2019 Gary Campbell organized a Breakfast Forum on "Co-Operative Housing in Ottawa".
- On March 11, 2019 Ria Heynen and Anita MacLean were among those who organized a speech on "The One State Solution" by Ali Abunimah at St. Paul's University. Two hundred people attended this.

He is a Palestinian American journalist in Chicago and also the co-founder of “The Electronic Intifada”.

- On March 24 Bob Stevenson had Tim McSorley from The International Civil Liberties Group at a Breakfast Forum.

Anita MacLean, Chapter Chairperson

Québec Regional Chapter (founded in 2017)

The CUSJ-Québec Regional Chapter celebrates its second year of existence in May 2019. This chapter brings together CUSJ members from three Quebec communities: [Lakeshore UU](#) in Pointe-Claire, the [Unitarian Church of Montréal](#), and [UU Estrie](#) in the Eastern Townships.

Phyllis Baxter, Susan Czarnocki, and Cym Gomery represented the Québec chapter at last year's CUSJ AGM on May 21st. We have had three meetings since then, in September, November (2018) and in March 2019.

Cym, along along with the UU Estrie members Rachel Garber, John Mackley, Adele Ernstrom, Carole Martignacco, Phyllis Baxter--attended the UU Estrie Summer Solstice supper on June 30th 2018.

Environment

- Cym joined the board of Coalition Climate Montréal, whose mission is to make Montréal a Carbon-free city by 2042. CUSJ Quebec has signed the Declaration.
- The pact for the climate, in Québec, has 212,251 signatures.
- On March 22, 2019, CUSJ members Cym and Patricia attended as Montréal became an official Blue Community. The Council of Canadians and Eau Secours partnered in this achievement. Maude Barlow was there!

Social Justice

- On June 14 2018, Rachel Garber, John Mackley and Adele Ernstrom visited the end of Roxham Road, the most used irregular crossing point for asylum claimants from the US.
- Margaret Guest and Sheila Laursen attended the Bridges Not Borders picnic, August 11th 2018.
- Sheila and Margaret attended October 4th discussions about precariousness of housing for some; Housing forum on Nov. 3rd 2018.
- On October 4, 2018, Adele Ernstrom, Rachel Garber and John Mackley attended a meeting of the Bridges Not Borders group in Hemmingford. They subsequently circulated a petition to the Federal Government to cancel the Safe Third Country Agreement with the United States, and at UU Estrie, they collected winter mitts, hats and scarves for the Bridges Not Borders volunteers to give to incoming refugees.
- Both UU Estrie (Rachel) and the Unitarian Church of Montréal (Cym) hosted Amnesty International Write for Rights writeathons, on December 2 and 9th, respectively.

Cym Gomery, Chapter chair

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BOARD REPORTS

Membership Report

Effective April 30, 2019, we have 60* paid-up members in good standing. Renewing or applying for membership online is greatly appreciated.

*Compared to 140 last year.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Armstrong, Membership Chair

JUSTnews Report

The first issue of *JUSTnews* under the editorship of Leslie Kemp was completed in February 2019. This long-awaited issue, with a theme on Indigenous Peoples' Fight for Justice, incorporated a new design, with colour cover, involved a new Editorial Committee (Frances Deverell, Gustavo Frederico, Margaret Rao, Marlene Koehler and Leslie Kemp) and Unitarian voices from different parts of Canada.

The Editorial Committee would like to see the production of *JUSTnews* a more collaborative effort (with CUSJ members involved in writing, editing, proofreading, images and distribution) and to see more Unitarian voices reflected in the newsmagazine. Learning the desktop publishing has been a steep learning curve for the editor and offers to assist from people with this skill are welcome.

Plans are to produce two more issues this year. The next issue (Summer 2019) is focusing on Water issues and a diversity of articles have already been submitted.

We've been pleased with the response so far: the new issue has prompted several positive emails, phone calls and membership renewals. It appears to have been eagerly read by UUs across the country – in several congregations there are no issues left.

Social justice is of critical importance to most UUs. Help expand our unique voice against the many injustices we face and promote a positive path forward for a just and sustainable world for all.

Leslie Kemp, Editor

WebMaster's Report

New host and CRM tool

The CUSJ Board took on some ambitious projects this past year. Concerned about data security, in part because of what we learned through Jack Dodds and our opposition to bills like C-50, we decided to change from our U.S.-based host, Bravenet, to a Canadian provider, Canadian Web Hosting. Gustavo led this initiative. We now have a new host, and a few of the activities that the Webmaster was previously managing in Bravenet, such as file management, email aliases, and security—have been handed by Gustavo, through CWH.

At Gustavo and Lynn's urging, the Board also decided to try a customer relationship management (CRM) tool, eventually choosing Zenbership.

Web site

I continued to create posts to announce the campaigns that CUSJ supports, with BDS as a popular theme.

Social media

The CUSJ Facebook page has 337 members, about the same as last year.

Volunteer Webmaster needed!

I will be stepping down from the Board and my Webmaster role in May 2019. If you have a talent for writing and can use WordPress (or would like to learn how), please get in touch! I can help you get started.

Cym Gomery, Webmaster

Listserv Manager's Report

CUSJForum Google Group

There are currently 79 members on our Listserv, up 5 from 74 members from last year. My duties have been happily limited to signing members onto the list and taking them off for a duration while they are on vacation. I have not had any requests for removal.

My duties have been to monitor electronic discussion between members, ensuring that correspondence including opinions are stated respectfully.

World events continue to dominate lively discussions and national concerns generate requests for action in the form of letter-writing and petitions. Correspondents offer many resources that include Youtube videos, newspaper articles, journal articles; lectures and personal experiences and opinions.

I enjoy having a personal presence with our listserv members when responding to their concerns, queries; and requests.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joy Silver, Listserv Manager

Nominating Committee Report

The nominating committee was made up of Frances Deverell with help from Lynn Armstrong. This year our long-serving President, Margaret Rao has stepped back from active duty into the role of Past President. We give her a huge thank you for her excellent job at the helm of CUSJ. She was a prolific letter writer and a strong leader on many issues. Bob Staveley will also step back from the board this year after 10 years of service. And Cym Gomery, our active and dedicated webmaster, has stepped off the board to make room for new enthusiasm from the ranks in Quebec. She will be missed.

Thanks also to all those members who are continuing to serve and who are working to transform our Board for the modern age. We need to reach out, improve our connections with congregations.. We need a volunteer or someone who will accept a stipend to keep the website healthy and plan how to use it to report on our many campaigns. Bill Woolverton and Jim Sannes have, in generosity of spirit, agreed to take the roles of president and Vice President for one year. They will need all of our support. They will have a strong team behind them. Nominations or Volunteers from the floor are welcome for some of the regional board vacancies.

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CUSJ BOARD 2019-2020

Role - Executive	Name and Email	Portion of current two-year term served	Terms or Years served	Predecessors
President	Bill Woolverton president@cusj.org	First year	President 2/2 years 3 rd term	Margaret Rao (7.5 terms; 15 years) Frances Deverell
Vice-President	Jim Sannes vp@cusj.org	First year	3.5 terms	Andy Blair
Secretary	Sally Palmer-Woods secretary@cusj.org	Second year of two	One term (2 years)	Marlene Koehler & Alastaire Henderson
Membership	Lynn Armstrong membership@cusj.org	First year of two	1.5 terms	Joy Silver
Treasurer	Gary Campbell treasurer@cusj.org	First year of two	1.5 terms	Bob Staveley
Regional reps				
British Columbia (4)	Leslie Kemp justnews@cusj.org	<i>JUSTnews</i> Editor one year	Half term (one year)	Philip Symons
	Joy Silver listserv@cusj.org	Listserv – first year	5.5 terms (11 yrs)	
	Frances Deverell frandev66@gmail.com	Member at large	12 years	
	Bill Woolverton bwoolver@shaw.ca		6 years	
Prairies (0)	Vacant			
Ontario (3)	#1 Jim Sannes sannes@wightman.ca	First year	3.5 terms	
	#2 Gustavo Frederico gcsfred@gmail.com	Second years	2 terms	
	#3 Sally Palmer-Woods secretary@cusj.org	Second year of two	One term (2 years)	
Québec (0)	Vacant			Cym Gomery

Maritimes (1)	#1 Andy Blair vp@cusj.org	Second year	4 terms (8 years)	
	#2 Vacant			

We thus have 11 board members, 6 on the exec and 6 +1 Regional members.

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CLIMATE SUMMIT DELEGATE REPORT

Since 2015, working with UUA-UNO delegates, I have participated as a CUSJ member in the Paris Climate Summit (COP 21), the 2017 Marakech Climate Summit (COP 22) and The Bonn May 2018 interim meeting. In 2017 I also did a workshop on Climate Change at the European Unitarian Frankfurt gathering.

I decided not to attend the December 2018 Katowice (COP 24) meeting to protest the border refusals of over 100 NGO observers by the Polish authorities as well as their decision to permit coal industry representatives to attend. Instead I listened in on live web transmissions as well as participating in the CAN-RAC conference calls.

One of my most memorable encounters was with Stuart Scott, executive director of the United Planet Faith and Science Initiative in Paris where we collaborated on media work. In 2017 I was able to arrange for Stuart Scott to speak at the Social Forum in Helsinki and to Helsinki Unitarians.

I was able to follow up on this at the same annual event in Helsinki in May 2019, this time with the local Al Gore team. It was there we learned of Stuart's ongoing battle with cancer.

I have submitted reports on the Climate Summits to UUA World and to the CUSJ. In addition I did media summaries for Stuart and helped edit CAN news.

In Marakech, I was invited to report on a drama project I was involved in related to climate change on an Art for Good panel at the Palais de Congres, which was broadcast world wide. The ongoing support of the CUSJ has helped in numerous ways.

The next important UN conferences will be in Bonn in June, New York in September and Chile (COP 25) in December.

The most positive news in years was, in January, the coming into force of the Kigali amendment to the Montreal Agreement, which is expected to reduce global warming by 0.5 C. To hasten this positive outcome, we all must avoid buying cooling systems with HFC refrigerants.

With the serious setbacks experienced by the climate movement after the election of Trump in the US, Ford in Ontario and the UK Brexit chaos, a movement for direct extraparliamentary action is now emerging. The IPCC 1.5 degrees report and the recent UN- IPBES species extinction forecast are also significant background factors.

This is manifested in groups like The Climate Mobilization and the Extinction Rebellion actions in the U.K. and elsewhere. The initiatives for a New Green Deal underline rising discontent with politics as we have known it.

At the CUC this may yet lead to a rebirth of social action. And the CUSJ will be increasingly essential to giving a meaningful role to Canadian Unitarianism as the global crises deepens,

- Ahti Tolvanen

RESOLUTIONS

No resolutions for 2019-2020.

Status of 2018 resolutions

As you may recall, last year's resolution was to achieve Amnesty for Cannabis Convictions. We had published an [op-ed](#) on this subject in September 2017. We shared the [petition](#) from the Campaign for Cannabis Amnesty, which was successful: On October 17, 2018, the federal government announced that it would give pardons to Canadians convicted of simple possession of marijuana. This is a major success for our movement. Thank you to everyone who signed the petition and who was part of the fight to make this possible! [Bill C-145](#), *An Act to establish a procedure for expunging certain cannabis-related convictions*, has been approved in parliament and is awaiting royal assent.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year ending March 31, 2019

Twenty-six congregations provided the larger share of the income, \$2,890, while 47 member donations provided \$2,603. For purposes of comparison, in the previous fiscal year only 14 congregations provided \$1,666 and the 137 individuals provided \$7,041.

Fortunately for our financial reserves, although our revenues decreased by over \$3,000, our expenses also decreased by over \$3,000. The graph shows half of the year we enjoyed a positive net income while we worried about net losses on the remaining six months. The fiscal year closed with another deficit of \$547 for the year ending in March 2019, quite similar to the March 2018 deficit of \$634.

Many of the contributions from individuals come from credit cards and Paypal. Unlike cheques, each donation comes at a cost for CUSJ even a monthly donation are affected. For instance or every:

donation	Paypal keeps	CUSJ receives
\$100	\$3.20	\$96.80
\$60	\$2.04	\$57.96
\$50	\$1.75	\$48.25
\$15	\$0.75	\$14.26

Of course, cheques deliver the full amount to CUSJ but there may be a cost for the cheque and there is the stamp cost. Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT), at this time has no charge or cost. Once set up, the member's credit union or bank account is debited on a regular schedule. Recurring transactions can be set to be processed on a weekly, bi-weekly, semi-monthly, monthly, semi-annual or annual schedule. To sign up for EFT please see cusj.org, or contact treasurer@cusj.org.

Gary Campbell, Treasurer

Balance sheet

	2018/2019	2017/2018
Assets		
Cash in Bank - chequing	\$1,079.44	\$1,686.04
- Saving	\$3,097.92	\$3,093.31
Term deposit - Maturity July 10	\$2,172.30	\$2,159.98
- Maturity Nov. 02	\$3,287.31	\$3,245.12
Share account	\$30.00	\$15.00
Total Assets	\$9,666.97	\$10,199.45
Net Worth	\$9,666.97	\$10,199.45

Donations from congregations and members

Note: Congregation of Niagara paid for both last and this year in previous fiscal year.
Some members double counted due to monthly donations.

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#	Congregations	Payment	members	
			#	\$
4	Unitarian Congregation of Niagara	\$50.00	2	\$146.80
	Universalist Unitarian Church of Halifax	\$25.00		
	South Fraser Unitarian Congregation, C/O Sunnyside United	\$41.00		
	Unitarian Church of Edmonton	\$275.00		
1	UU Congregation of Durham	\$30.00	23	\$1,390.31
1	Unitarian Universalist Church of North Hatley (UUEstrie)	\$30.00	1	\$80.00
1	First Unitarian Congregation of Ottawa	\$350.00	3	\$348.25
1	Unitarian Church of Calgary	\$160.00	1	\$6.00
0	-none-	\$0.00	2	\$31.00
2	Kingston Unitarian Fellowship	\$100.00	2	\$106.00
	Elora and Fergus Unitarian Church	\$400.00		
2	Unitarian Fellowship of Kelowna	\$46.00	3	\$54.25
	Unitarian Fellowship of Peterborough	\$114.00		
7	Huronian Unitarian Fellowship	\$11.00	3	\$276.00
	Unitarian Universalist Church of Olinda	\$56.00		
	First Unitarian Church of Victoria	\$250.00		
	Unitarian Fellowship of Nanaimo	\$66.00		
	Unitarian Church of Montreal	\$145.00		
	Unitarian Fellowship of Northwest Toronto	\$11.00		
Stratford Unitarians	\$50.00			
6	Unitarian Congregation of Mississauga	\$136.00	1	\$6.00
	Unitarian Fellowship of Sarnia-Port Huron	\$43.00		
	Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Ottawa	\$75.00		
	Grand River Unitarian Congregation	\$162.00		
	Don Heights Unitarian Congregation	\$200.00		
	Unitarian Fellowship of Regina	\$33.00		
0	-none-	\$0.00	1	\$6.00
1	Capital Unitarian Universalist Congregation	\$31.00	5	\$152.50
26		\$2,890	47	\$2,603.11

Statement of revenues and expenditures

Revenues and expenditures 2018-2019

Revenues	2603.11		Year 2017/2018	
Individual Members	\$2,603.11	(47 members)	\$7,470.50	(137 members)
Congregation payments	2840.00	(26 congregations)	1,716.00	(14 congregations)
T-shirt & Banner misc. sales	171.00		50.00	
Banner and postage	570.00		145.00	
Dinner sales	0.00		0.00	
Transfer from Business chequing	0.00		230.00	
Credit Union Interest – Chequing	2.35		2.50	
- Investment	4.61		4.61	
- Certificates	54.51		63.04	
Misc. Revenue – movie	0.00		0.00	
- PayPal	0.00		0.00	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$6,245.58		\$9,681.65	
EXPENDITURES				
JUSTnews – Printing	\$1,165.26		\$1,393.48	
- Mailing	250.00	Tot. JUSTnews	1,624.12	Tot. JUSTnews
- Canada Post Returns	9.24	\$1,424.50	10.78	\$3,028.38
Donations – Justice Org.	2,916.28		3,508.86	
Admin & General Exp.	186.92		107.60	
Corporation Canada	20.00		20.00	
AGM – Room Rental &	257.00		226.62	
- Diner cost	943.39		155.00	
- Coffee etc. (included)	0.00		0.00	
- Travel for President	220.35		0	
- Speaker honorarium	250.00		358.20	
- Speaker’s notes copy	0.00		0.00	
- Printing -annual rep.	0.00		0.00	
- Livestream	0.00	Total AGM	0.00	Total AGM
-Speaker travel	93.12	\$1,763.86	469.46	\$1,209.28
Travel for President to UN	0.00		836.15	
Credit Union service charge	0.00		0.00	
FUZE -Board conference call	0.00		0.00	
Web Site Maintenance	337.77		241.25	
Zoom charges for 1 year	143.73		130.79	
Purchase of new CUSJ banners	0.00		1,233.12	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$6,793.06		\$10,315.43	
NET OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	-\$ (547.48)		\$2,517.74	