



We livestream our Sunday service via Zoom. **There will be no in-person attendance** at this time.

Details regarding how to connect to this platform will be emailed each week to those on our contact list. If you are not on our contact list and would like these details, contact the office at [office@rhuc.org](mailto:office@rhuc.org). In addition, the weekly message will be posted on the **RHUC Blog**.

If you ever find you're encountering issues using Zoom on Sunday, you can always visit <https://status.zoom.us/> to check the site status. To access the home-based worship resource so you can use to follow along or take time for personal reflection, use the links found on our website and below.

## worship and music

**Minister's Message:** The scripture for this Sunday is from Psalm 138, A Psalm of Gratitude by David, King David who as a shepherd defeated Goliath. David is one of my favourite Biblical people, David is so complex, the flamboyant king who dances as the Ark of Covenant is brought to its new home. David who was smaller than others and freely and passionately shared his loves to everyone around him. So, today we have a psalm of David, that shares his whole-hearted gratitude.

The above image is one I took a number of years ago at Five Oaks Education Centre, which is where I spend the other half of my time during the week. This image always reminds me that there is always something to be thankful for: the sunshine, the rainbow, a sacred moment during the day.

This Sunday concludes the journey through Called to be the Church, the stewardship resource package of worship services, but this resource is truly a yearly resource that shares a vision of lifelong stewardship. I invite you to think about what it is that makes you continue to come to Richmond Hill United, what makes YOU give to Richmond Hill United Church?

Think about if you had 90 seconds to share with someone why you give to Richmond Hill United Church, what would you say? It is an important reflection of why we are here and why we give our time and treasure to Richmond Hill United Church. So even as this worship series is ending, our commitment to Richmond Hill United Church is not.

So, as you continue to discern your gifts, I want to say **THANK YOU!** Thank you for all you have done for Richmond Hill United Church and thank you for your continued support of Richmond Hill United Church. Blessings, Rev. Ruth Noble

**January 30 @ 10:30 a.m. via Zoom:** The order of service and hymns are also found on our website under Home, Events & News and Our Ministry – Spirit pages. [Order of service](#) [Hymns](#)



**Sunday offering:** We appreciate those who use Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR). For those not on PAR, please consider making sure you get your weekly envelope money in (mailed in or mail slot on Centre. St. door), e-transfer to [office@rhuc.org](mailto:office@rhuc.org), Canada Helps, <http://www.rhuc.org/donate.html>, or cheques to the Church, 10201 Yonge St., Richmond Hill, L4C 3B2.

## programs for all

**Shalom Seekers:** Please join us **on Monday, January 24th at 10 a.m.** on Zoom for a discussion of Chapter 16 of the memoir *The Other Side of the River: From Church Pew to Sweat Lodge* by Rev. Alf Dumont. This week's chapter is entitled **Talking to Myself: Is Anyone Listening?** Can you relate to that title?

The Zoom link will be sent out on Sunday evening. For more details about the group, please speak to Sandra Loughton, Facilitator. New members are always welcome.

**H.A.I.R.:** HAIR (Heretics, Agnostics, Infidels and Other Riffraff), meets every Monday from 7:00 – 8:15 pm. **We will continue to meet online, via Zoom, until further notice.** These discussions are open to anyone interested, and new members are always welcome. For further information, or to get the zoom link for our next meeting, please contact David Leyton-Brown at [dlbrown@yorku.ca](mailto:dlbrown@yorku.ca)



**RHUC Book Club:** Please join the group on **Wednesday, February 23 at 4 p.m. on Zoom** to discuss **The Kitchen Front** by Jennifer Ryan. This is an uplifting story set in England during WWII. However, this is not a typical war-time tale. This novel focuses on the community, food rationing, and a contest for a BBC Radio cooking show called The Kitchen Front. The show was real, but this is a fictional account by the author of The Chilbury Ladies' Choir.

Looking ahead to March, we'll be meeting on Wednesday the 30th at 4 p.m. on Zoom to discuss a novel set in contemporary England called **The Reading List** by Sara Nisha Adams. "An unforgettable and heartwarming debut about how a chance encounter with a list of library books helps forge an unlikely friendship between two very different people in a London suburb."

New members are always welcome to join in the fun! Please speak to Sandra Loughton, Facilitator, for more details about the book club.

## church news

**Congregational Update:** Friends - it is the time of year when we moving towards our Annual Meeting which is going to be held after worship on Sunday April 3rd rather than March 6th. In preparation we will be putting our Annual Report together and also undertaking our nominations process for leadership positions.

We are also looking forward to welcoming Rev. Karen Dale on Feb 14th with a two week overlap with Rev, Ruth Noble as we transition to a new pastoral relationship.

Over the past few weeks during our Sunday worship, Ruth has focused on abundance and stewardship. We have been invited to think about our gifts and responding with deep gratitude - financially, but also with our time and talents.

There are many ways to be involved in the life and mission of this congregation. Involvement creates opportunity for building community, learning, service to the life of our community, our neighbourhood and the wider world and ways to deepen our faith. Over the next few weeks, we will be doing a deeper dive into some of those opportunities to give you a chance to reflect on what is happening and how you might engage in new ways!

Thank you everyone for all the ways that you make RHUC awesome!

Jane Wedlock, Board Chair

## net zero

**Upcoming events:** We have scheduled a third **Climate Lunch and Learn for February 6th, 2022**. Registration is at this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/climate-lunch-and-learn-3-tickets-218772433237>

The zoom link will be sent out in an email to you about a week before the event - so don't worry if you are not sure how to access it. Contact Esther Collier, Chair, Net Zero Committee at [targetclimatechange@gmail.com](mailto:targetclimatechange@gmail.com) if you want to chat or want me to send you the zoom link directly.

## outreach

### February Outreach Calendar Focus - Ageism

age·ism /'āj,izəm/

[Learn to pronounce](#) *noun*

1. prejudice or discrimination on the grounds of a person's age.  
"ageism in recruitment is an increasing problem"

[Source: Oxford language ]

Ageism can operate both consciously (explicitly) and unconsciously (implicitly), and it can be expressed at three different levels: **micro-level (individual), meso-level (social networks) and macro-level (institutional and cultural)**.

The term was coined in 1969 by Robert Neil Butler to describe discrimination against seniors, and patterned on sexism and racism.[3] Butler defined "ageism" as a combination of three connected elements. Originally it was identified chiefly towards older people, old age, and the aging process; discriminatory practices against older people; and institutional practices and policies that perpetuate stereotypes about elderly people.

Have you experienced ageism?

Elder Example - not being able to obtain travel insurance? Being ignored in a line? Job loss?

Youth Example - not being able to vote, get a job, be on a committee

[Source: <https://www.who.int/news/item/18-03-2021-ageism-is-a-global-challenge-un> ]

*Next Week - Do we feed into this narrative? What are the consequences?*



### Canada's Olympic Curlers - Indigenous Clothing

Canada's curlers will wear both their Canadian pride and a celebration of Indigenous spirit when they compete at the Beijing Games.

Curling Canada and their uniform partner Dynasty Curling, an Indigenous-owned company based in Manitoba, unveiled new uniforms that were designed in a collaboration between two-spirit Anishinaabe artist Patrick Hunter and designer Kevin Hurrie.

Canadian curlers will wear the uniforms at the 2022 Olympics and Paralympics, at the world women's curling championships in Prince George, B.C., and the world men's curling championships in Las Vegas, among other international events.

"For Indigenous artwork to make it to the world stage is such a win for my people and community," said Hunter, who also designed the mask for Chicago Blackhawks goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury. "I'm beyond stoked for that Indigenous artwork to be mine."

The initiative is aligned with the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action No. 83.

There are **four key design elements in the Canadian uniforms**, which will retain the traditional red, white and black colour scheme. The front features the silhouettes of seven trees, inspired by the forests of Hunter's Treaty Three homeland of Red Lake, Ont. They represent the seven grandfather teachings sacred to Anishinaabe people, and important values in sport: love, humility, wisdom, bravery, honesty, truth and respect.

The sides feature four unique eagle feathers — one for each of the four curling team members. Eagles are revered in Anishinaabe and other First Nations cultures.

An illustration of braided sweetgrass, woven with cedar, tobacco and sage leaves — the four sacred medicines used by many Indigenous peoples to cleanse energy — adorns the inside of the jacket sleeves.

The Maple Leaf is the fourth element. "(The uniforms) represent exactly what our sport and country is about, they send positive messages of inclusiveness, and our athletes should feel proud to wear them," Katherine Henderson, Curling Canada's CEO, said in a release. "The Canadian uniform is iconic in curling, and I can't wait to see our teams wear them."

[Source: <https://globalnews.ca/news/8396884/olympic-curling-uniforms-indigenous-design/> ]

### Indigenous led Olympic Bid - Vancouver 2030

A group of Indigenous people is prepping a bid to bring the 2030 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games to Vancouver, Canada. It would be the first time any Olympics was hosted by Indigenous people and could lead to further reconciliation with Canada's First Nations.

The group was known as the "Four Host First Nations" when Vancouver hosted the Winter Olympics and Paralympics in 2010. The Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh are from the area around the present-day city of Vancouver. The Lil Wat are near the present-day village of Whistler, the famed ski resort about 120 kilometers north of downtown Vancouver.

They have signed a memorandum of understanding with the municipal governments of both Vancouver and Whistler to take the lead on making the bid for the same Games in 2030. The First Nations played a prominent role in the 2010 Games and during the opening and closing ceremonies.

[Source: <https://www.voanews.com/a/indigenous-people-lead-push-for-2030-winter-olympics-paralympics-in-vancouver/6394171.html> ]

### Fundraising - Book Sale

If you're at home and find yourself de-cluttering and this involves books...**STOP!** We're planning on having a Book Sale this year and will happily take your novels (no textbooks or workbooks please). You can contact the church office at [office@rhuc.org](mailto:office@rhuc.org) and/or [tewixon3@gmail.com](mailto:tewixon3@gmail.com) if you need to arrange pick up or to arrange dropping off your books. Thank you!

### Dear Mosaic Friends;

A Rabbi, a Pastor, and an Imam walked into a restaurant (not a bar) . . . It might sound cliché, but for more than a decade, our from Abraham 3 Faiths panel, affectionately known as the 'Three Amigos', have been 'on stage' annually, as part of the programming offered by Mosaic Interfaith. Many of you have participated in one or more of their presentations. We are excited that Rabbi Michael Stroh, Pastor John Hill, and Dr. Liyakat Takim will be presenting a program at the **World Interfaith Harmony Week on Sunday, February 6, 2022 at 2 pm on zoom.**

The program is entitled: LEARNING TO DIALOGUE & LEARNING FROM DIALOGUE and is co-sponsored by Mosaic and Temple Har Zion. You will be able to hear their thoughts and ask your questions. Registration is required click here <https://bit.ly/33VXXYC>

We hope you will join us for this stimulating program. Fran Isaacs & Shabnees Siwjee, Mosaic Co-Chairs [thisisfran@yahoo.com](mailto:thisisfran@yahoo.com) / [shabnees@yahoo.ca](mailto:shabnees@yahoo.ca)



MOSAIC INTERFAITH

**אברהם** Abraham **إبراهيم**

**A Rabbi, a Pastor and an Imam  
walked into a restaurant (not a bar)...**

**Learning To Dialogue &  
Learning From Dialogue**

**Sunday, February 6, 2022  
2:00 - 3:30 PM**  
Via zoom

Co-Sponsored by  
**Mosaic Interfaith & Temple Har Zion**  
As part of World Interfaith Harmony Week - Toronto

For more than a decade, the 'Three Amigos', a rabbi, a pastor, and an imam, have been 'on stage' annually, as part of the interfaith work of Mosaic Interfaith, a forty-year-long initiative in North Toronto. They will present their experiences and answer how they **Listen, Learn & Engage.**





**Pastor John Hill**  
Canon of the Cathedral of St. James, Toronto

**Rabbi Michael Stroh**  
Rabbi Emeritus, Temple Har Zion

**Dr. Liyakat Takim**  
Professor of Global Islam, McMaster University, Hamilton




Moderated by  
**Rabbi Cory Weiss and Dr. Karen Mock**  
Q & A following presentations.

Please register at [harzion.ca](http://harzion.ca) or <https://bit.ly/33VXXYC>  
A link will be sent to you prior to the program

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<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/london/672-day-correspondence-give-4-seniors-a-unique-look-at-pandemic-and-friendship-1.6323404>

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