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LET PEACE BE THEIR MEMORIAL

A Remembrance Day
wreath laying ceremony for
overlooked victims of conflict

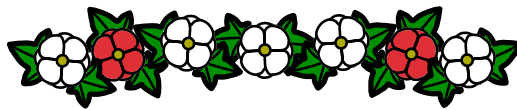
Vancouver Unitarian Sanctuary
949 West 49th Ave., Vancouver
Monday Nov. 11th, 2024
2:00–3:30pm



This free, public event is co-hosted by
VANCOUVER PEACE POPPIES and VANCOUVER UNITARIANS



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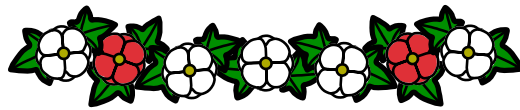


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<u>Welcome:</u>	Land Acknowledgement	Rev. Shawn Gauthier
<u>Song:</u>	<i>Music of Healing</i>	Fraser Union
<u>Introduction:</u>	Peace & White Poppies	Denis Laplante
<u>Keynote Talk:</u>	Environmental Impacts of War	Dr Linda Thyer
<u>Song:</u>	<i>I Dreamed of Rain</i>	Fraser Union
<u>Introduction:</u>	Wreath Ceremony	Stephen Aberle
<u>Wreath Laying:</u>	Universal Wreaths	
<u>Song:</u>	<i>Let Them In</i>	The Re:Sisters
<u>Wreath Laying:</u>	Universal Wreaths	
<u>Song:</u>	<i>From Way Up Here</i>	Jim Edmondson, Bevan Bartlett & Dylan Smith
<u>Wreath Laying:</u>	Universal Wreaths	
<u>Song:</u>	<i>Where I Stand</i>	Fraser Union
<u>Wreath Laying:</u>	Current Conflict Wreaths	
<u>Song:</u>	<i>Peace Medley</i>	The Re:Sisters
<u>Wreath Laying:</u>	Current Conflict Wreaths	
<u>Song:</u>	<i>May The Work That I Have Done...</i>	Group collaboration
<u>Closing Remarks:</u>	Thanks and Invitations	Rev. Shawn Gauthier
<u>Final Song</u>	<i>Song of Peace / Finlandia</i>	Jim E. & Thalia McIntosh

Reception & Wreath Viewing to Follow





A Song of Peace / Finlandia

This is a song for people of all nations.

A song of peace for lands afar and mine.

Here is my home, the country where my heart is.

Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine.

But other hearts in other lands are beating

With hopes and dreams as fine and true as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean

And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.

But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,

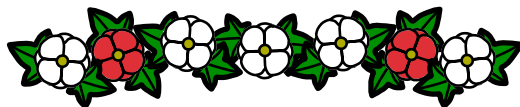
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.

So here's my song for people of all nations,

A song of peace for your land and for mine.

Music by Jean Sibelius

Lyrics by Lloyd Stone, adapted by Jim Edmondson



PEACE BUILDING RECEPTION

Please join Vancouver Unitarians, Vancouver Peace Poppies, and other peace activists in Hewett Hall after the ceremony. There will be light refreshments, a chance to socialize, meet event hosts and wreath layers, and display tables with information about local peace building initiatives.

As next November will mark the 10th anniversary of this ceremony, there will be a brief overview of what we are hoping to do in 2025, and an opportunity to sign up to be involved in helping plan the event.

About Vancouver Peace Poppies



Vancouver Peace Poppies was started in 2008 by Teresa Gagné and Denis Laplante. We are an unregistered non-profit whose goal is consciousness raising, not fundraising.

We want to encourage Canadians to broaden their Remembrance Day focus to include the civilians who now make up 90% of conflict victims; to challenge the beliefs, values and institutions that make war seem inevitable; and to urge our government to promote and fund effective non-military means of dispute resolution, both at home and abroad.

To further this goal **Vancouver Peace Poppies** undertakes three main activities:

- Importing white lapel poppies from the Peace Pledge Union in Britain, (where the white poppy started in 1933) and making them available through depots in Vancouver, and across Canada by mail-order.
- A Schools campaign, which provides public schools in BC and other parts of Canada with subsidized white lapel poppies, and related peace-focussed classroom resources for both elementary and secondary school students.
- An annual Remembrance Day ceremony - ***Let Peace be Their Memorial***, in which handmade wreaths are laid to commemorate overlooked victims of war.

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