

Mountaintop Unity



“where God’s Unconditional love comes to life”

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Standing on Holy Ground

Our Prayer

We live and move and have our being grounded in a field of Infinite Love, Divine Wisdom and Unlimited Possibilities!
Thank You God!.

Our Vision

Mountaintop Unity is a dynamic, radiating Centre of God’s universal love, joy and compassion in the world!

Join us for

Mountaintop Unity’s

Opening Sunday

July 3rd

at 10:30 am

Lonsdale Quay Hotel
123 Carrie Cates Court
North Vancouver

Located on 3rd Floor
of Lonsdale Quay
Market

Free Sunday Parking
in ICBC Lot Level P1

Follow signs and
balloons to
Mountaintop Unity!



Rev. Christina Lee

I have some wonderful news to share with you! A blossoming divine idea called Mountaintop Unity, was approved by the Association of Unity Churches Canada for pioneering a new Unity church last January 24th 2005. Yippee! We are so very proud to be the 25th Canadian Unity ministry. Praise God!

We claim the name Mountaintop Unity as an outer expression of our inner intention to raise the consciousness of the world to an exalted place of being! Our vision is that Mountaintop Unity is a dynamic, radiating Centre of God’s universal love, joy and compassion in the world!

Charles Fillmore, co-founder of Unity, wrote that “when we

realize the idea of Holy Ground, we let go of ALL limitations and are conscious only of the Absolute”. At Mountaintop Unity, we know that “we stand on holy ground”. The Mountaintop is our Holy Ground and we proudly claim our rightful place on it, in it and through it!

Many of us have worked together and prayed together over the last five months. In January, I started working full time on Mountaintop Unity. We opened our bank accounts, set up the office, created our ministry DNA and started receiving donations.

By February, we started our weekly Prayer Meetings where we continually asked for guidance from God as we visioned and planned for the Mountaintop.

In March, we started Sunday Visioning Sessions that led to our first Sunday Services at the Oasis Wellness Centre. Our leadership team, the Steering Committee started meeting twice a month. We also expanded our prayer network by requesting prayer support from all

Unity ministries world-wide. The love and support in the form of prayers, supportive letters and donations has been wonderful!

By April, our YOU group was in full swing and we started our Children’s Church. Two small ministry groups, Community Adventures and Women in Spirit became organized and started their gatherings.

In May, we opened our new bookstore and after a huge search we found our first home in North Vancouver. Yeah God!

And now it’s June and we are completing preparations for our Opening Sunday! We can’t wait to see you there and we know that wherever you are, whatever you do that God is with you always. You are standing on Holy Ground, you are on the Mountaintop!

with love, Christina

Boosting our Start Up

We Gratefully Receive our Financial Support from Many Channels

We are so blessed by the continual financial support we have received! Many people have asked, how are operating financially? As of June 5th, we have received over \$16,000 in contributions from people committed to our divine idea and Unity ministries that desire to support our good work. Thank you, God! We have also welcomed several generous donations of a computer, a prayer box and other important items that we need. Every month we are tithing a full 10% of our income to sources of our spiritual nourishment and support. We are thankful

to God that with our low overhead, we can cover our monthly operating expenses (including paying Rev Christina a part time salary for her fulltime position). Now for the next step we are seeking creative ways to raise money for our ministries growth.

You can decide to give regularly through our **Intentional Giving** process. This works through regular weekly or monthly post-dated cheques or automatic credit card donations. When you set your intention, you can let us know what and how you plan to give. This will assist us greatly in our financial growth planning process. For details about

the Intentional Giving process contact Hazel Swanson at 604-219-9759.

Please consider making a substantial contribution to our **Startup BOOST Campaign**. We are setting an intention to raise \$20,000 to purchase sound equipment, a keyboard, a website, advertising, marketing, technology, worship supplies and other items that will jump start or BOOST our success. For details about the Startup BOOST Campaign contact Hazel Swanson or Christina.

Every Sunday and everyday, we always deeply appreciate **Love Offerings and Tithes** of all sizes and forms.

We know that we can do a great and mighty work and that God provides for us abundantly with the riches of the kingdom.

Prayer Ministry

Our Prayer Ministry Begins!

We invite you to join us in affirming our ministry prayer:

At Mountaintop Unity, we live and move and have our being grounded in a field of Infinite Love, Divine Wisdom and Unlimited Possibilities! Thank You God!

At Mountaintop Unity the very first part of our ministry that we setup was our Prayer Ministry. We began our regular **Prayer Meetings** in February 2005. We consider it an honour to pray with you! When you ask us for prayer support, we pray both with you and for you. Please know that all prayers are held in sacred, confidence by your Unity family.

Our Prayer Ministry sup-

ports you in a variety of ways. Here are some ways you can pray with us and submit prayers for yourself or a loved one:

- ◇ Contact the ministry office at (604) 787-1477
- ◇ Email Rev. Christina
- ◇ Place your prayer request form in our Prayer Box during Sunday Celebration Services or at our weekly Prayer Meetings
- ◇ Call Silent Unity, Unity's 24 hour Telephone Prayer Ministry at 800-669-7729
- ◇ Submit a Silent Unity prayer request online at www.unityonline.org

Mountaintop Unity's **Prayer Ministry Team** is now praying daily for all prayer

names we receive each week for a 4 week period. The prayer names are then sent on to Silent Unity for an additional 30 days of prayer in their continuous prayer vigil.

As a sacred service to our community, we are very happy to announce that we are sending out weekly **Prayer Ministry Letters**. Each week, our prayer team prays for several people on our mailing list. During the course of the year we will pray for everyone on our list. The people who we pray for receive a letter the week before letting them know that during their special week Mountaintop Unity is holding them in the light of God's healing and prospering love.

Join us for the

Grand Opening Celebration & Gala Party

September 25th
1030 am

Lonsdale Quay Hotel Atrium

Eric Butterworth says, "Prayer is simply turning the focus of your consciousness away from the problem to your center of being in God. Thus giving way to the creative flow which will stream forth from within your innermost self."

Blooming Ministries

We are very excited that so many new ministries have already started! Here is what is unfolding!

Newcomer Ministry – is implementing a wonderful plan to support us in welcoming all the new people who are coming to our services. Thanks to Dailaan Shaffer.

Spirit in Action Outreach Ministry – has developed its mission and will select our first project shortly. Thanks to Gwen Dore, Jaqie Ryane, Leslie West and Jayeson Shaffer.

Office Ministry – has been very busy with volunteers helping to create our mailing list, brochures, database and other promotional materials. Thanks to Luri Hoffman, Nina Shearer and Hazel Swanson's office team.

Bookstore Ministry – has opened!! Books, CDs and Daily Words are in and available for sale today! Thanks to Hazel Swanson and Michele McGowan.

Women in Spirit – is a regular gathering for women who have attended any of Rev Christina's Rivendell Retreats over the last two years. Thanks to all the organizers and hosts of these gatherings.

Community Adventures – are monthly social, recreational activities that are family oriented for everyone in our spiritual community and their friends. Activities include: bowling, hiking, kayaking and swimming. Thanks to Shawna Fletcher.

The Lonsdale Quay Hotel is It!

The Lonsdale Quay Hotel at 123 Carrie Cates Court, North Vancouver provides everything we need: a beautiful, peaceful space for our sanctuary, great options for Children's Church, elevators/wheel chair access, ample free parking, a clean, attractive space, a prosperous, abundant, vibrant feeling, the light-filled atrium, 'Unity Seagulls' around the Hotel, a history of successful Churches in this space, Jayeson can get his favourite gelatos and the price is an amazing deal!

The Lower Lonsdale area is thriving and it has, excellent accessibility from public transportation like the Skytrain and Seabus. The area has a vibrant, dynamic, active feeling, great food and drink downstairs, fantastic fellowship options for after church, an active growing neighbourhood called Yaletown North. It is a destination for recreation with a park nearby, many special festivals and events at the Quay. Literally thousands of people live, and travel thru this area daily and it's easy to find!

The brand new John Brathwaite Community Centre on 1st Street will be our sister location for classes, meetings and a few Sundays when we cannot use the Hotel, its only about a five minute walk from the Hotel. We will be there, Sundays - July 24th, September 4th, September 18th and the first Mountaintop Unity class Rev Christina will teach in July will be at there as well.

We originally decided to locate in North Burnaby, but after spending 8 weeks searching, making over 40 phone calls and visiting 10 places, our guidance was clear. There were a myriad of reasons why the Burnaby locations didn't work but it really just came down to one simple thing. We were clearly God-directed and God-inspired to select the Lonsdale Quay Hotel and we are grateful!

Steering Committee Covenant with God

Our Steering Committee is totally committed to Mountaintop Unity and are enjoying our time together tremendously. The Steering Committee includes: **Rev Christina, Jayeson Shaffer, Leslie West and Hazel Swanson.** Our foundation is prayer and our spiritual decision making process is through consensus. We make decisions that support the advancement of all that is Good. We are grateful to everyone at Mountaintop

Unity who has participated in our first phase of growth through their attendance, prayer support, financial support and volunteering. We are striving to understand and align with our vision and mission.

Since we started meeting in March we have co-created many things. We diligently worked on securing a location for our Sunday Services, classes and other activities. We have created a **Steering Committee Covenant** that we have

committed and pledged ourselves to. This Covenant outlines the important responsibilities and values that we hold together as a leadership team. We also have started approving policies for the ministry. Our next focus is on marketing, advertising and fundraising for our Startup BOOST Campaign – equipment that will support us in opening on a weekly basis.

It is truly an honour to serve on the Steering

Committee and to see Mountaintop Unity as a vibrant, enthusiastic community, where we are all growing together.

We are lights on The Path!

- Hazel Swanson

Love in Action

We are so blessed with our strong core group of people!

There is a wonderful group of people who have served many hours of volunteering over the last five months to plant the seeds for our new spiritual community.

We give our heart-felt thanks to:

- Deborah Brandt, Holly Burke, Gwen Dore, Shawna Fletcher, Luri Hoffman, Lynne Kennie, Mubina Lagare, Rev.**

- Christina Lee, Michele McGowan, Matthew Morycinski, Adrienne Rose, Jaqie Ryane, Dailann and Jayeson Shaffer, Nina Shearer, Patti Spencer, Susan Summers, Gary Swanson, Hazel Swanson, Renee Swanson, Joanie Wolfe, Ken and Shirley Wells, Leslie West, the YOU & Children’s Church and everyone else.**

Now we desire to manifest expanded volunteering to

move us to the next phase of spiritual community!! Please join us!

In particular, we are seeking:

Sunday Hosts, Ushers, Children’s Church Teachers and Bookstore staff

Office Worker for regular weekly hours at North Van office with organizing, mailing, copying and desktop publishing skills.

Marketing Coordinator to handle and submit

advertising, press releases and other public promotion.

Marketing Promoters to distribute flyers, invitations in bookstores, and other locations.

Newsletter Coordinator to produce, edit and create our newsletter.

Love in Action Coordinator to coordinate and train volunteers.

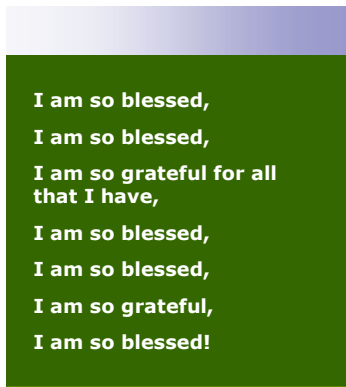
We desire everyone with a passion to serve to step in

Serving our Youth

Our teachers are here to guide the children on their journey of spiritual unfoldment and to help them to recognize their own Divinity. In the words of Myrtle Fillmore, **“We are here not to entertain the children, but to call them out.”**

We are very excited to have two awesome leaders to guide our children and youth at Mountaintop Unity. Renee Swanson, a talented, creative teacher who grew up in Unity is leading our Children’s Church programs for children ages 2 through 13. Our Basic Unity Principles are the foundation of our Youth Ministry program. We teach these principles using the curriculum created by the Association of Unity Churches, in addition to small group discussion, Bible study and children’s stories.

Our teen program, Youth of Unity (YOU) is for youth 14-18 years old. Gary Swanson, our experienced YOU Sponsor and “Wise Leader of Teens” guides the kids in discovering their own understanding of the Truth principles. They discuss, pray about and look deeper into the issues they encounter everyday. They support one another and learn to live from their own spiritual Truth. This well respected YOU program provides transformational opportunities to attend regional and international Unity rallies and conferences where they meet other like-minded teenagers and create life-long friendships.



Activities Calendar

JUNE

- 13th - **Prayer Meeting** at the Rose home, 624 Harrison Ave, Coquitlam
- 20th - **Prayer Meeting** at the Dore home, 218 – 9344 Cameron St, Burnaby
- 24th - **Women in Spirit** gather at the Shaffer home in Port Coquitlam
- 26th - **Final Sunday Service and**

- Children’s Church at Oasis**, 1111 Austin, in Coquitlam with Potluck and Volunteer Sacred Circle afterwards
- 28th - **Community Adventure** swimming Newton Wave Pool in Surrey

JULY

- 3rd – **Opening Sunday and start of WEEKLY SUNDAY SERVICES in North Vancouver**

- 4th - **Family Barbecue** 5:00 at the Kennie home, 2672 Lincoln Ave. PoCo
 - 4th - **Prayer Meeting** at the Kennie home, 2672 Lincoln Ave., PoCo
 - 6th - **“A Transforming Gratitude Journal” Class** starts. All 4 Wednesdays in July 7:00 - 9:00pm, John Braithwaite Com. Centre, North Van
 - 10th - **Community Adventure** hiking in North Van after the Sunday Service
 - 18th - **Prayer Meeting** at the Dore home, 218 – 9344 Cameron St, Burnaby
- ## AUGUST
- 13th - **Community Adventure** 1:00 paddling at Deer Lake Park during a music festival
 - 15th - **Prayer Meeting** at the Rose home, 624 Harrison Ave, Coquitlam
- ## SEPTEMBER
- 8th - **World Day of Prayer** Activities TBD