

## How Can I Contact a Lay Chaplain to Discuss a Ceremony?

You are invited to connect  
with a Lay Chaplain by  
calling the church office at  
**(807) 344-5980**  
or by email at  
[lufship@tbaytel.net](mailto:lufship@tbaytel.net)

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We are a Welcoming  
Congregation.

Sunday Morning Services  
are at 10:30 a.m.  
Concurrent Religious Exploration  
Program for children  
Childcare provided.

## The Principles of Unitarian Universalism

We, as a member congregation of the  
Canadian Unitarian Council, covenant to  
affirm and promote:

The inherent worth and dignity of every  
person

Justice, equity and compassion in human  
relations

Acceptance of one another and  
encouragement to spiritual growth in our  
congregations

A free and responsible search for truth and  
meaning

The right of conscience and the use of the  
democratic process within our congregations  
and in society at large

The goal of world community with peace,  
liberty, and justice for all

Respect for the interdependent web of all  
existence of which we are a part.

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## Ceremonies Of Significance

**Weddings**  
**Memorial Services**  
**Child Dedications**  
**Milestone Ceremonies**



*through the*  
**Lay Chaplaincy Program**  
*of*  
**Lakehead Unitarian  
Fellowship**  
*and the*  
**Canadian Unitarian Council**  
  
**Thunder Bay, Ontario**

## What Are Lay Chaplains?

The Canadian Unitarian Council has in place a program that enables congregations to appoint one or more of their members to be licensed to perform marriages. These licensed Lay Chaplains may also officiate at funerals and memorial services, child dedications, and other rites of passage.

The purposes of the Lay Chaplaincy Program include:

- ✧ providing Unitarian rites of passage for members where there is no Minister available to do so
- ✧ serving the wider community by performing weddings (*particularly in cases of people from different faiths or backgrounds, or for same-sex couples*), memorial services, child dedications, and other rites of passage
- ✧ assisting non-Unitarians to connect with our congregations.



## How Can The Lay Chaplain Be Of Service?

The Lay Chaplain will work with you to create a meaningful ceremony at the place of your choice. You can count on the Lay Chaplain to recognize your personal beliefs and wishes when you plan the ceremony together; to be sensitive to the needs of others who will be attending; and to reflect Unitarian Universalist principles which respect each person's values and convictions.

While Lay Chaplains will provide consultations around the rite of passage you are requesting, they are not trained counsellors; however, they can help you find a counsellor or therapist if needed.

## Fees

The charges for Lay Chaplaincy services are as follows:

Wedding:	\$250
Rehearsal (one hour):	\$50
Funeral or Memorial Service:	\$250
Child Dedication:	\$125

Other "Milestone Ceremonies" can be negotiated with the Lay Chaplain.

*There are no fees for these ceremonies for members of Lakehead Unitarian Fellowship.*

## Hall Rentals

Although the Lay Chaplains are willing to travel widely to perform ceremonies, our church is also available for rental at a reasonable price.

Unitarian House offers simple but spacious and gracious facilities that can accommodate up to 100 people. We are centrally located. For more information, contact the church Administrator. Rental information is also available on the web.



## Lay Chaplains and Our Congregation

Lakehead Unitarian Fellowship is responsible for recommending the appointment of our Lay Chaplains. It is also the responsibility of the congregation to ensure that each of our Lay Chaplains has adequate training, support and evaluation.

If you have questions or concerns, you are invited to contact the Chair of our congregation's Lay Chaplaincy Committee through the office of the Lakehead Unitarian Fellowship.