What is a Unitarian Lay Chaplain?

A Unitarian Lay Chaplain is a person recognized by their congregation as an officiant for Rites of Passage and Ceremonies. A Lay Chaplain receives training from the Canadian Unitarian Council and within the congregation. Our Lay Chaplains are licensed to perform marriages in the Province of Alberta.

We serve the greater Calgary and southern Alberta area.

Fee Schedule

Wedding / Memorial $365.00
Child Dedication $165.00
Other Ceremonies $165.00

For more information visit: www.calgaryunitarians.ca or email: Laychaplains@calgaryunitarians.ca

Lay Chaplain Ceremonies

Lay Chaplain ceremonies reflect the beliefs and values of the participants. Our ceremonies can be humanist or spiritually oriented. We also offer interfaith and multifaith ceremonies, incorporating elements from religious traditions. Unitarian Lay Chaplains have a history of serving, and continue to serve, LGBTQ2+ communities.

Our Lay Chaplains believe in honouring life’s special occasions and transitions through personalized ceremonies. The role of Lay Chaplain is to support each person’s expression of that which gives deep meaning to their life.

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Weddings

A Lay Chaplain designed wedding ceremony recognizes that the union of two persons in marriage is a commitment to journey through life together and links families and communities. Whenever possible, we encourage couples to exchange their vows in the presence of family and friends. We celebrate your joy and honour your commitment.

Child Naming and Dedication

Our child naming and dedication ceremonies are a public expression of the support and commitment to the child’s well-being by family, friends and the wider community in a child’s life. This is a poignant and meaningful way to launch your child on life’s adventure.

Memorial and Funeral Celebration of Life

A celebration of life is a personal recognition and honouring of the life of the person who has died. We acknowledge the solemnity of the occasion and the need for community support in a time of grieving. Family, friends, and loved ones will have an opportunity to celebrate the gift of life and mourn the loss of their loved one with a ceremony that incorporates meaningful readings, music, and rituals.

Our Lay Chaplains

Lynn Nugent and Mary-Anna Louise Kovar are active members of Calgary Unitarians. Both have extensive experience with creating and leading services. Lynn was appointed as a Lay Chaplain in December 2018; Mary-Anna Louise is serving her second term as Lay Chaplain. Lynn and Mary-Anna Louise will work with you to create a ceremony that reflects your beliefs and tells your story. We look forward to guiding you through the process of creating your perfect ceremony.

Further details about our Lay Chaplains can be found on our website www.calgaryunitarians.ca