



Introducing the Justice Circle Advising Team!

Justice Circle Work: An Update

As many of you know, BC Conference has contracted part time with Christina Kinch to coordinate and support some of the justice work within the Conference. This work will be financially supported by BC Conference as well as through the funding allocated from the sale of Capilano United. This work is currently in a listening, discerning and visioning phase. More information (as well as invitations to become involved) will be made available as the path becomes clearer. Please see the information below about the team who will be guiding this first phase of this work.

Meet Christina, Justice Coordinator



Christina Kinch

I have worked with the United Church in a variety of capacities including as a Child, Youth and Family Minister at Lynn Valley United and Heartwood Community Cafe. I have also worked at Naramata Centre as a Summer Director for Children and Youth Programs. A passion for personal and community transformation has led me to study with Richard Rohr and Cynthia Bourgeault at the Living School in New Mexico. I am also currently enrolled in a Masters of Education in Contemplative Inquiry and Approaches to Education at Simon Fraser University. I am excited to be standing on the foundation of those who have come before and have the opportunity to explore the next steps for Justice work in BC Conference.

What does Justice mean to you?

For me, justice is the freedom to live and move and have our being in communities that are safe, harmonious and life-giving.

Meet The Team

A team of five volunteers have been selected to serve as an intern advising team to this work. This team will meet two times per month for the next six months at which time we will discern which additional skills and people we need to continue this work. Stay tuned for opportunities to serve in this way!

Greg Powell



I serve in ministry at Castlegar United Church. Originally from Calgary and then Ottawa, I came to the Kootenays with my partner and young daughter to seek adventure and presence. I felt particularly drawn to justice work after a series of experiences overseas, and then after recognizing the privilege associated with colonialism, race, gender, class, orientation, and so on. A lifetime concern for our environment led me first to environmental engineering and then the environmental non-profit sector. While chairing a social justice committee, I responded to the call to ministry.

What does Justice mean to you?

Justice means each of us having an equal opportunity to experience the wholeness of God's ever-present, ever-flowing love.

Sarah Wolrich



Hi! My name is Sarah Wolrich. I'm a student at Thompson Rivers University, and living in Kamloops BC. My joy in life is anything that takes me outdoors, and I especially love hiking, kayaking, rock climbing and camping.

What does Justice mean to you?

Justice to me is a world where people are truly able to hear themselves, each other, and the world.



Linda McLaren

I am a student at the Vancouver School of Theology and a candidate for ordination with the United Church of Canada. I am currently appointed to Rosedale United Church for my Supervised Ministry Experience. Influenced by my nursing background, I am passionate about the interplay between health and spirituality, recognizing a connection between wholeness of mind body spirit. I understand justice as the practice of living in right relationship with creation, recognized through honouring relationship with each other, the earth and the understanding of God as central to and in our being.

What does Justice mean to you?

Justice requires our ability to examine issues and our own beliefs with a critical analysis to identify our own bias and that of the social system and power dominance.



Scott Reynolds

I have been working as the Minister of Youth and Young Adults at the United Churches of Langley for about three years. I'm also pursuing a master's degree in public and pastoral leadership at Vancouver School of Theology as I work toward ordination. Most of the justice work I've participated in takes place in the context of my church or through the Surrey Interfaith Council.

What does Justice mean to you?

For me, justice work is about working alongside others as we strive to build more loving and peaceful communities both in the church and in the world.



Julie Lebrun

After graduating from Vancouver School of Theology in 2008, I began serving in congregational ministry at St. Andrew's, Port Moody. The St. Andrew's faith community hosted a winter MAT Shelter Program from 2008 to 2014. This inspired me to go "beyond soup and socks" to learn about and address systemic issues of homelessness and affordable housing. I enjoy the variety of congregational ministry, community partnerships, and the possibilities these new times bring. I'm interested in mental health and wellness and regular spiritual practice. I live with my husband Tim and have 2 young adult children. To relax I like to

play volleyball, swim, be in nature, grow veggies, watch movies, and enjoy life!

What does Justice mean to you?

For me, justice, right relationship, and peace, all go together. Justice is about God's vision of peace for all and organizing our society so that all people have what they need in order to be the best/healthy person they can be. We can live in a way that seeks this Shalom and not lose hope that it will be so.

Thank You

Thank you for taking the time to get to know our team. Your prayers and words of support and encouragement will help this work grow and thrive!

If you want to get in touch with Christina, please email
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Blessings!

Christina Kinch