

Knox 2019 Lenten Lectures: on Loneliness

Wednesdays 7:00 pm
March 6, 20, 27, April 3, and 10
@ Knox United Church
Sponsored by Vancouver School of Theology

Knox United Church, 5600 Balaclava Street, Vancouver, is hosting a Lenten Lecture Series at **Knox United Church Sanctuary**. Our lecturers are from Vancouver School of Theology (VST): faculty members, seminary students, and graduate (UCC minister). Each lecturer will deliver a talk based on the theme of Loneliness for about 40 to 50 minutes. Admission is free by donation.

March 6th

"Vancouver - City of Glass or City of God?": Finding God in the Lonely Cascadian Context



Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart

is an Associate Professor, St. Andrew's Hall at UBC, and their founding Director of The Centre for Missional Leadership. He is the Director of Presbyterian Formation at VST where he teaches courses in Worship, Polity, Evangelism and Catechesis. Ross is author of *Lessons from Laodicea: Missional Leadership in a Culture of Affluence* and *Beyond Snakes and Shamrocks: St. Patrick's Missional Leadership Lessons for Today*. He lives in North Vancouver with his wife Laura and their three children, where he serves as Minister-in-Association at St. Andrew's/St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church.

March 20th

Loneliness & the Arts: the Role of the Arts in Bridging the Church with the Lonely World



Young Tae Choi

(B.F.A/M.Div) is the founder of Created to Create Arts Ministry. He serves as worship leader at Dunwood Place Seniors Complex, New Westminster, BC. He was a Director of Youth Ministry at Vancouver Korean Presbyterian Church and an Executive Art Director in POST-i. He has taught visual art and filmmaking to high school/university students in several art institutions over a period of ten years. As a filmmaker, Young Tae has also directed both independent and commercial films in South Korea, Mongolia, and New York City. (www.youngtae Choi.com)

March 27th

"Was Jesus Ever Lonely?": Loneliness of Jesus



Rev. Sharon Copeman

is a retired United Church minister - 13 years in full time congregational ministry and 11 years post-retirement serving as Presbytery-Appointed Pastoral Charge Supervisor with a small lay-led congregation. She is very actively involved with refugee settlement. At heart she is a pastoral, and one who cherishes relationship. She lives in Vancouver with her husband, Bob, and loves visits and conversation with her children, grandchildren, extended family, friends and strangers (who may become friends).

April 3rd

Loneliness & the Church: Called to Build Community Without Loneliness



Philp Francis

left the investment industry in 2017 to become a full-time theology student and is now in the second year of the MA-PPL program. Philip is planning to graduate in May 2019. He is currently engaged in a field education placement at First United Church in the DTES and will draw on this experience, and his pastoral theology classes, in his talk.

April 10th

"Called to be Lonely?": Loneliness of Pastor/Rabbi



Rabbi Laura Kaplan , Ph.D.,

is Director of Inter-Religious Studies at the Vancouver School of Theology. Rabbi Laura, an award-winning educator and a spiritual director, is also Rabbi Emerita of Or Shalom Synagogue. She is author of *The Infinity Inside: Jewish Spiritual Practice Through a Multi-Faith Lens* (Albion-Andalus, 2018) and blogs at sophiastreet.com. Laura lives in Vancouver with her husband, psychologist and musician Charles Kaplan. Together they enjoy hiking, making music, parenting their young adult children, and caring for a changing array of companion animals.