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Kelowna Unitarians are excited to welcome Intern Minister, Rosemary Morrison, who will begin her Internship September 1<sup>st</sup> at 1310 Bertram Street.

Rosemary says she is eager to continue pursuing her life long dream of becoming an ordained minister. She brings enthusiasm, compassion, and commitment to this Unitarian congregation as part of her learning journey.

Rosemary’s undergraduate degree is in Social Work. She graduated in 1998 from the then University College of the Cariboo in Kamloops, BC. She believed this degree would prepare her well for becoming a minister. However, after her degree the ministry dream was put on hold and she spent several years as a social worker. Working in Kamloops and Victoria with children and youth with special needs was very rewarding, she said, but her call to ministry never left her. To answer the call, Rosemary enrolled in the Vancouver School of Theology (VST) and graduated last spring with her Master’s of Divinity. A one-year internship here in Kelowna is her next stop on this journey.

Rosemary was the recipient of, ‘The Rev. Dr. Robert Robinson Morrison Prize in Homiletics’ (preaching), at VST this past year. She plans to incorporate into her sermons her Unitarian Universalist theology, her compassion, her love of people and the environment, and her commitment to social justice.

The Unitarian Universalist faith is an age-old religion originating in Eastern Europe in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century. It has always been a liberal faith, committed to justice, equality, compassion, and respect, which draws wisdom and insight from science, the world’s religions and philosophies, and from direct experience of mystery and wonder.

Rosemary says she is happy to be serving the Kelowna Unitarians and the congregation feels very fortunate that she will continue her training here. Rosemary also hopes to be a resource to the larger Kelowna community.

Office hours will be Monday and Wednesday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Kelowna Unitarian Church, 1310 Bertram Street, Kelowna, BC. The phone number is 250-763-7212, and you can leave a message for her any time. Rosemary’s email address is: [rmorrison@uuma.org](mailto:rmorrison@uuma.org)