Canadian Unitarians for Social Justice and the Accessible Housing Network invite you to join us in a "Let's Connect" zoom call:

The Crisis in Accessible Housing  
Date: Saturday February 19, 2022  
Time: 11am Pacific, 2pm Eastern for 75 minutes  
Register here: <https://cusj.org/webinar/>

There is no law in Canada requiring that any housing be accessible, despite the fact that more than 22% of Canadians have a disability. In addition, millions of aging Canadians are left out of this statistic.
because they don’t define themselves as having a disability, despite the struggles of their aging bodies (eyesight, hearing, mobility issues, strokes, heart attacks…).

The following motion was passed at the May 2021 CUSJ annual meeting

CUSJ urges the governments of Canada and all provinces to:
comply with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities by

- ensuring all new housing will be accessible using universal design principles/standards,
- immediately amend all housing laws and regulations to make universal design mandatory for all multi-unit housing units funded directly or indirectly by the Government of Canada and/or a province; and
- require that any public funds or concessions conferred on municipalities, provinces, developers, or any other organization for housing be exclusively for universally designed housing units.

Speakers:
- Kate Chung, Co-chair, Accessible Housing Network (and CUSJ member who proposed the resolution)
- Tracy Odell, President, Citizens with Disabilities - Ontario, and survivor of institutional life as a child.
- Thea Kurdi, President, DesignABLE Environments Inc., Accessibility Code Consultant and Universal Design Specialist

What do we mean by accessible, universal design, adaptable, or barrier-free?

How can we end the bottleneck caused by the federal, provincial and municipal governments all declaring that housing is the responsibility of the others?

How can we motivate all levels of government to work together to end discrimination in housing against seniors and people with disabilities?

Bring your questions and your experiences.