



## **Wynyard Unitarian Church** *Annual All-Saskatchewan Service*

# **“Many Mansions, One Home”**

**Sunday, August 10, 2008**

**11:00 a.m.**

***Everyone Welcome!***

Unitarians from across the province will descend upon Wynyard for their annual “All-Saskatchewan Service” at the Wynyard Unitarian Church on Sunday, August 10 at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend the service and a light lunch which will follow.

Rev. Stefan M. Jonasson of Winnipeg will conduct the service, his topic being "Many Mansions, One Home." This year's theme is inspired by a former Wynyard minister, Rev. Fridrik A. Fridriksson who once remarked that he could “visualize two homelands for people privileged to spend parts of their lives in two lands, the culture of which had something in common.” Fridriksson's daughter, Birna Fridrikdottir, visited Wynyard earlier this summer on a pilgrimage to her father's former church, where he served as minister from 1921 until 1930 and again during his 1957-58 return to Canada.

"Somewhere deep within all of us," observes Stefan Jonasson, "there is a longing for home, wherever (and whatever) home may be. Where do you feel at home? And where does the feeling of being 'at home' come from?"

Organized on August 19, 1906, as the Quill Lake Congregation, an independent Icelandic church, the Wynyard Unitarian Church is the oldest Unitarian congregation west of Winnipeg. In 1923, it affiliated with the United Conference of Icelandic Churches (adopting the name “Federated”) and the American Unitarian Association. Its building, the “Brick Church,” was erected in 1921 (at a cost of \$13,572!) and recognized as a heritage site in 1982. At one point in the 1930s, it was the largest Unitarian congregation in all of Canada!

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For further information about the Wynyard Unitarian Church or its annual All-Saskatchewan Service, contact Lillian Thorlacius or Audrey Shepherd.