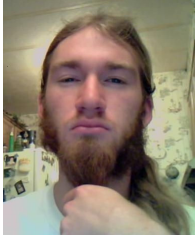


PCD District Assembly 2008 Workshops



“AN ADULT YRUU CON”

Jason George, PCD Youth Council, and Garrick Linn, Starr King School for the Ministry

Wondering what those crazy teenagers are doing at those fabled "Cons"? Curious why so many UU youth are drawn to them? Trying to figure out what it is that actually goes on at cons? Well, you're in luck! PCD YRUU is holding a workshop with the intent of informing parents and youth leaders of what happens at these youth conferences, as well as soliciting feedback from the wider UU community in order to make our programming more inclusive. We will take you through a general con, the activities that usually happen, and some of the traditions step-by-step to give you a sense of the community in order to give all involved a feeling of what happens at the strange and mysterious youth cons.



“AN INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW BISEXUALITY CURRICULUM”

Rev. Amy Zucker Morgenstern, UU Church of Palo Alto

The newly launched Bisexuality Curriculum, a UU religious education program for adults or youth, aims to give our members a deeper understanding of this often-misunderstood sexual orientation, and empower them to make their congregations, organizations, and wider communities more just and welcoming. Participants will gain awareness about bisexuality through fun, lively exercises from the curriculum; learn about the program's approach; and have time for questions and answers. The presenter is one of the authors of the curriculum and introduced it at General Assembly in 2007.

Rev. Zucker Morgenstern is the Parish Minister at the UU Church of Palo Alto, and co-authored the curriculum with five other bisexual activists, and co-presented it in a workshop at the 2007 General Assembly.



“BUILDING A PCD UNIVERSITY”

Andrew Johnson, Ph.D., UU Church of Palo Alto

Why should we do this? Who is the target? What should be the content? Where should it be delivered? How should it be delivered? How will it be staffed?

The relative success of UU University tells us there is a quest by lay leaders to know how to do church successfully. I say relative because it is an annual event reaching only those who attend in concurrence with attending General Assembly. Can we extend this to the district level? This workshop will answer the questions posed above out of which we should know whether it is desired and how it could be effective. Attendees should be current board members and/or committee chairs.



“BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH SERVICE”

Sally Fife, John Dumbrill, and members of the Advocates for Social Justice Committee, Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Santa Rosa

In September of 2005, a few members of the Santa Rosa Congregation started serving a light breakfast on Saturday mornings to a few homeless folks in the neighborhood. Two and a half years later, we are feeding over 150 hungry people a 5 course healthy breakfast every week! This project is sponsored by the Advocates for Social Justice, a standing committee in our Congregation. The objective of a hands-on community service sponsored by our Congregation has ended up being as much benefit to our Congregation as to the homeless community we serve.



“CAKES FOR THE QUEEN OF HEAVEN / IN ANCIENT TIMES (Part One)”

Rev. Shirley Ranck, Interim Minister, UU Fellowship of Northern Nevada

The popular curriculum, now revised and updated will be presented by author Shirley Ann Ranck. Participants will have an opportunity to experience part of one session. Part 1 deals with the very ancient goddesses and early civilizations where women were central. A visual program will accompany the presentation.



“CREATING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY”

The Rev. Cathleen Diane Cox, UUCB and Julie Springer, LS Convener, FUCSJ with the PCD Leadership School Committee

Ever talked to any Leadership School grads about their experience? You'll probably find them glowing about their in-depth experience of a strong, safe, deeply caring UU community where support and challenge meet - all created in just one week! LS is an experience not to be missed in itself *and* much of what makes it "tick" is transportable! Join us for an exploration of what your congregation - or other UU organization can learn about what really works in creating and growing the "beloved community."



"ENDOWMENTS: RAISING IT AND MANAGING IT"

Tim Brennan, Treasurer, Unitarian Universalist Association

An endowment can be a tremendous resource for a congregation; it can also be source of endless frustration and even conflict. Who should manage the money, and who decides how it gets spent? Yet every congregation should plan for raising and managing an endowment -- even before they have one. This workshop will explore best practices in raising endowment funds, policies and governance, and money management.

"FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR CONGREGATIONS: FAQs"

As UUA treasurer, I received many questions from congregations about a wide array of issues related to the financial aspects of congregational life. While I can't answer all of them, I can usually find someone at the UUA who can. This workshop will review some of the most frequently asked questions that come my way and the resources available through the UUA that can help. We'll explore such issues as: planned giving, the General Investment Fund, health and retirement plans, audits, and capital campaigns. And, of course, there will be time for your questions.

Tim Brennan was named Treasurer and Vice President of Finance for the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations by the Board of Trustees at their June 2006 meeting. In addition to overseeing the complex activities of the UUA's Department of Finance, Brennan supervises all of the UUA's internal service offices, including the General Assembly, Information Technology Services, and Operations staff groups.



"FLING WIDE THE DOORS: CHILDREN AND CHURCH GROWTH"

Greg Stewart, Senior Minister, First UU Society of San Francisco

How can we ensure that our children's religious education program serves as a primary portal of entry to the local church and wider movement of Unitarian Universalism? According to this presenter, it necessitates embracing a methodology of discipleship and acknowledging the salvific nature of liberal religion. So we'll look at the three Ps--piety, programming, publicity--as the model for a community based religious education program that serves equally children who are already in church as well as their unchurched counterparts.

The Reverend Greg Stewart, a minister of religious education currently serving as senior minister of the First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco, is the originator of the Way Cool Sunday School approach to liberal religious education. During his educational ministry, Greg oversaw religious education programs that grew both the Sunday school *and* the congregation by putting hands and feet on our Principles and Purposes. Greg has presented workshops on religious education, social justice, and church growth at district assemblies and General Assembly.



"GLOBAL LITERACY PROJECT: WEAVING A UU GLOBAL VILLAGE NETWORK"

Rev. Dr. Dorothy May Emerson, UU community minister with Rainbow Solutions in Medford, MA

This workshop introduces participants to the first-ever International Convocation of UU Women, coming up in Houston in February 2009, and invites all UUs to become part of the Convocation process by participating in the *Global Literacy Project: Weaving a UU Global Village Network*. Learn about the work UU women have done and are doing to improve women's lives worldwide. Find out about the exciting program in Houston in 2009 and how you can participate. Become more aware of your personal and congregational global connections. Learn how you can become a more competent and empowered citizen of our UU global village.

Dorothy Emerson is a UU community minister with Rainbow Solutions in Medford, MA, where she serves as an organizational consultant, leads worship, and facilitates workshops as part of her ministry of social and economic justice. She serves as Program Coordinator of the International Convocation of UU Women and is the creator of the Global Literacy Project.

"GLOBAL WARMING, ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND THE INTERDEPENDENT WEB OF EXISTENCE"

Joy Morgenstern, UU Church of Palo Alto

As UUs, we respect the interdependent web of existence, yet as Americans we use far more than our share of the world's resources. This raises many questions: What is our responsibility as UUs to change our habits and educate ourselves? What do we need to know to measure the environmental impact of the decisions we make? What are the best ways for our congregations to deal with these issues? This workshop will explore these questions so that we can return to our congregations with more of the tools we need to lessen our destructive impact on the world.

Joy Morgenstern has a Ph.D. in Energy Management and Environmental Policy and currently works on energy efficiency at the California Public Utilities Commission. She has taught a class at her church called "Energy and the Environment," worked with her church's Green Sanctuary Committee, and done many workshops and projects on energy efficiency, renewable energy and global climate change.



"HOW TO BECOME A TELEVANGELIST - USING PUBLIC ACCESS TV TO GET YOUR MESSAGE OUT"

Rev. Barbara Meyers, Community Minister, Mission Peak UU Congregation

It is easy to dismiss television as being irrelevant, or worse, a negative influence in our world. But, what if it could be harnessed and used for good? This workshop will describe what is involved in producing a public access television program, so that that this medium can be considered in doing social justice work in the community.

Rev. Barbra Meyers is the producer of a public access TV program called Mental Health Matters - Alameda County, which explores mental health issues in a half-hour interview-format program.



"PARTNERS OF PREACHERS: POP GOES THE RELATIONSHIP OR ELASTIC RELATIONSHIP?"

Carl Ingram, UU Fellowship of Los Gatos

Partners of Preachers (POP) have a difficult role and often are not part of a community or receive the need partner support. The workshop is modeled after the successful UUMPs (UU Ministers and Partners, the national organization) workshop at 2007 General Assembly. The conversation starters represent different configurations of couples and families. They will share their personal stories of challenges and inspiration as the ministers' significant other. Most of the session will be the participants asking questions to the group and sharing

stories to learn from each other and to build a support network in the PCD. Partners of seminarians and religious educators are encouraged attend too.

Carl Ingram, Ph.D., was one of the founders of SOS (Significant Others of Seminarians) at Starr King School for the Ministry where his wife was matriculating. Carl is versed in the issues of relationship, particularly of partners of preachers. His work includes presentations and facilitation.



"PRACTICING LOVE"

Jan Ogren, Church of the Larger Fellowship

Many UU congregations are inspired by the saying: "Love is the doctrine of this church." It is used as opening words, affirmations, displayed on walls

and written in the order of service. But what does it really mean for a faith that has no creed and no dogma to proclaim that its doctrine is love? And how do we practice our doctrine? In this workshop we will explore love, by first defining it, looking at the myths and ideas surrounding it and then by exploring how we can bring more love into our faith.



"RECOGNIZING AND RESPONDING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN YOUR CONGREGATION"

Eric Nelson, First UU Society of San Francisco

Learn behavioral, physical, emotional, and spiritual indicators of hidden violence. Learn how to approach a congregant who you suspect may be involved either as perpetrator or victim. Learn your legal and ethical obligations. Learn when to refer to a professional.

Domestic violence is a hidden crime, often covered up by the victim. Men as well as women are hit, kicked, punched, and otherwise physically abused in the home. There are, among us, UU's who are past or present victims, some in need of pastoral care, some in need of professional care. The objective of this 60 minute work shop is to review basic indicators, appropriate personal attitude, legal and ethical obligations, resources, and learning indicators when a matter should be referred to others. This workshop is primarily aimed at lay and ordained ministers, and theological students.

Eric Nelson is a peace officer whose areas of specialization include domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse investigation. He holds an M.A. in Marital & Family Therapy, and an M.S. in Forensic Science. Eric has been an adjunct professor of Criminal Justice, Forensic Science, and Public Administration at National University for 10 years. Eric is a member of the UU Society of San Francisco.



“SIMPLE STEPS TO JUSTICE”

Marje Park and Jeremy Nickel

At both the giving and receiving end of UUSC’s social justice work are people. We will discuss how UUSC’s social justice work complements our own spiritual lives as it connects us with others

far and wide. Programs of hope and opportunity to serve others also serve our spiritual needs as individuals and as a denomination.

Marje Park is the National Co-chair for the UUSC Volunteer Network. She is a graduate of Tufts University (Crane Theological School) and is a lifelong UU and active in UU leadership for many years (Starr King Board, PCD committees, extensive work at UUCM, Couple Enrichment workshop leader).

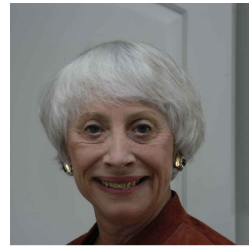
Jeremy Nickel is currently the Intern Minister at the First UU Society in San Francisco. He served on the staff of the UU Service Committee as Events Coordinator and assistant to President Charlie Clements after graduating from Pacific School of Religion.



“SEVEN MANDATORY PRE-REQUISITES FOR GROWING A CONGREGATION”

Eric Nelson, First UU Society of San Francisco

This workshop will challenge fundamental assumptions about church growth. You won't hear about advertising campaigns and membership drives. Rather, you will be challenged to think about seven important actions which a church must take before they begin to attempt growth. This is a seminar about putting priorities and systems in place first, so that growth will be done well and results will last.



“SHAKESPEARE: Who Was He Really? The Religious and Social Implications of his Work”

Jean Wilcox

As most of us are aware, very little is known about William Shakespeare himself, but we do know about the religious and social climate in which he lived. Who was this man, what might have been his experiences and how were these reflected in his plays, specifically **Twelfth Night**, one of his most amusing and insightful comedies. Alternatively, could his works possibly have been written by someone else? A lighthearted look at one of literature’s most famous mysteries.

Jean is known to the Pacific Central District as a speaker, covenant facilitator and presenter. However, her theatrical avocation (as an actor and a director) is also well known, and she has performed in many of our churches. Jean has a passion for Shakespeare, and while not officially a “scholar” has read extensively critical works on the Bard, and has read or seen nearly all his plays. She has led annual groups to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, speaks publicly and facilitates lectures.



“SOLDIERS OF CONSCIENCE”

Anna Sylvester, Ian Slattery, David Dupree, Anna Sylvester, Eric Nelson, UUSF; Charles Miles, Sierra Foothill UU; Members of the Leadership School, Class of '07-- Mission Peak, San Jose, Oakland, San Francisco & Sierra Foothills.

Documentary film about war, peace, and US soldiers in Iraq, from active military to conscientious objectors, wrestling with conscience over killing in war. Followed on Saturday by a “World Café” discussion— a conversational process, an innovative yet simple methodology for hosting conversations about questions that matter.

This film will be shown Friday night after Opening Worship, and a panel discussion will follow during the morning workshop sessions on Saturday. Trailer of film, reviews, flyers and posters are available at www.socfilm.com. Description of World Café process and explanations available at www.worldcafe.com





“THINKING OUTSIDE THE PARISH; SOCIAL JUSTICE NETWORKING”

Rev. Kay Jorgensen, Alex Darr, and Carol Stephenson for Urban Disciples

The Urban Disciples invite you to a conversation revealing what happens when members of different congregations come together to discover what each of us has to teach and to learn about our justice work. The issues that UUs are addressing reach beyond the cities where our congregations lie, suggesting that our networks should reach beyond our congregations as well. Based on their experiences leading national and regional gatherings, the Urban Disciples propose regional networks to address the injustices we face in our urban environment.

Rev. Kay Jorgensen, Faithful Fools Co-Founder and President, affiliated and endorsed Community Minister of the First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco.

Alex Darr, Faithful Fools Outreach Minister and member of the First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco, where he serves on the Social Justice Council.

Carol Stephenson, Social Justice Coordinator, First Unitarian Church of San Jose.



“TRACES OF THE TRADE”

Rev. Bonnie Dlott, Minister, UU’s of the North Bay, and Mary Foran, First Unitarian Church of Oakland

Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North has been chosen as an Official Selection

for competition in the Sundance Film Festival which takes place January 17-27, 2008 in Park City, Utah. This will be the film’s World Premiere. This movie will be shown on Saturday night, and will be followed by a discussion led by Rev. Bonnie Dlott and Mary Foran Sunday morning.



TRANSITIONS WORKSHOP”

Rev. Robert Latham, Interim Minister, First Jefferson UU Church, Fort Worth, TX

Is your congregation stuck? Having difficulty breaking through membership boundaries? Been in transition so

long that it has become a lifestyle? Then, this workshop is for you. We will look at the characteristics of all four attendance size cultures and what makes them work (Family, Pastoral, Program, Resource). We will look at why this paradigm can empower congregations to move into a new future and at those factors that tend to impede forward progress. The workshop will be presentational and interactive. The presenter, Rev. Robert T. Latham has written a book applying this paradigm to the peculiarities of Unitarian Universalism. While the workshop will stand on its own you will find it even more provocative by having read this book. You may order a copy of *Moving On from Church Folly Lane* at www.mythinglink.com Ten or more copies at a reduced rate may be order from cynthialatham@comcast.net.



“UU Christian Worship”

Rev. Lisa Sargent and Donna Sequeira, M. Div.

Everyone is welcome to participate in meaningful worship reflecting Christianity as a justice-based and compassionate religion. Drawing on our Unitarian Universalist heritage, we will explore how the way of Jesus can be a Simple Gift in transforming us and our contemporary world through scripture, song, prayer, preaching and communion.



“UU LETTER WRITING PRISON MINISTRY” (Church of the Larger Fellowship)

Ann Pestalozzi, UU Fellowship of Tuolumne County

Social Action without Walls! Here’s a social action ministry where you don’t have to go to meetings, to street corners, make signs, or keep appointments yet be effective. Just by writing to a person in prison, you may benefit them in ways you can now only guess - and learn things about prisons that amaze and confound you. The benefits go both ways! This is also a prescription for an education in civics, and for boredom or loneliness.

Ann Pestalozzi, MSW, MFT has presented lectures to audiences of professionals as well as to military audiences and others on topics regarding human behavior for over 40 years.



“VALUABLE VOLUNTEERS”

Rev. Dr. Lisa Presley, Interim Minister,
UU Congregation of Marin

We all know volunteers are one of the most important assets our congregations have. But what do we know about cultivating them, their motivations, support, and celebration of all that they do? This workshop will look at volunteers, provide information, and facilitate conversation of best practices.

Rev. Lisa Presley has served sixteen years as UU minister, and many years as volunteer before; she is a trainer of Planning for Growth and Vitality workshops for small and mid-size congregations; she served two years as Interim District Executive, and has made several presentations on membership and volunteer issues.