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Experience the beloved community - a place of practice & participation

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AUGUST 15-21, 2009
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How to afford Leadership School 2009!



LS Staff and Conveners 2004

Raising funds for the Bill Chapel Memorial Scholarship Fund

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Speak with your Minister and Board about sending a team of leaders

Add Leadership School tuition to your congregation's annual budget

Apply for UUA Leadership Development Grant – Association Sunday Campaign

Apply for a PCD-UUA Chalice Lighter Grant

Ask your congregation to take a collection to fund LS attendance

Hold a fund-raising event: Bake sale, rummage sale, ice-cream social, auction

What is Leadership School Like?

A Reflection by Claire Paul UUFSCC, Class of 2008 (adapted)

The Pacific Central District (PCD) of the Unitarian Universalist Association has offered a Leadership School since 1978. It has evolved through the last 30 years to include opportunities to learn about the history of our denomination and practice the skills needed to build our communities. Cilla Raughley, the District Executive, calls it a rite of passage for adults...

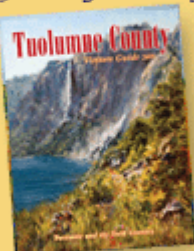
This last summer, thanks to the support of the Santa Cruz Fellowship, I was privileged to attend the weeklong Leadership School in its new venue of Tuolumne Trails. Students from Hawaii, Santa Rosa, Berkeley, Redwood City, Santa Cruz and San Jose gathered near Yosemite...

...One of the greatest benefits to me was learning about our heritage. I'm proud to be part of the lineage that has espoused freedom of religion, supporting diversity of opinions, and marching on the front lines for civil rights. I have a stronger sense of identity as a UU than before attending Leadership School. *(continued on reverse)*

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...Growing edges for me were dealing with conflict and being transparent about my reasons for making a suggestion. I saw time after time that honoring differences of opinion and seeking a way for all our needs to be met built relationships that in turn helped us solve problems more effectively. I learned again to trust that the group wisdom would take us farther than any one person's idea. Under stress, I have a tendency to get more concise, just telling people what to do, thinking that was more efficient. If I explained what needs would be met, my suggestions met less resistance than when they were just seen as my directives. This transparency required me to get more in touch with my own underlying needs.

...Since graduating from LS, I have benefited from participating in graduate events that utilized more forms of participation and drawing input from the community, particularly appreciative inquiry and café conversations. I have also been involved in helping improve the process design...

Fond memories of LS include sunsets viewed from the eastern deck, colors changing on the clouds behind Rev. Cat as she told stories about our history; getting counsel while floating in the pool in the afternoon after the silent hour; walking and singing our way down the hill to a spot near a pond I hadn't seen before, and an altar built from the natural materials in that area; laughing together in the circle before lunch. It all added up to a deeper understanding, a body memory, of what it means to be part of a faith community.

I recommend PCD-UUA Leadership School. It was an opportunity for personal development in a beautiful environment, and an in-depth resource for many practical tools to build community in our congregation. It is really a bargain for a full week, including meals, air-conditioned meeting lodge, very skilled and knowledgeable instructors who have been active leaders in their UU communities, and materials to bring home. It increased my sense of loyalty to my UU denomination and to my congregation. It increased my sense of possibility for the ways in which we can grow together. I thank you for giving me this opportunity. ☺ Claire Paul, UU Fellowship of Santa Cruz County

LS ANNUAL REUNION! Thanks to Anna Sylvester ('07) & Charles Miles ('07) for our reunion at the San Francisco Church in November. Beyond deepening our connections via Café Conversations, we also enjoyed an Interplay experience led by Kathleen Herring ('05). Our next gathering is November 14, 2009 at the Berkeley Church in Kensington. Join us!

Retreat Location for LS Aug 15-21, 2009



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