



BCD In-Brief



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BCD Spring Conference and Annual Meeting: a Plethora of Activities

What does world population migrations, global warming, US immigration policy, brunch, worship, elections, and budget and operating reports have in common? All of this and more will be part of the 2013 BCD Spring Conference and Annual Meeting to be held on April 27 at First Congregational Parish in Kingston, MA <http://www.kingstonuu.org/>

Ballou Channing District UUs and friends are invited to spend a morning together starting at 9:00 a.m. (registration, coffee and UU Mall at 8:30) with worship, followed by a stimulating and informative keynote presentation by UU United Nations Office Director, Bruce Knotts. A brunch will be served at 10:45 and the Annual Meeting (see next article) will commence at 11:30 with plans for adjourn by 12:45.

Conference information has been mailed to congregation offices. Register on line at <http://bcdspringcon.eventbrite.com>

BCD Annual Meeting

Pursuant to Article V "District Meetings" notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Ballou Channing District of the Unitarian Universalist Association will be held on Saturday, April 27, at First Congregational Parish in Kingston, 222 Main Street, Kingston, MA, commencing at 11:30 a.m.

The business of the meeting shall include: elect District Officers and members of the Board of Directors, elect Nominating Committee member, adopt the District budget for Fiscal Year 2014, receive reports from Ballou Channing District Board of Directors, UUA Trustee, Treasurer and District Executive and attend to other matters as posted on the final agenda.

The 2013 Annual Meeting information packet and delegate cards were mailed to congregation offices April 4.

Announcing the Launch of New England Leap of Faith Three BCD congregations to participate

Leap of Faith is a one-year experience that pairs healthy congregations aspiring to grow with mentoring congregations that are growing. Together they tap into their collective wisdom and commit to helping the aspiring congregations break through their growth barriers.

The Unitarian Universalist Association piloted the Leap of Faith Initiative on a national basis for the past two years. Because of its success, the staff of the four districts in the New England Region decided to bring the initiative to the New England Region. Fourteen congregations from across the region, ranging in size from 73 members to 280 members will be participating from across the region

Three congregations in the BCD - The Unitarian Church of Sharon, First Parish Church, Duxbury, and the First Universalist Society of Franklin - have been selected to participate. They will be paired with a congregation from another district to work together during 2013 - 2014.

For more information about this initiative can be found at <http://www.uunewenglandleapoffaith.org/index.html>

General Assembly News

- **BCD Scholarships for General Assembly**

As has been done in past years the District will be able to provide some financial assistance for congregation presidents and presidents-elect (or those who will be nominated and elected this year) to cover registration fees. Five \$250 scholarships are available on a first come, first awarded system. The BCD scholarship must be matched by a congregational financial assistance. Contact the BCD Office ballouchanning@verizon.com to request an application form.

- **General Assembly Registration Fees Increase May 1**

General Assembly registration rates increase on May 1. Full time adult is \$330 and Youth is \$190 until April 30. On May 1 the rates increase to \$380 and \$225 respectively. For registration and housing information go to: <http://uua.org/ga/registration/index.shtml>

Program on Responses to Climate Changes and Extreme Weather

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Falmouth is working with the Environmental Protection Agency to identify strategies for here-and-now programs to respond to extreme weather events and climate change. The Fellowship is presenting a free program that will

look at the issues of pastoral care, religious education, community service, and other activities that address both immediate needs in the event of a weather emergency, as well as congregational moral response to the climate issues. The program will be held on Wednesday, May 29, starting at 7:00 pm at the Unitarian Universalist meetinghouse, 840 Sandwich Road, Falmouth, Free program. The building is accessible for people with disabilities.

For more information contact the Rev. Bob Murphy or Lyn Dalzell a (508) 563-5948. murphydalzell@aol.com

Organization Restructuring at UUA

On July 1, the Rev. Harlan Limpert, Vice President for Ministries and Congregational Support, will become the chief operating officer of the Unitarian Universalist Association. This will be the first time the UUA has given a senior executive the title of COO. The new position will replace the office of the executive vice president, currently filled by Kay Montgomery. Kay will be retiring at the end of June 2013.

Rev. Dr. Terasa Cooley, currently Director of Congregational Life Staff Group, will lead the newly formed Office of Program and Strategy. The Office of Program and Strategy will include the staff groups: Congregational Life, Ministries and Faith Development, Multicultural Growth and Witness, Growth Strategies, Congregational Stewardship, International Office, and the UU College of Social Justice, which the UUA jointly administers with the UU Service Committee. A search will be launched to fill the director of Congregational Life position.

Go to http://www.uuworld.org/news/articles/285098.shtml?utm_source=f for the uuworld.org article describing the changes and view the new organization chart at <http://www.uuworld.org/pdfs/uuaorgchartapril2013.pdf>

LGBT Prom Hosted by Channing Memorial Church April 26

Channing Memorial Church Interweave's 4th annual "Born-This-Way Prom" will be held on Friday, April 26, 8 p.m. at the FOP Lodge, Mitchell's Lane, Middletown, RI (just off RI Route 138)

The prom is open to members of the LGBT communities and allies, UUs and friends. It is a fun, non-alcoholic, pizza filled, event for all ages. DJ Hansen will be providing the music. There will be a Drag Show & King and Queen crowning.

The cost is \$10.00. Proceeds from the Prom are split between Youth Pride Inc. of Providence and Channing Church. For more information contact interweave@channingchurch.org

News from the Larger UU World

- **April 23 UU Mass Action Advocacy Day, First Church Boston, 66 Marlborough St, Boston**

9:00 a.m. Breakfast with Speaker: Sister Simone Campbell, leader of "Nuns on the Bus," NETWORK Executive Director, Lawyer, advocate, poet, Catholic Sister, member of the Sisters of Social Service.

10:30 a.m. Advocacy Day Speaker: Senator Jamie Eldridge, author of Immigration Trust Act; and other bills for immigration reform (Trust Act), gun control, and youth homelessness.

12:15 p.m. Lunch and issues workshops

1:30 p.m. - 4:00. Lobby at the State House (shuttle available from church to Statehouse)

Register and see program information at: uumassaction.org/uuma/advocacyday2013

- **Virtual General Assembly: Participating from Off-site**

Technology is providing new opportunities for individuals who cannot attend General Assembly in person. GA is transforming from an event one need be present to experience into a hybrid meeting-incorporating off-site delegate participation, live streaming of events, and social media to create an interactive experience for live and remote attendees.

Go to <http://www.uua.org/ga/virtual/index.shtml> for information about off-site delegate registration, watching General Assembly on line and participating in on-line discussion and Plenary voting.

Questions about watching or participating in GA from afar can be directed to Margy Levine Young, Manager of the ITS Web Team, at myoung@uua.org / 802-989-3371

- **Congregation Learning Workshops Offered by Clara Barton/Mass Bay Districts**

The Clara Barton/Mass Bay Districts invite BCD congregation leaders to attend their Learning Congregation Workshops. Registration is to open to individuals from the four districts in the New England Region (NER).

The up-coming workshops are:

- Evaluating Congregational Ministry - Saturday, May 11, 2012
- Creating and Leading Dynamic Lay-Led Worship - Saturday, June 8, 2013

Congregations are encouraged to send teams. Programs are held on Saturdays 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. For more information about each workshop and to register go to:

<http://www.cbd-mbd-uua.org/drupal/content/saturday-workshops>

Resources for Mental Health Available from UUA Equal Access Team

Equal (*sic*) Access and the Unitarian Universalist Association have compiled the following resources for congregations about the topic of mental health

- A list of mental health sermons at UU churches at: <http://www.mpuuc.org/services/mhsermons.html>
- Caring Congregation curriculum, developed by Rev. Barbara Meyers, Equal Access Board Member and a leading expert in the field of Mental

- Health: <http://www.mpuuc.org/mentalhealth/caringcongecurr.html>
- Copies of the TV program Mental Health Matters, produced by Rev. Meyers and other videos that she created for the purpose of giving hope to people: <http://www.mpuuc.org/mentalhealth/mentalTVshow.html>
<http://www.mpuuc.org/mentalhealth/mentalVideos.html>
 - Information on how congregations can start a depression support group: <http://www.mpuuc.org/mentalhealth/depressionsupportgroup.html> and a grief support" group <http://www.mpuuc.org/mentalhealth/griefsupportgroup.html>
 - Information on how congregations can start mental health ministry, <http://www.uua.org/interconnections/190142.shtml>
 - **Religious Education Weeks and Renaissance Modules in July**

The Annual Ferry Beach and Star Island Religious Education weeks will be held in July at the respective retreat facilities

- July 6-13

Ferry Beach Multigenerational Religious Education Conference

<http://www.ferrybeach.org/re-week.html>

Adult Faith Development Renaissance Module

Contact: julie.amery@verizon.net

- July 13-20

Star Island Lifespan Religious Education Conference

<http://starisland.org/conferences/2013-conference-listing/lifespan-religious-ed>

Ministry with Youth Renaissance Module.Contact: Jane Clay,

jhclay@roadrunner.com

Employment Opportunities

- **Director of Religious Education. Part time**

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Falmouth, MA is recruiting for a DRE. Position Begins mid July 2013. Go to www.UUFFm.org, link on WE ARE HIRING for full details of the Job Description. Or contact Margaret Sabin, Chair, DRE Search Committee at mtbsabin@comcast.net.

- **Director of Religious Education, part-time**

The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleboro (MA is seeking a dynamic DRE to continue our rich tradition and develop the program for all ages. For more information visit the congregation's website at <http://uumiddleboro.org/religious-education-director-employment-opportunity>.

- **Interim Congregational Development Director**

Northern New England District is recruiting an interim (12- to 18-month) Congregation Development Director to provide support and resources for congregational

development and expansion of Unitarian Universalist in the Northern New England District. Application deadline: April 30. Detailed position description at http://www.uua.org/documents/hr/jobdescriptions/inter_cong_dev_dir_nne.pdf

Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Apr 23 [@]	UU Mass Action Advocacy Day, First Church Boston, 66 Marlborough St, Boston	9:00 a.
Apr 23 [@]	UU Mass Action Lobbying Massachusetts State House, Boston	1:30 - 4:00 p
Apr 26 [@]	"Born-This-Way Prom" FOP Lodge, Mitchell's Lane, Middletown, RI (organized and hosted by Channing Memorial Church)	8:00 p
Apr 27	Spring Conference & Annual Meeting First Congregational Parish, Kingston, MA	9:00 a - 1:00 p
Apr 28	Rev. Paul Langston-Daly installation First Unitarian Church, New Bedford, MA	TBA
May 1 [@]	GA Registration Fee Increases	
May 11	Junior High Con First Parish Duxbury, Duxbury, MA	TBA
May 11 [#]	Evaluating Congregational Ministry First Parish Unitarian Universalist, Northborough, MA [a Clara Barton/Mass Bay District seminar]	8:30 a - 12:30 p
May 13-15 [#]	BCD UUMA Retreat Glastonbury Abby	
May 15	South Shore Presidents Cluster meeting Location; TBA	7:00 p
May 20	BCD Board of Directors meeting First Parish Brewster, MA	6:30 - 9:00 p
May 27 [@]	Memorial Day Observed - UUA Office Closed	
May 29	Responses to Climate Changes and Extreme Weather Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Falmouth	7:00 p
Jun 2	Rev. Sarah Person installation service First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleboro, MA	TBA
Jun 7 [@]	Pre-registration for GA ends; on-site registration only	
Jun 8 [#]	Creating and Leading Dynamic Lay-Led Worship First Parish Church, Weston, MA [Clara Barton/Mass Bay District seminar]	8:30 a - 12:30 p
Jun 19-23	General Assembly Louisville, KY [www.uua.org/ga]	
Jul 6-13 [@]	Ferry Beach Multigenerational Religious Education Conference	

Ferry Beach Camp and Conference Center, Saco, ME
 [<http://www.ferrybeach.org/re-week.html>]

Jul 7-12[@] *Adult Faith Development Renaissance Module*
Ferry Beach Camp and Conference Center, Saco, ME
 [Contact: julie.amery@verizon.net]

Jul 13-20[@] *Innovation in Lifespan Religious Education*
Star Island Lifespan Religious Education
Star Island, NH
 [<http://starisland.org/conferences/2013-conference-listing/lifespan-religious-education/>]

Jul 13 -20[@] *Ministry with Youth Renaissance Module*
Star Island, NH
 [Contact Jane Clay, jhclay@roadrunner.com]

Jul 22-26[@] *UU Small Group Ministry Institute 2013*
Murray Grove Retreat and Renewal Center, Lanoka Harbor, NJ
 [<http://www.smallgroupministry.net/>]

Aug 23-24[@] *Multicultural Religious Education Renaissance Module*
Manchester, NH
 [<http://nned.uua.org/calendar.shtml?trumbaEmbed=eventid%3D104841427%26view%3Devent%26-childview%3D>]

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