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BCD Spring Conference and Annual Meeting - May 3



There have been three major "great awakenings" in the United States that brought increased religious enthusiasm, a new sense of faith conviction and church growth. Now is the time for a fourth - a liberal religious Great Awakening in New England. On May 3 the **2014 Spring Conference** will explore the invitation from the Clara Barton and Mass Bay District boards to New England Unitarian Universalists to join together to bring about a Great Awakening of our faith. The guest co-keynoters who will talk about what this could look like will be Justine Sullivan, president of the Clara Barton District, and Laura Graham, president of the Mass Bay District. Also Jim Key, UUA Moderator, will join the conference via Skype to talk about the reimagining of the Unitarian Universalist Association with its new board, new headquarters and new regional staffing structure.

The 2014 Annual Meeting

will follow the presentations to address the business of the district, including election of officers and board members, budget, bylaw amendments and the awarding of grants to congregations.

The Conference and Meeting will be at First Universalist Society in Franklin, MA. Registration starts at 9:00 with opening worship and program at 9:30. The Annual meeting will convene at 11:15. There is no fee for the Conference and Annual Meeting, but registration is requested by going to <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/bcd-spring-conference-and-annual-meeting-tickets-11184770951?aff=es2>

Immediately after the Annual Meeting the BCD Board of Directors will host a reception for retiring District Executive, Rev. Bill Zelazny.

Workshop About Developing Congregational Multigenerational Ministry



Thinking Outside the Box: A Collaborative Approach to Multigenerational Ministry

(previously advertised as Developing Multigenerational Ministry) led by Kim Paquette, the Northern New England District's Director of Multigenerational Ministry, will look at the meaning of multigenerational ministry and how congregations can intentionally develop multigenerational ministry in all aspects of congregational life.

Registration opens at 9:00 a.m. with the program starting at 9:30 a.m. and concluding at 1:15 p.m. Congregations' religious professionals and lay leaders strongly encouraged to register as a team.

The workshop will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Falmouth, (www.uuffm.org)840 Sandwich Road, Falmouth, MA.

This BCD sponsored workshop is free but registration is required at http://www.eventbrite.com/directory?q=thinking%20outside%20the%20box&loc=Providence%2C%20RI&sort=best&lat=41.82&slng=-71.41&vp_ne_lat=41.8616&vp_ne_lng=-71.3697&vp_sw_lat=41.7724&vp_sw_lng=-71.4726

General Assembly News

Early discount **registration** end April 30. Go to <http://www.uua.org/ga/registration/index.shtml>

Program information is available at <http://www.uua.org/program/14599.shtml> There are nearly 200 program offerings this year.

Housing information is available at <http://www.uua.org/ga/travel/index.shtml>

Hotel housing through the GA office continues to be limited, but there are many low cost dormitory-style rooms still available at Rhode Island School of Design and Brown University facilities. The dorms are about 3 blocks from the Convention Center. There are also several home hospitality options available.

Davidoff Fund Scholarships applications are being accepted until April 30. The scholarship covers the cost of GA registration for lay delegates from congregations who have not been represented by lay leaders at GA in the last three years. Information and application at www.uua.org/ga/registration/financialaid/15005.shtml

General GA information is at www.uua.org/ga

Workshop on Sermon Writing for Lay Preachers

Sermon Writing for Lay Preachers, a Clara Barton/Mass Bay District sponsored workshop, will be presented at First Parish Weston, MA (<http://www.firstparishweston.org/welcome.html>)

The Rev. Sue Phillips will lead a hands-on workshop that will give participants an understanding of what makes good sermons good and how to transform kernels of spiritual wisdom into a worshipful sermon. Participants will have the opportunity to:

- Reflect on the structure and content of meaningful, memorable sermons
- Learn how to translate an idea into a powerful sermon
- Consider presentation and speaking tips

This workshop is open to members of Ballou Channing District congregations. \$50 registration (includes handouts and refreshments) Register at <http://www.cbd-mbd-uua.org/drupal/content/sermon-writing-lay-preachers>

New England Summer Conference Center Activities

There are three Unitarian Universalist allied camps and conference centers in New England offering a wide range of programs for youth, adults individuals and families between June and August.

- Ferry Beach Park Association <http://www.ferrybeach.org/>
- Starr Island <http://starisland.org/>
- Rowe Camp and Conference Center <http://rowecenter.org/>

Program schedules are posted on each center's website.

Downloadable File for New UUA Logo Available

As part of an overall branding initiative a new logo for the Unitarian Universalist Association has been developed. All UUA associated organizations and congregations are encouraged to incorporate the new logo into their website, Facebook page and other materials. The logo is now available in various sizes and formats for download at <http://www.uua.org/communications/art/uuachalice/index.shtml>



Calendar

- May 3** **BCD Spring Conference and Annual Meeting** 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
First Universalist Society of Franklin
- May 3** **Celebration of Rev. Bill Zelazny's 15 years of service
to the Ballou Channing District@**
First Universalist Society of Franklin
- May 5-7** **BCD UUMA Chapter Retreat**
Glastonbury Abby, Hingham, MA
- May 17** **Thinking Outside the Box: A Collaborative** 9:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

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Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Falmouth, MA
- May 17** **Sermon Writing for Lay Preachers@** 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
First Parish, Weston, MA
- June 10** **BCD Board of Trustees Meeting@** 6:30 - 9:00
Location TBA
- June 19** **BCD Office closes for summer break**
- June 25-29** **General Assembly**
Providence, RI

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