



BCD In-Brief



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Start of a New Church Year

People are coming back from vacation and getting ready for fall. All the things that make church, church are starting up - worship, religious education, social just work, board and committee meetings, choir and music. What new ideas are floating around? What transformation are we going to be willing to make and what will be keep as before? So much ahead for all of us.

On behalf of the Board and staff of the Ballou Channing District I wish for everyone a successful, enriching, engaging, fulfilling and fun year.

Rev. Bill Zelazny, District Executive

Get it on the Calendar: Up-coming Conferences and Workshops

- **Youth Advisor Gathering**

Wednesday, August 29, 2012 6:00 - 8:30 PM
Unitarian Church of Sharon, 4 No. Main St. Sharon 02067

A gathering for congregation youth advisors, to get energized, to share ideas and to support each other as we launch into a new year of youth programming. For more information contact Diane Elliot, BCD RE Development Coach, dilliot@aol.com. Register by email with name, congregation, email address and phone at Ballouchanning@verizon.net by August 28. No fee.

- **New Elected Congregation Leaders Seminar**

Wednesday, September 5, 2012 7:00 - 9:00 PM

First Parish Church, Cohasset, 23 North Main Street, Cohasset, MA 02025

A seminar designed to acquaint new congregation presidents/parish committee chairs about roles and duties and other board and church operation issues. For more information contact Bill Zelazny, District Executive at zelaz@aol.com Register with name, email address, phone number, congregation and position at ballouchanning@verizon.net by Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2012. No fee.

- **Presidents Council**

Saturday, September 29, 2012 8:30 AM - 12:00 NOON

First Parish Church, Church Green (on Main Street/Route 44), Taunton, MA 02780

The annual meeting for congregation presidents and parish committee chairs, or a designated board representative to meet congregation leaders from around the district, discuss issues of common interests with leaders of other congregations and talk with BCD Board members and District Executive. For more information contact Janet Richardi, District President at janetrichardi@comcast.net.

- **Working Together**

Saturday, October 13, 2012 8:30 AM - 12:00 Noon

Location: TBA

Workshop, lead by Diane Elliot and Rev. William Zelazny for religious educators and parish ministers, including interims, who are beginning to work together as a team to develop an understanding of each other. Registration information to come soon. Registration \$25 team.

- **BCD Fall Conference**

Saturday, October 20, 2012 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

First Parish Unitarian Universalist, Canton, 1508 Washington St, Canton, MA 02021

A conference of multiple workshops focusing on a variety of topics pertaining to church operations including leadership, planned giving, welcoming techniques, preparing for canvass, integrating social justice into church life and more. Registration information to come soon. \$30 registration.

- **Turnaround and Growth Church Conference**

Friday, October 26 - Saturday, October 27

First Parish Church in Taunton, MA, Church Green (on Route 44), Taunton, MA 02780

A conference with church development consultant, Paul Nickerson, for churches who want to learn about new techniques for doing grow work differently. More information contact Rev. Christana Wille McKnight, minister@firstparishtaunton.org. Register at <http://growthconference.eventbrite.com>. Registration fee: \$350 group.\$125 individual

- **Religious Education Conference**

Saturday, November 17, 2012 Time TBA

Location TBA

The annual conference for religious education directors, religious education committees, ministers and other involved in or interested in religious education and faith formation

work in congregations. More information to be sent soon. Registration fee: TBA

2013 workshops and conferences to put on the calendar:

*** Music Conference [Attleboro]**

Saturday, March 2, 2013

Murray Unitarian Universalist Church, 505 North Main Street, Attleboro, MA 02703

*** Spring Conference & Annual Meeting**

Saturday, April 30, 2013 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

First Congregational Parish in Kingston, 222 Main Street, Kingston, MA 02364

*** Healthy Congregation Seminars**

Date, time and location TBA

NEW! BCD Blog and Twitter Launched

The Ballou Channing District has launched a blog - www.bcduuablog.org. The blog will be used to provide resource articles about topics such as leadership, church operations, religious education, fund raising and information and announcements about workshops and events to congregation leaders and others. Several articles are already posted.

The blog will be accessible through the BCD website - www.bcduuu.org. A listing of the last 10 blog posts will appear on the website home page. It can also be subscribed to directly by clicking on the "Follow" link on the blog page. The blog is open to anyone. Additionally, postings will automatically be sent to the BCD Facebook page and a notice about a new posting will go out on [Twitter@bcduuu](https://twitter.com/bcduuu).

This blog will not supplant the *BCD in Brief*, but will enhance the distribution of information within the district.

Check it out today - www.bcduuablog.org

BCD Facebook Page Continues to be Active

New information is continually being posted on the BCD Facebook page, (<http://www.facebook.com/bcduuu>) such as a story about Tucson, AZ becoming an immigrant welcoming city, shared via Standing on the Side of Love. Being connected to the BCD Facebook is a good way to get information quickly. The Facebook page delivers to an individual's computer news, updates about events and resource information links to the UUA. If you are on Facebook, "[LIKE](#)" our district's page and start to automatically get new posted information.

GA Reunion at Fall Conference

If you went to the 2012 Justice GA plan to come to the "BCD GA Reunion" to be held on October 20 as part of the BCD Fall Conference. Come to reconnect with other BCD GA'ers, talk about what you and your congregation may be planning for immigration justice work this year and perhaps join a task force to plan a BCD immigration justice conference in 2013. Watch for details to come soon.

Job Opportunities

- **Youth Ministry Coordinator/Office Assistant**

First Parish Brewster, Brewster, MA

A part-time Youth Ministry Coordinator/Office Assistant for 10 hours a week, from the end of August to the end of May, Sunday evenings and a weekday, \$15 per hour. For further details visit our website www.firstparishbrewster.org to see the announcement and job description. To apply send cover letter and resume to Deer Sullivan, Lifespan Faith Development Director, at deersullivan@firstparishbrewster.org or by mail to: First Parish Brewster, c/o deer Sullivan, 1 Harwich Rd, Brewster, MA 02631

- **Acting Director of Music Ministry**

First Parish Brewster, Brewster, MA

A 380 member church is seeking a ¾ time Acting Director of Music Ministry. The Director develops and implements a comprehensive music program for workshop and other events in the life of the church. A complete job description can be found at www.firstparishbrewster.org. Send application to: First Parish Brewster, 1 Harwich Rd, Brewster, 02631, ATTN: Search DMM or to goodwork@firstparishbrewster.org, subject line Search DMM.

- **Director of Youth Ministry**

The Federated Church of Orleans, East Orleans, MA

Develop and lead a new youth ministry to include, for instance, weekly gatherings of the youth, and mission trips and community activities to include creating and managing social media and networking in the Orleans community. Works closely with the Senior Minister. Qualifications: BA degree and experience working with youth 11 - 18. 15 hr/wk, \$14 - \$17,000 DOE. Contact the Federated Church at fedchurch.orleans@verizon to get full job description or to apply or to The Federated Church of Orleans, 162 Main Street, PO Box 761, East Orleans, MA 02643.

News from the Lager UU World

- **Congregation Leader Workshops Offered by Clara Barton/Mass Bay District**

CBD/MBD will have several Learning Congregation workshops to which BCD congregation leaders are invited. Congregations are encouraged to send teams. Programs are held on Saturdays 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. This year's workshops are:

- Revitalizing Your Congregation -- Saturday, November 10, 2012

- Creating and Supporting Lay Pastoral Care Teams - Saturday December 1, 2012
- Creating and Leading Dynamic Lay-Led Worship - Saturday, June 8, 2013

For more information go to: <http://www.cbd-mbd-uua.org/drupal/content/saturday-workshops>

- **Continuing with Justice GA in the BCD**

Staff at the UUA and Beacon Press have assembled resources and reports from Justice GA to help congregations continue (start) the journey to immigration justice. It is available at <http://www.uua.org/ga/2012/business/209020.shtml>

- **Create a Social Justice Liturgical Calendar**

Start planning a congregational social justice calendar for the year with the help of the UUA Social Justice Calendar <http://www.uua.org/justicecalendar/index.shtml>.

Congregations can join in collective national advocacy and witness with the UUA, Standing on the Side of Love, UU social justice organizations, other UU congregations, and community and national partners. As the dates approach, go to www.uua.org/justice for worship resources, action campaigns, educational materials and more on a variety of issues that your congregation may already be working on or want to start.

- **LREDA Fall Conference:**

Join LREDA(Liberal Religious Educator's Association) in historic Williamsburg, VA October 18-21, 2012 for the annual Fall Conference with the theme *The Arc of the Universe is Long*

Hotel reservations need to be made by September 17th by going online to the <http://www.lreda.org/fall-conference-2012-hotel-information>. Registration for the conference itself will be available soon.

- **Resources for Religious Education Program from CLF**

High-quality religious education resources for a family, small group or a small(er) congregation is available through *RE Express*, a program of the Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF). *RE Express* offers tools to create a complete RE program or to creatively expand a larger program. This year's curriculum is centered around the theme, The Big Questions. CLF members can access the materials without cost; \$129 subscription for non-members. To subscribe to *RE Express*, or to learn more about the Church of the Larger Fellowship, contact CLF: clf@clfu.org, 617-948-6150

Calendar

Sep 5[#]	New Congregation Leader Orientation <i>First Parish Church, Cohasset</i>	7:00 - 9:00 p
Sep 29	President's Council <i>First Parish, Taunton</i>	8:30 a- 12:00 n
Sep 29	BCD Board of Directors meeting <i>First Parish, Taunton</i>	12:30 - 2:30 p
Oct 20	BCD Fall Conference <i>First Parish Unitarian Universalist, Canton</i>	
Oct 20	BCD Board of Directors meeting <i>First Parish Unitarian Universalist, Canton</i>	1:30 - 3:00 p
Oct 27	Turn Around and Growth Church Conference <i>First Parish, Taunton</i>	
Nov 4[#]	Ellen Quaadgras ordination and installation <i>Westminster Unitarian Church, East Greenwich, RI</i>	TBA
Nov 4[@]	Rev. Kate Sullivan installation <i>Universalist Meeting House, Provincetown, MA</i>	5:00 p
Nov 4[@]	Rev Paul Langston-Daly installation <i>First Unitarian Church, New Bedford</i>	3:00 p
Nov 21-26	BCD Office closed - Thanksgiving	
Dec 20-31	BCD Office closed - Holiday	

2013

Jan 12	BCD Board of Directors meeting <i>First Parish Church, Cohasset</i>	6:30 - 9:00 p
Mar 2	Music Conference <i>Murray Unitarian Universalist Church, Attleboro</i>	
Mar 18	BCD Board of Directors meeting <i>First Parish Church, Plymouth</i>	6:30 - 9:00 p
Mar 29-30[@]	New England Region Board Gathering <i>Unitarian Universalist Church, Nashua, NH</i>	
Apr 27	Spring Conference & Annual Meeting <i>First Congregational Parish, Kingston</i>	9:00 a - 1:00 p
May 20	BCD Board of Directors meeting <i>First Congregational Parish, Kingston</i>	6:30 - 9:00 p
Jun 19-23	General Assembly <i>Louisville, KY</i>	

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