



BCD In-Brief



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BCD 2012-13 Calendar for Major Conferences and Events

The major conferences and events have been scheduled. Registration and program details will be sent generally two months before the event. More workshops will be added as they are planned.

- August 29 Youth Advisor Seminar [location TBA]
- September 12 New Congregation Leader Orientation [location TBA]
- September 29 President's Council [Taunton]
- October 20 BCD Fall Conference [Canton]
- October 27 Turnaround Church Growth Conference [Taunton]
- March 2 Music Conference [Attleboro]
- April 30 Spring Conference & Annual Meeting [Kingston]

Remaining to be scheduled: RE Conference, Healthy Congregation seminars, BCD Board-UUMA Chapter meeting, President Cluster meeting.

BCD Office Summer Vacation

The District office will close for summer break on June 14 and reopen August 14. During the break phone and email messages and mail will be checked weekly. For questions and assistance contact the Rev. Bill Zelazny, District Executive at 401-353-5334 or zelaz@aol.com.

Help BCD Office Keep Congregation Leader Information Updated

During the summer and early fall, the district office and District Executive needs to be able to contact congregation presidents, treasurers, ministers and religious educators. We are asking that congregation office staff send information about newly elected presidents,

treasurers and newly called/engaged ministers and religious educators to the district office by July 1. Send name, address, phone number and email address to ballouchanning@verizon.net with cc to zelaz@aol.com as soon as individuals are elected, called or hired.

Congregation Events on District Calendar

Congregations are invited to list their major events such as holiday fairs, installations, yard sales, etc. in the BCD calendar that appears on the BCD website. Send event, congregation name, date and time to the BCD office, ballouchanning@verizon.net.

Summer Sight-seeing in BCD

Tour the "National Memorial Pilgrim Church" (First Parish in Plymouth) on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Learn about the history, architecture, and historic stained glass windows while helping to support restoration of this iconic structure. A \$5 donation will be gratefully received. For more information call the church office at 508-747-1606 or visit the website www.restorefirstparishplymouth.org

Job Opportunity

- **Director of Religious Education**
- **First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church of Scituate**

First Parish seeks a warm, enthusiastic, creative, part-time Director of Religious Education. This is a part-time position of 15 hours per week. The DRE must be available to work Sunday mornings during the church year and maintain a minimum of four hours of additional on-site office hours per week. Salary and benefits commensurate with experience and within UUA guidelines. Benefits include pension and an allowance for professional expenses. To apply send a cover letter and resume with "DRE Search" in the subject line to: firstparishscituate@verizon.net or via postal mail to: First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church of Scituate, 330 First Parish Road, Scituate, MA 02066, Attn: DRE Search.

Ask the Right Question*

*Leaders do not need to have all the answers.
Leaders need to be able to ask the right questions*

The end of the church year is a good time for a board to step back from routine matters and to candidly reflect on how well the board is meeting its governance responsibilities. Engaging in such a task helps the board to discover areas for improvement, as well as establish common understanding of its roles and responsibilities. Some questions to ask...

- How well was our vision, mission and plans incorporated into what we did?
- Did we ask the "big questions" about operations or did we deal with minutia ?
- Are we all fully involved and how well did we work together?
- What can we do to better our board operations next year?

News from the Lager UU World

- **General Assembly From Home**

For people who can't make it to General Assembly watch many of the major events, plenaries, and worship services on-line. Information and link at (http://www.uua.org/documents/its/120525_gaonline.pdf)

Congregation GA delegates who are unable to travel to Phoenix can participate from offsite at (http://www.uua.org/documents/its/120525_offsite_updated.pdf). Using online and telephone technology, off-site delegates can watch live streaming video of all Plenary sessions, speak and vote during business Plenaries, and listen and vote during business mini-assemblies.

- **Workshop on Identity-Based Topics for Youth**

A one-hour, video-based workshop on sexual orientation and ethnic/racial identity issues is now available for religious professionals and youth advisors from the UUA Youth and Young Adult Ministry office. Information about the program is available at http://www.uua.org/documents/lfid/120525_youthvideo_workshop.pdf

- **In Conversation about Congregations and Beyond**

The Congregations and Beyond conversation, sparked by UUA President Peter Morales' paper (<http://www.uua.org/uuagovernance/officers/president/moralespeter/192145.shtml>) of the same title, has become a major initiative of the UUA. Guided by Director for Congregational Life, the Rev. Terasa Cooley, the initiative involves helping congregations who want to "lower their walls" as well as reaching out through social media, new models of "congregation" and other means to connect with the nearly 75% of self-identified UUs who are not currently members of congregations. An additional thread of conversation is around building new financial models for sustaining ministry.

The UUA does not expect to create a "program" to address all of these ideas, but hopes to provide the connective tissue that will harness the many vital efforts already underway in our larger body of multigenerational leaders. For more information, a 12-minute presentation (<http://www.youtube.com/v/gtkNcvOz83M?feature=autoshare&version=3&autohide=1&autoplay=1>) and jump into the conversation on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/groups/334403263248852/>)

Calendar

Jun 14	BCD Office Closes for Summer
Jun 19-20	UUMA Ministry Days <i>Phoenix, AZ</i>
Jun 20-24	General Assembly <i>Phoenix, AZ</i>
Aug 10-11	BCD Board Retreat <i>Glastonbury Abby, Hingham</i>

Aug 14	BCD Office opens	
Sep 12	New Congregation Leader Orientation <i>Location TBA</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 Church Conference <i>First Parish, Taunton</i>	
Nov 4	Installation of Rev. Paul Langston-Daly <i>First Unitarian Church, New Bedford, MA</i>	TBA
Nov 11	Ordination and Installation of Ellen Quaadras <i>Westminster Unitarian Church, East Greenwich, RI</i>	TBA
Nov 21-26	BCD Office closed - Thanksgiving	
Dec 20-31	BCD Office closed - Holiday	
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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
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>	



The Sunday Sound Team had never actually seen an audio exorcism before*

