



BCD In-Brief



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BCD Annual Meeting Review

The Ballou Channing District Annual Meeting was held on May 5 at the UU Society of Fairhaven. The delegates:

- Elected officers, board directors and Nominating Committee members
 - Janet Richardi President (1 year term)
 - Susan Fisher Vice President (1 year term)
 - Mary Alice Smith Treasurer (1 year term)
 - Mary Lu Love Secretary (1 year term)
 - Ralph Brown Director (3 year term)
 - Charlotte Harris Director (3 year term)
 - Mary Parker Director (3 year term)
 - Rosemary Donahoe Nominating Committee (3 year term)
 - Marilyn Eanet Nominating Committee (1 year term)
- Approved several operational amendments to the District's 2003 Bylaws
- Approved a budget of \$154,700 that included continuing the \$19 per member Congregation Contribution rate.
- Heard reports from the President and Board, District Executive, Treasurer and UUA Trustee
- Contributed \$695 in a collection for the BCD GA Bring Justice Home Scholarship Fund

FY12 Congregation Contribution Report

Part of the revenue for District operations comes from contributions from congregations - \$19 per member. As of May 15 the district has received \$57,717 from Congregation Contributions. Based on past years' receipts \$70,000 was budgeted. A final payment reminder notice will be sent to congregations in by the end of May. Payments should be sent to the BCD office to be received before June 30, the end of the fiscal year.

2012-2013 District Calendar

The district staff is in the process of developing the calendar of district sponsored events, workshops and conferences. The calendar will be published in the June *BCD in Brief*. Congregations, committees and district organizations are also welcome to list significant events on the calendar should send the event name, date and time to the District Executive, zelaz@aol.com, by June 1, 2012.

Bring Justice Home Scholarship Fund

The District has been able to give 7 full and 1 partial grants to cover General Assembly registration from the Bring Justice Home Scholarship Fund. Tax deductible donations are still being accepted in any amount, to enable the district to make the partial scholarship a full scholarship. Send donations to BCD Office, 324 W. Elm Street, Brockton, MA 02301.

BCD in the Boston Pride Parade

All Souls Unitarian Universal Church in Braintree invites all Ballou Channing District congregations to march with them in the Boston Pride Parade on June 9, 2012. The contingent will march under the District banner along with a Standing on the Side of Love banner. A chartered bus to the assembly site will depart from All Souls at 9:15 and return from Boston at 3:00. Cost -- \$5 per person round-trip, payable by checks or cash on the 9th at the bus. For bus reservations call All Souls at 781 843-1388. Leave a message for All Souls Pride Event Coordinators, Joe Maloney and Mal Marvill. Alternatively, meet up with the group at the parade staging area in the vicinity of *Copley Square*.

Get those yellow shirts ready, invite the youth groups, governing board members, social justice committee, the Women's Alliance and all congregation members to be a visible powerful presence in support of equal rights for all.

Unity Church to Receive Restoration Award

The Massachusetts Secretary of State recently notified the Unity Church, North Easton, that they are recipients of the 2012 Massachusetts Historical Commission Preservation Award. The Secretary's letter stated in part... "the careful restoration of this significant building goes well beyond what is normally expected. It is for this achievement that the project was selected to be honored".

Job Opportunity

- **Director of Religious Education**

All Souls Church of Braintree

A progressive, friendly church seeks a responsible, warm adult or young adult (18+) to provide leadership for the Religious Education program on Sunday mornings. The person hired will work with the Religious Education Committee and Minister to provide a safe, positive learning environment. This is a part-time position for approximately 5 hours a week including Sunday from 10:00-12:00 a.m, between September and June. Compensation: \$3,000 To apply mail resumes or contact Rev. Steve Wilson stevewilson22@yahoo.com (617) 852-2292

Ask the Right Question*

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

Society, culture and church life is changing and will be significantly different in a decade. There will be more older people, there will be more people of color and non-European ancestry. Gen X'ers and Millennials are developing an understanding of spirituality and interest in being involved in religion from Boomers. Congregations need to start to consider how to adjust now to these new realities. As congregation leaders looking toward the new church year...

- What are some ways your congregation can begin to change now to meet the spiritual

and religious needs of the new populations?

*from "What Type of Visionary are You?" Congregations, issue 1 2012

News from the Lager UU World

- **General Assembly Program On-line**

Go to <http://www.uua.org/documents/gaoffice/preliminaryprogram.pdf> to see the 2012 General Assembly program

- **UUA Bookstore Can Help with a Church Book Fair**

The UUA Bookstore staff is available to support and guide congregations wanting to conduct a Book Fair as a congregation fund raiser. How it works:

- Select a date for the Book Fair and contact the Bookstore at 1-800-215-9076
- The Bookstore we send a Book Fair Leaders' Kit with an instructional booklet, promotional materials, a tool kit of templates and instructional videos
- The staff will suggests an assortment of books for the Fair based on the most popular

books being purchased from the Bookstore

- **CLF Provides Sunday Service On-line**

When people cannot get to church, church can now come to them. The Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF) offers weekly online worship. These on-line services are especially good for people who work on Sunday mornings, military personnel stationed overseas, young adults who do not want to go to regular church services, people who are sick or housebound, people who live too far away from a bricks and mortar congregation or anyone else. Join the spiritual expedition! Sundays at 7:00 p.m. and Mondays at 1:30 p.m. (Eastern Time). Go to www.QuestForMeaning.org then Click on *Reflecting*, then click again on *Worship*

- **Multi-media Program on Transcendentalists**

Hope Central Church, 87 Seaverns Ave. Jamaica Plain, Boston, MA will offer on June 1st, 2012, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. "A Transcendental Sampler: A multimedia exploration of 19th century texts."

Using textual excerpts, music, probing questions, video clips and silence, participants will explore the words of Thoreau, Emerson and Fuller to help them find meaning and value in words that are sometimes difficult to understand and contextualize. This program was created by Diane

Grant, a member of the First Congregational Parish (UU) in Kingston, MA and Ellen Snoeyenbos, a member of the congregation in Jamaica Plain.

- **Invitation to Participate in Common Endowment Fund Quarterly Conference Call**

All Unitarian Universalist (UU) Common Endowment Fund investors and interested potential investors can join the quarterly conference call on Tuesday, May 22. The call will take place from 2:00 to 3:00 PM Eastern Daylight Savings Time. The toll-free call-in number is 800-617-4268; Passcode: 73886534# (note pound sign after number). Speakers will include: Carol McMullen, Chair, Investment Committee, Tim Brennan, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer, NEPC, and independent investment consulting service that advises and evaluates the CEF. The agenda will cover: performance update, NEPC long-term asset performance outlook, report on May Investment.

- **Angus H. MacLean Award for Excellence in Religious Education Receiving Nominations**

Nominations will be received until June 1 for the Award that honors a person who has made outstanding contributions to religious education. For criteria and submission procedures go to

<http://www.uua.org/re/teachers/maclean/index.shtml>

Skinner House announces the release of Reaching for the Sun by Angela Herrera. Purchase on-

line at

http://www.uuabookstore.org/productdetails.cfm?PC=1645&utm_source=Announcing+2012+Med+Man&utm_campaign=reaching+for+the+sun&utm_medium=email

- Enter the discount code **PhoenixGA** at checkout, and the UUA Bookstore will make a contribution equal to 5% of your purchase to the Comités de Defensa del Barrio (CDBs) and Puente AZ, organizations that perform vital human services and migrant justice work in Arizona.

Calendar

May 21	BCD Board of Directors Meeting <i>First Congregational Parish in Kingston, MA</i>	6:00 - 9:00 p
Jun 3	Murray Unitarian Universalist Church - Rev. Fitz-Henry retirement celebration <i>Murray Unitarian Universalist Church, Attleboro, MA</i>	3:00 p
Jun 10	Westminster Unitarian Church Building Dedication <i>Westminster Unitarian Church, East Greenwich, RI</i>	TBA
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 14	BCD Office Reopens	
Sept 5	New Congregation Officer Orientation 7:00 - 9:00 p <i>Location : TBD</i>	
Sept 29	President's Council <i>Location : TBD</i>	8:30 a - 12:30 p
Oct 27	Fall Conference <i>First Parish UU, Canton, MA</i>	TBA
Nov 21-23	BCD Office Closed - Thanksgiving	
Dec 21 - Jan 1	BCD Office Closed - Holiday break	

A Bit of Church Humor



“Before you get bogged down in matters of secondary importance, we need to discuss the coffee creamer situation in the kitchenette”

*Leadership Journal, Spring 2012

