



# BCD In-Brief



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## BCD Annual Meeting Report

The Ballou Channing District's Annual meetin was held on April 27 at First Congregationa Parish in Kingston, MA. The delegates to the 2013 Annual Meeting:

- Approved the district's FY 2014 general operating budget of \$146,300 with no increase in the Congregation Contribution rate of \$19 per member
- Received reports from the BCD Board, District Executive, Treasurer and others that included board and staff activities, the district endowment, audit and finances.
- Receive a report from the 2014 General Assembly district coordinator, Beth McGregor, about preliminary plans for General Assembly in Providence, RI.
- Gave recognition to ministers and religious educators newly arrived this year and those who are leaving their positions at the end of this church year.
- Elected new officers and board members (see next article)

The District Annual report was distributed to delegates. A copy of the report has been mailed to church offices and it can be read on-line or downloaded on the BCD web site at <http://www.bcduuu.org>

## Board Members Elected at Annual Meeting

The delegates at the annual meeting elected officers and directors for the BCD Board.

## Officers

President: Janet Richardi - one year term, expiring 2014

Vice-President: Mary Lu Love - one year term, expiring 2014

Secretary: Ralph Brown - one year term, expiring 2014

Treasurer: Mary Alice Smith - one year term, expiring 2014

## Directors

Director: Dawn Walnut - three year term, expiring 2016

Director: Stewart Armstrong --- three year term, expiring 2016

Director: Barry Sanders - three year term, expiring 2016

Director: Sarah Person - two year term, expiring 2015 (filling vacant position)

Director: Charlie Donnelly - one year term, expiring 2014  
(elected after one year interim appointment)

## Nominating Committee

Committee Member: Marilyn Eanet - three year term expiring 2016

Continuing Board members and Nominating Committee members are:

### Board Directors:

Director: Rev. Jill Cowie (2014)

Director: Charlotte Harris (2015)

Director: Mary Parker (2015)

Director: Valerie While (2014)

### Nominating Committee:

Committee Member: Eva Marx (2014)

Committee Member: Rosemary Donahoe (2015)

## Participating in 2013 Boston Pride Parade

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Braintree [www.allsoulsbraintree.org](http://www.allsoulsbraintree.org) invites member and friends from Ballou Channing District Unitarian Universalist congregations to march together in the Boston Pride Parade on Saturday, June 8. The parade route is about 2.4 miles long.

All Souls has reserved a bus to drive to and from the Parade. The cost is \$10.00 round-trip, per person. Reservations are recommended, and will be taken on a first-come-first-served basis. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Cash or checks can be given on day of event. To make a reservation, please call All Souls at 781 843-1388 and leave a message for Mal Marvill, Pride Bus Reservations Coordinator

The bus will leave the All Souls parking lot at 9:45 a.m. and return at 3:40 p.m. If traveling on your own and want to meet the contingent, look for "South Shore Unitarian Universalists" banner around Copley Square or join anywhere along the route. Congregations are invited to bring a congregation's sign, but not the church banner. .

## BCD Scholarships for General Assembly

The District has several \$250 scholarships available on a first come, first awarded basis.

The scholarships are primarily intended for congregation presidents and presidents-elect (or those who will be nominated and elected this year). Contact the BCD Office at [ballouchanning@verizon.com](mailto:ballouchanning@verizon.com) to request an application form.

## **BCD Facebook**

The BCD Facebook page is a quick way to get information about district events and interesting posts about growth, church operations, membership and more from other UU sources. It's easy to join the almost 200 other BCD'ers who have "Liked" the page. Go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com), search for Ballou Channing District of the UUA and click on "Like".

## **BCD Office Summer Schedule**

The BCD office will close on June 13 and reopen on August 13. The Administrator will check mail and phone messages weekly. The District Executive will continue to work from his home office, though he will be taking two weeks vacation during July and August. He will be available by phone at 401-353-5334 and [zelaz@aol.com](mailto:zelaz@aol.com)

## **Summer Retreats and Camps Available at UU Retreat Centers**

There are three retreat and conference centers in New England that offer weekend or week retreats and conferences that Unitarian Universalists may find of interest for personal or professional development.

### **\* Ferry Beach Park Association**

5 Morris Ave.

Saco, ME 04072

<http://www.ferrybeach.org>

### **\* Rowe Camp & Conference Center**

22 Kings Highway

Rowe, MA 01367

<http://www.rowecenter.org/pages.php?name-Home>

### **\* Star Island Family Conference and Retreat Center**

Isles of Shoals, off Rye Harbor or Portsmouth, NH

<http://www.starisland.org>

## **News from the Larger UU World**

### **• Workshop on Worship Presented by Clara Barton/Mass Bay Districts**

An experiential workshop that will explore the theory and theology of worship with the goal of helping participants develop a holistic understanding of the art and craft of creating and leading worship. Members of BCD Congregations are invited to participate.

### Creating and Leading Dynamic Lay-Led Worship -

Saturday, June 8, 2013

First Parish Church, Weston, MA

<http://www.firstparishweston.org/welcome.html>

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>.

- **General Assembly Registration Still Open**

There is still time to register for the 2013 General Assembly in Louisville, KY. Individuals can register for full-time or weekend. Housing is available at various hotels and by home hospitality, Registration and housing information

at: <http://uua.org/ga/registration/index.shtml>

- **Virtual General Assembly for UUS to Participating From Off-site**

Individuals who cannot attend General Assembly can still participate in major events and plenary session via live streaming and other social media in an interactive mode. Also congregations can have their delegates participate in Plenary discussion and votes on line. Go to

<http://www.uua.org/ga/virtual/index.shtml>

for information about watching and registering to be an off-site delegate for your congregation.

Questions about watching or participating in GA from electronically can be directed to Margy Levine Young, Manager of the ITS Web Team, at

[myoung@uua.org](mailto:myoung@uua.org) / 802-989-3371.

- **Seeking funding for Work on Wm. Channing Papers at Meadville Lombard**

The newly hired professional archivist at Meadville Lombard Theological Schools reports that the William Ellery Channing papers at Meadville Lombard are in need of preservation work. The collection at the Meadville Lombard library is larger than at Harvard. The schools is looking for individuals who are interested in Unitarian history to make a donation toward the project of preserving Channing's papers. Contributions of any size will be accepted. For more information contact Denise Taft Davidoff Senior Consultant for Development and Alumni/ae Affairs, Meadville Lombard Theological School, 203-838-3818

## Employment Opportunities

### New positions:

- **Director of Lifelong Learning** Part-time, average of 25 hours/week

*The Unitarian Church of Marlborough & Hudson*, [www.ucmh.org](http://www.ucmh.org), a congregation with 56 members and 10 children is seeking an individual to promote intergenerational community and oversee the faith formation programs for all ages, including the Spiritual Growth Center and our Sunday morning programs. Starts August 2013. Send

resume and references to: Barbara Nunes [barbara.nunes@ucmh.org](mailto:barbara.nunes@ucmh.org). Deadline: May 31, 2013.

- **Acting Director of Religious Education Job Description.** Part-time, 30 hours/week

*First Parish Norwell, MA* is recruiting for an individual to run the church school and Lifespan Religious Education programs which promote the personal and spiritual growth of the children and adult members in our church. This position will report to the Minister and Religious Education Committee and is up to 30 hours per week beginning August 25, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Contact Sue Robinson at [artsue45@hotmail.com](mailto:artsue45@hotmail.com) or 781-294-8840 additional information and a copy of the job description.

- **Director of Religious Education.**

*First Parish in Cohasset, MA* a welcoming congregation, seeks a caring and creative Director of Religious Education for 30 children and youth. The position is for 20 hours/week, 46 weeks/ year starting mid August 2013 (no benefits). The Director works with the Minister and the RE Committee to create and communicate a vision for Unitarian Universalist religious education to the congregation and to visitors. For a detailed job description please go to this link on our web site: <http://firstparishcohasset.org/job-opportunities>. **To apply** send a resume and cover letter to: [firstparishcohassetDRE@gmail.com](mailto:firstparishcohassetDRE@gmail.com)

Prior listed positions:

- **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](http://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](mailto: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>.

## Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
May 20	<i>BCD Board of Directors meeting First Parish Brewster, MA</i>	6:30 - 9:00 p
May 27	<i>Memorial Day Observed - UUA/BCD Office Closed</i>	

- May 29**      **Responses to Climate Changes and Extreme Weather**      7:00 p  
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Falmouth
- Jun 2**      **Rev. Sarah Person installation service**      TBA  
First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleboro, MA
- Jun 7**      **Pre-registration for GA ends; on-site registration only**
- Jun 8**      **Creating and Leading Dynamic Lay-Led Worship**      8:30 a - 12:30 p  
First Parish Church, Weston, MA  
[Clara Barton/Mass Bay District seminar]
- Jun 13<sup>@</sup>**      **BCD Office closes for summer**
- Jun 19-23**      **General Assembly**  
Louisville, KY  
[ [www.uua.org/ga](http://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](mailto:julie.amery@verizon.net) ]
- Jul 13-20**      **Innovation in Lifespan Religious Education**  
Star Island [Lifespan Religious Education](http://starisland.org/conferences/2013-conference-listing/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](mailto: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 13<sup>@</sup>**      **BCD Office opens**
- Aug 16-18<sup>@</sup>**      **New England Leap of Faith Launch Conference**  
Bedford, MA
- 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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