



# BCD In-Brief

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## District Metrics



Each fall, district executives submit a metrics report to the Congregation Life Staff Group office which is used for various other Associational reports. These are some of the metrics for the BCD.

Number of congregations	45
Total adult membership	5133
RE Registration	1782
Ave. weekly attendance	3318
Smallest / Largest (non-federated)	6 / 478

### Size

Small 1 (99 & less)	25
Small 2 (100-249)	17
Medium 1 (250-399)	2
Medium 2 (400-549)	1
Large (550 +)	0

### Change in size (as of Feb 1)

Increase	16
Decrease	16
No change	13

### Ministers

Multiple	2
One full-time	26
One part-time	12
Lay led	5

## Relief Collection for Philippines



The UU Service Committee (UUSC) has launched with the UUA a joint special appeal for Philippine relief efforts. The UUSC, as it does in all natural disaster relief initiatives will work directly with established partners in the areas most affected by the typhoon. The focus for fund distribution will be on those survivors most likely to fall through the cracks of traditional

rescue and relief efforts because of geography, ethnicity, religion, or other factors that create barriers to accessing help.

## Donations can be made on line at

[https://secure2.convio.net/uusc/site/Donation2.jsessionid=C2BB2B2003DC2A9497628F6861117D44.app263a?idb=1414882601&df\\_id=3581&3581.donation=form1&idb=0&s\\_src=111113Phil#1&AddInterest=1161](https://secure2.convio.net/uusc/site/Donation2.jsessionid=C2BB2B2003DC2A9497628F6861117D44.app263a?idb=1414882601&df_id=3581&3581.donation=form1&idb=0&s_src=111113Phil#1&AddInterest=1161)

## Keep Informed About GA 2014 in Providence

The *BCD GA Blast* is published and distributed monthly by the BCD Office. It provides updated information about the upcoming General Assembly in Providence, RI, June 25-29, 2014. Contact the BCD office at [BallouChanning@verizon.net](mailto:BallouChanning@verizon.net) to have your name placed on the distribution roster.

## November BCD Blog Posted

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month, District Executive, the Rev. Bill Zelazny, posts a blog article addressing some aspect of church life and leadership. Go to [www.bcduuablog.org](http://www.bcduuablog.org) to read and download the blog.

## BCD Facebook Membership Growing

Each month new people join the BCD Facebook page. The BCD Facebook page is one way to keep posted on events happening in the BCD and other information about Unitarian Universalism and our UUA. Go to <http://www.bcduuu.org/> and "Like" us.

## Workshops Offered in Region

- **Beyond Fuss and Beg: Building on Strengths to Create a Culture of Generosity**

This workshop, presented by Dr Wayne Clark, Director of our UUA Congregational Stewardship Network, is designed for teams of three or more congregational lay and professional leaders who seek to: Focus on generosity to better fund your congregational ministries; Learn to speak appreciatively about your congregation; Move beyond the 'fuss and beg' of annual budget drives; Develop a year-round stewardship program

[http://origin.library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1102801309558-539/Beyond+Fuss+and+Beg\\_WClark+.pdf](http://origin.library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1102801309558-539/Beyond+Fuss+and+Beg_WClark+.pdf)

**Saturday, November 23, 2013**

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m

*First Unitarian Universalist Society of Exeter 12 Elm St., Exeter, NH*

**Registration:** Approximately \$200 will be shared equally by the participating congregations plus \$12 per person for lunch. The NNED office will invoice your congregation after the event.

[NNED-UUA@comcast.net](mailto:NNED-UUA@comcast.net) to request registration material

- **Transforming Congregational Conflict**

Done well, conflict can lead to progress, done poorly, conflict damages people, relationships, congregations, and the potential of our religious movement. This workshop with Dr. Eben Weitzman, Chair of the Department of Conflict Resolution at the McCormack Graduate School at UMass Boston, will offer new ways of understanding congregational conflict - at the structural, process, and interpersonal level.

<http://www.cbd-mbd-uua.org/drupal/content/transforming-congregational-conflict-essential-leadership-skills>

**Saturday, December 7, 2013**

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

*UCC Conference Center, Framingham, MA*

<http://www.macucc.org/pages/detail/2405>

**Registration:** \$50. Deadline - December 2, 2013

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07e81rfberdfd3931b&oseq=&c=&ch=>

- **Growing Better Religion**

A half day summit that will explore individual and institutional roles in growing better religion in our Unitarian Universalist context. The Rev. Tandi Rogers, UUA Growth Strategies Specialist, will facilitate conversations about Unitarian Universalist identity in New England and the role of Unitarian Universalism in the public square throughout history and in the present. <http://www.cbd-mbd-uua.org/drupal/content/growing-better-religion>

**Saturday, January 11, 2013**

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

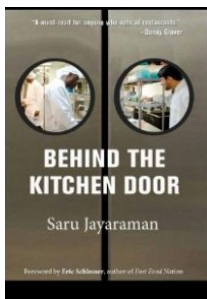
UU Church of Worcester

<http://www.uucworchester.org/content/directions-map>

**Registration: \$50** Deadline - January 6, 2014

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07e816eala3e11501&oseq=&c=&ch=>

## UUA Common Read Discussion Guide Now Available



A discussion guide for the 2013 UUA Common Read selection, *Behind the Kitchen Door* by Saru Jayaraman, is now available to download at no charge. Lead a single session or a three-session workshop to share responses to the stories Jayaraman has collected of economically vulnerable restaurant workers. The guide includes suggestions and guidance for taking action against economic injustice in the food service industry.

## Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF) Store Moved to Amazon Site

Thinking about giving a chalice pendant, lapel pin or notecards for as Christmas gift? Look at the Church of the Larger Fellowship products that are now on Amazon.com. Type CLFUU in the search field.

Proceeds from the sale of items support many of the CLF ministries such as [Questformeaning.org](http://Questformeaning.org), [CLFuu.org](http://CLFuu.org) and [DailyCompass.org](http://DailyCompass.org).

## Position Available

- **Youth Advisor - part-time**

First Parish Church Duxbury, a vibrant 300 member congregation on Boston's South Shore, is seeking applicants for Youth Advisor, a new part-time paid position working with 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth. Plan, organize, and participate in activities. Between 12 and 20 hours per month. \$300 stipend per month during the church year (10 months). Candidate should be at least 25, able to relate to youth in a meaningful way, familiar with and supportive of UU Principles. To apply submit resume and letter of interest to [uuduxburyhiring@gmail.com](mailto:uuduxburyhiring@gmail.com)

## Calendar

### November

**Nov 23** **Beyond Fuss and Beg Stewardship Workshop** @  
First Unitarian Universalist Society of Exeter, NH

9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Nov 27-28<sup>#</sup> **BCD Office closed for Thanksgiving**

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December

Dec 7 **Transforming Congregational Conflict**<sup>@</sup> 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
*UUC Conference Center Framingham, MA*  
[Clara Barton-Mass Bay Districts workshop]

Dec 15 **Ordination of Constance St. Hilaire**<sup>@</sup> 4:00 p.m.  
*Unitarian Church of Barnstable*

Dec 24-Jan 1 **BCD Office closed for holidays**

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2014 Dates

Jan 11 **BCD Board of Directors Winter Retreat**<sup>@</sup> 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
*Unitarian Church of Sharon, Sharon, MA*

Jan 11 **Growing Better Religion**<sup>@</sup> 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
*UU Church of Worcester, Worcester, MA*  
[Clara Barton-Mass Bay Districts workshop]

Mar 8 **BCD/New England Music Conference**<sup>@</sup> 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 pm  
*Murray UU Church, Attleboro, MA*

Mar 14-16 **Allies for Racial Equity 2014 Conference**  
*Rocky River, OH*

Apr 2-5 **UU-United Nations Office Intergenerational Spring Seminar  
on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples**  
*New York City, NY*

Apr 6 **Rev. Pamela Barz, Scituate Minister, Installation**<sup>@</sup> 3:00 pm  
*First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church Scituate, Scituate, MA*

May 3 **BCD Spring Conference and Annual Meeting**  
*First Universalist Society of Franklin*

Jun 25-29 **General Assembly**  
*Providence, RI*

<sup>#</sup> Change of information from last *BCD in Brief*

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