



BCD In-Brief



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BCD Fall Conference Saturday, October 20

The BCD Fall Conference, "Getting Things Done" will be held at First Parish UU Canton, MA, from 9:00 a.m. (registration at 8:30) to 12:45 p.m. Registration (\$40 adult/\$10 youth) will be accepted at the door. There will be nine workshops in two sessions about: creating healthy congregations, stewardship and canvass, congregation-based social justice, religious education in the future, working with disruptive individuals, Appreciative Inquiry techniques, discussing controversial topics in a congregation, and outreach and welcome. Breakfast will be served between workshop sessions.

There will also be a reunion for individuals who attended the 2012 Justice GA to share reflections about the conference, talk about what their congregations may be doing for immigration justice, and discuss the feasibility of some kind of a district-wide immigration program or project in 2013.

Conference information and registration materials have been sent to church offices and are available on the BCD Blog at www.bcdoua.org.

Still time to Register for October 26 -27 Church Growth Conference

The First Parish Church in Taunton is sponsoring a growth conference for churches who want to do something new to turn their church around. The conference, led by church development consultant, Paul Nickerson, begins on Friday, October 26 and continues through Saturday October 27.

Participants will be introduced to new ways of thinking about "doing church" and with new techniques for doing growth work. More information is available at

<http://www.facebook.com/FirstParishTaunton#!/events/293390594093289/>

or by contacting the Rev. Christana Willie McKnight, minister@firstparishtaunton.org.

Register at <http://growthconference.eventbrite.com/>

Registration fee: \$350 group/\$125 individual. First Parish Church in

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Taunton, MA, is located on Church Green St (Route 44).

New Facebook Page for BCD Chalice Lighter Program

The BCD Chalice Lighter Program has been revised with new, simpler guidelines. People can learn about the Chalice Lighter Program on a new Facebook page called "I-am-a-chalice-lighter" at:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/I-am-a-Chalice-Lighter/370429466368387?ref=ts&fref=ts> and on the District Website - www.bcduuu.org. Check out the information about this program including application forms.

The Chalice Lighter Program provides grants to congregations for growth related projects. The grants are funded by Chalice Lighters - individuals who pledge to make up to three \$10 contributions a year when a Call goes out asking for the donations for a specific project. Enroll as a Chalice Lighter by printing the form below and mailing it to BCD Office, 325 West Elm St, Brockton, MA 02301.

BALLOU CHANNING DISTRICT CHALICE LIGHTERS ENROLLMENT FORM

I / WE wish to enroll as an individual Chalice Lighter and pledge to contribute \$10 * up to three times a year, when the call comes to "Light the Chalice" somewhere in our district.

[NOTE: The pledge is for \$10 for each person]

Name 1 _____

Name 2 _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Congregation _____

*** ALL THE MONEY DONATED GOES TO THE CONGREGATIONAL GRANT FOR EACH CALL**

A New Welcoming Congregation in the BCD

Second Parish Church in Hingham was recently recognized as a Welcoming Congregation by the Unitarian Universalist Office of LGBTQ Ministries. Second Parish joins 30 other congregations in the District with that designation. According to the LGBTQ Ministries records the first congregation to receive the designation was First Parish Brewster in 1991.

The office of LGBTQ Ministries recently started offering congregations the opportunity to officially renew their Welcoming Congregation designation. The department recommends that congregations go through Welcoming Congregation programming every 5 years to involve new members and remind longer-term members about the initiative and its importance for our faith and connection to the local communities. Find out more about the Welcoming Congregation program at www.uua.org/lgbtq/welcoming/program/208979.shtml.

BCD Minister Featured in [uuworld.com](http://www.uuworld.com) Issue

The Rev. Judith Campbell is featured in the September 24 issue of *uuworldweekly*. The article introduces Rev Campbell, a community minister in the district, in her new endeavor as the author of mystery novels, *The Olymbia Brown Mysteries*. Three novels are now on store shelves with the fourth to be released in October. Read about Rev. Campbell's writing, her current community ministry work and teaching activities at <http://www.uuworld.org/news/articles/277058.shtml>. Her books are available through the UUA Bookstore. She serves as the BCD Ministerial Settlement Representative, working with congregations engaged in search for a full-time settled minister.

2012-13 District Directory Available

Copies of the BCD District Directory have been mailed to church offices. Additional or individual copies can be purchased for \$5.40. To order contact the BCD Office - 508-559-6650 [/BallouChanning@verizon.net](mailto:BallouChanning@verizon.net)

News from the Lager UU World

- **UU Media Collaborative Works**

<http://www.facebook.com/UUMedia> is a new Facebook page by the UU Media Collaborative Works for sharing art work and graphics that can be used for marketing and creating inspirational UU posters and other materials. The graphic material on the site is free to the public and encouraged to be widely shared.

- **New resource for assessing congregation sexual health**

Assessing Sexual Health: An Online Guide for UUA Congregations (<http://www.uua.org/safe/healthy/assessing/index.shtml>) is now available. The Guide was created by Unitarian Universalist minister Rev. Debra W. Haffner, President of Religious Institute, Inc. It is an assessment tool for congregations to use to discern ways for them to better promote the integration of sexuality and spirituality in worship, preaching, pastoral care, children, youth, and adult religious education, and social action programs in the community.

Designed for clergy and lay leaders, the guide consists of nine "building block" check lists. A church could use all or part of the building blocks depending on their size and capabilities and where they are in the Safe Congregation process. Go to www.UUA.org/safe for more information on this and other resources available through the Unitarian Universalist Association

- **Ware Lecturer for 2013 General Assembly Announced**

Planning for the 2013 General Assembly to be held on Louisville, KY, June 19 - 23, 2013) is underway. UUA President Peter Morales and the General Assembly Planning Committee recently announced that Beacon Press author [Eboo Patel](#) will be the 2013 Ware Lecturer. Dr. Patel is founder and Executive Director of the Interfaith Youth Core, an international nonprofit building the interfaith youth movement. He was appointed by President Obama to the Advisory Council of the White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships and serves on the Religious Advisory Committee of the Council on Foreign Relations.

- **Propose a Program for General Assembly**

Proposals are currently being accepted for the 80 program slots for the 2013 General Assembly. Submission is open to anyone interested in offering a program proposal. This year's theme is "From Promise to Commitment." Program proposals should explore the kinds of promises our religious communities are called to make as we seek to live out our UU values -- how we make them, with whom, how we hold ourselves and each other accountable and how might we move from the act of promise-making into the journey of long-term commitment.

Information about submitting a program proposal is available at <http://www.uua.org/ga/programming/12741.shtml>.

- **Clara Barton/Mass Bay District Presenting Several Congregation Leader Workshops**

BCD congregation leaders are invited to attend the CBD/MBD Learning Congregation Workshops. 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

Congregations are encouraged to send teams. Programs are held on Saturdays 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. For more information go to: <http://www.cbd-mbd-uua.org/drupal/content/saturday-workshops>

Calendar

Oct 20 **BCD Fall Conference**

8:30 a - 12:45 p

First Parish Unitarian Universalist, Canton

Oct 24 [@]	BCD UUMA Chapter Fall Retreat <i>First Parish Church Brewster, MA</i>	9:00 a - 3:00 p
Oct 26-27	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>	3:00 p [#]
Nov 4	Rev. Kate Sullivan installation <i>Universalist Meeting House, Provincetown, MA</i>	5:00 p
Nov 4	Rev. Jill Cowie installation <i>First Parish Church, Cohasset, MA</i>	4:00 p [#]
Nov 21-26	BCD Office closed - Thanksgiving	
Dec 1-2	Senior Hi Con <i>Unitarian Church of Sharon, Sharon, MA</i>	TBA
Dec 20-31	BCD Office closed - Holiday	
<u>2013</u>		
Jan 1	BCD Office closed - Holiday	
Jan 12	BCD Board of Directors Winter Retreat & meeting <i>First Parish Church, Cohasset, MA</i>	9:00 a- 2:00 p
Jan 28-31 [@]	UUMA Center Institute for Excellence in Ministry <i>Tampa, FL</i>	
Feb 22	Senior Hi Con <i>First Unitarian Church, Providence, MA</i>	TBA
Mar 2	Music Conference <i>Murray Unitarian Universalist Church, Attleboro, MA</i>	TBA
Mar 3 [@]	Senior Hi Con <i>First Parish Church, Brewster, MA</i>	
Mar 18	BCD Board of Directors meeting <i>First Parish Church, Plymouth, MA</i>	6:30 - 9:00 p
Mar 29-30	New England Region Boards Gathering <i>Nashua, NH</i>	
Apr 6-7	Senior High Con <i>First Parish Duxbury, Duxbury, MA</i>	
Apr 27	Spring Conference & Annual Meeting <i>First Congregational Parish, Kingston, MA</i>	9:00 a - 1:00 p
Apr 28	Rev Paul Langston-Daly installation <i>First Unitarian Church, New Bedford, MA</i>	TBA
May 11	Junior High Con <i>First Parish Duxbury, Duxbury, MA</i>	
May 20	BCD Board of Directors meeting <i>First Congregational Parish, Kingston, MA</i>	6:30 - 9:00 p
Jun 19-23	General Assembly <i>Louisville, KY</i>	

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