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January 2010

Dear Friends,

Now three weeks into the new year, I almost always remember to write “2010” on documents, but it’s taking me longer to train my fingers on the keyboard who always want to type the year “20010”, slipping in that extra digit, and perhaps trying to masquerade as a zip code! Which might also be appropriate as the month (and therefore the year) seem to be zipping by quicker than I imagined, or hoped for.

That could be because January is the month when we’re trying to put the finishing touches on so much around here—we’re finishing up the move, the draft budget for next year (and the first “stab” at the “out-years”) must be ready for Board review, and we’re finishing up countless details on the District Annual Meeting so that we can get the registration information out to you early in February. This year, much of this is coming as a surprise to me—although I served as Interim District Executive in 2005-07, I had forgotten the rhythm of this work in the midst of the interim ministry I did in between. Although there are days when I am grateful that I’m no longer subject to the “tyranny of preaching”—coming up with someone exciting, new, relevant every week—there are days I long for the more simplistic routine where although the ministry could be different every day, I knew the rhythm and pace after 17 years in the parish! So I’m feeling a bit more under the gun, and others around me who rely upon my memory or work to carry out their next steps are also feeling the pinch of my learning curve. I’m hoping that by this time next year, the rock and roll of the Heartland ship will be so familiar under my feet that I will no longer be completely surprised by the passage of days.

In this mailing, I’m including two articles for you. The first is on paying the preacher—especially in these hard times, but also in other more abundant years too. I get asked about what is it that ministers do and why is it that we should pay them like we do. This article helps articulate that and helps lay people step inside the world of parish ministry. There is so much that is done that is invisible. I don’t think that parishioners understood why walking my dog was so important: it was during that “unscheduled” time that I often came up with great insights on the next sermon, or adult education program, or the way the Board could be reorganized. How do we count and value that time when the brain is in another place and so the thoughts can run more freely? I know this is the same for those who are directors of religious education, and many of the lay leaders who help move the congregations forward.

The second article focuses on small church ministry—what it is that can help small congregations move forward. But the info in it can also be helpful to congregations in the mid and large size ranges, too. Don’t think just because the title says “small” that you can’t grab a glimmer of insight from it, just as I urge small congregations to look at articles and literature that might be beyond their size now. We should all be looking for what is called the “low hanging fruit”—the things we can simply reach out and grab on to that will make good changes in our operations and lives.

Stay tuned early next month for the details about our Annual Meeting. Kay Montgomery, Executive Vice President of the UUA, will be our keynoter helping us launch our celebration of Ten Years of the Heartland District. The Assembly will start Friday night with ingathering, continue through Saturday and the business meeting and workshops, and for those who can stay through until Sunday (and we hope that’s a lot of you!) we’re planning a fun social evening on Saturday night, and then we can be guests at the worship of our host congregation First UU Congregation of Ann Arbor. Mark the dates on your calendar (April 9-11) and check the website for more details in February.

I hope you all remember to certify your membership with the UUA and vote on the parish poll before the deadline to do so February 1st at 5:00 p.m. Pacific (that's 8:00 p.m. for our congregations in Eastern, and 7:00 p.m. for our congregations in Central time). It's part of your responsibility as congregations in the Association. It also determines whether or not you'll get to vote at General Assembly in June! Be in touch if you can't remember how to do this.

And now, it's time to get back to the dash of January! Fruitful ministry to you all!

In faith,
Rev. Dr. Lisa Presley
District Executive

Why Pay the Preacher?

by Dan Hotchkiss

“Pastor, I’ve always wondered: how long does it take you to prepare a sermon? As a board member, people ask me, and I’d like to be able to explain why we pay you so much. Could you keep track of how you spend your time and put a summary in your monthly board report?”

Such a request, coming from a member of the session, vestry, deacons, or trustees, can raise the blood pressure even of experienced clergy. It is a natural request in a society that considers “the days of a man’s life” as a type of property to be exchanged for salaries and wages.

Most of us know that the smart response is a non-anxious one. Possible non-anxious answers range from accurate (“I find it varies from eight to twenty hours”) to honest (“I’m not sure; it depends how much looking out the window and how many false starts you count”) to whimsical (“Last week’s sermon about aging took me sixty years”).

But non-anxious is no easy thing to be, especially when lay leaders ask us about money, time, and preaching. As a denominational executive, I used to monitor church newsletters for signs of trouble, including clues that ministers had overreacted to such questions. Some clergy counterattacked, lecturing their congregants about how mysterious, intangible, and immeasurable our work is, and how wrong it is for lay leaders to oversee us as if our work were somehow comparable to that of common...well, to their work. Few congregations respond well to condescension or to scolding nowadays.

The other troublesome response I often saw was to over-comply by keeping the requested time log and publishing it not only to the board but to the congregation in the newsletter. Such a response buys into the time-clock way of thinking. It also telegraphs anxiety, making it more likely that a harmless—perhaps even innocent—question may lead to real difficulty.

An embarrassing truth about the work of clergy is that a lot of it looks like loafing. Who else gets paid to drink iced tea with a wise great-grandmother or toast the giddy joy of newlyweds? And little that we do looks more like goofing off than preaching. I don’t mean, of course, the feverish final preparatory rush or the climactic 20 minutes on the podium, but the hours of hunt and peck, preceded, in my experience, by as many hours of what might appear, to the naïve observer, to be procrastination.

And yet, that lazy-looking process—which seems to take the best preachers a full day or two to carry through—is one of the main things as clergy we’re paid for. Everybody seems to know this except clergy, who tend to undervalue this one aspect of our work.

Some years ago, a university divinity school appointed a faculty committee to review the school’s success in “homiletic pedagogy,” that is, teaching students how to preach. The committee, looking in the rear-view mirror, saw it was not the first to plow this ground. In fact, every eight or ten years since World War II the school had asked a committee to rethink how and whether to teach preaching. Most of the committees, after studying contemporary trends, declared that preaching was passé, or almost so, and so the school should focus its attention on the Next Big Thing—lay participation, worship arts, liturgical revival, radio, TV, small groups, the Internet.

Meanwhile, in the parishes, search committees kept on listing preaching at or near the top of what they wanted in a clergy leader. Governing boards kept putting preaching high among the qualities they praised in clergy or complained about. Despite the faculty committees’ confident pronouncements of a post-sermonic age and the school’s best efforts to prepare for it, preaching didn’t die. If anything, it grew in importance as parishioners acted more like fickle restaurant customers. Preaching, it appears, is a big part of what the people in the pews pay for.

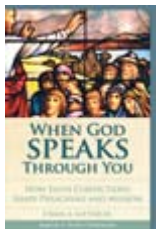
In theory, of course, this should be true only in traditions where the pulpit stands at the center-front, as in Reformed churches. In practice, Calvinism flows wide and strong through North America, affecting Lutherans, Jews, Episcopalians, Buddhists, even—partly through the influence of charismatic

movements—Orthodox and Catholic Christians. In Pentecostal churches, perhaps the most distinctive and successful kind of Christianity yet to spring from New World soil, preaching lights the fuse for the explosions of the Spirit that quieter denominations envy.

In lean economic times, boards often fail to recognize that their desire for “good preaching” means they need to pay their clergy leader, not to put in certain hours, but to play a certain role in the community of faith. The best response to questions about how long it takes to write a sermon may be the honest one: it takes a lot of time, including time that looks like work and time that looks like goofing off.

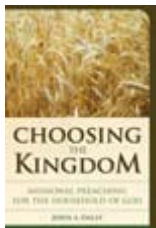
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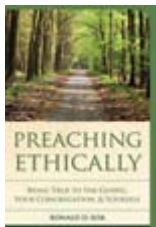
[When God Speaks through You: How Faith Convictions Shape Preaching and Mission](#)
by **Craig A. Satterlee**

Craig Satterlee helps congregations learn to articulate their convictions about the Christian faith and share them in a nonthreatening manner. This prepares them for broader conversation about how people’s faith convictions shape both their lives and the congregation’s worship, life together, and mission.



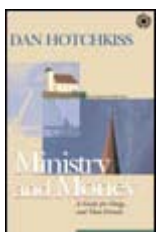
[Choosing the Kingdom: Missional Preaching for the Household of God](#)
by **John Addison Dally**

As a post-Christendom church reorients itself toward the mission of God, what might preaching look like? *Choosing the Kingdom* offers concrete suggestions for a reconception of preaching for those whose imaginations have been captured by the possibilities of a missional identity.



[Preaching Ethically: Being True to the Gospel, Your Congregation, and Yourself](#)
by **Ronald D. Sisk**

Preaching Ethically offers guidelines for preaching in light of a range of factors that might tempt a preacher to misuse the pulpit. The calling to preach the gospel compels us to preach in ways that keep the gospel foremost, treat the congregation fairly, and are true to our own convictions and our personal integrity.



[Ministry and Money: A Guide for Clergy and Their Friends](#)
by **Dan Hotchkiss**

Alban senior consultant Dan Hotchkiss uses frank, straightforward guidance to help clergy develop a sound theology of money, as well as skills for church administration. *Ministry and Money* puts forth a new strategy for self-care, and a confident approach to managing both personal and congregational finances. Hotchkiss wants to help clergy overcome their own anxieties about money matters so they can help others address the personal, social, and congregational aspects of this challenging and often difficult topic.

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Small is Beautiful...by Wendy McCormick

“People don’t realize we’ve been doing ‘small group ministry’ for 150 years!” This comment from the leader of one of the many small congregations across the country got a laugh from the ministerial association of a small southern Indiana town, but any leader of a small congregation would recognize the truth in the comment. Small congregations often feel isolated from the bigger congregations in their communities and denominations, and even looked down upon by a culture that promotes the notion that bigger is better, but many of these congregations are thriving.

Statisticians tell us that while the majority of church members in the U.S. attend a large church, the majority of congregations are small. Many of these congregations provide an anchoring presence in the rural or small town communities they call home, and some offer services and programs to benefit the community at large and not just “their own.” Most small congregations enjoy much higher percentages of their members in worship and ministry than do their larger counterparts and many make generous contributions to mission in the community and the wider world, especially in proportion to their size.

But these congregations often struggle to find resources appropriate to their setting. Materials seem to be tailored to large congregations with large staffs. At the same ministerial group meeting, another pastor said it seems that every seminar or book begins, “First you convene a meeting of your worship pastor, your outreach pastor, and your discipleship pastor...”

The Indianapolis Center for Congregations strives to find resources appropriate for each congregation we serve. Often small congregations can be resources for one another. We also find that when small congregations gain clarity about whom they are and what they are uniquely called to be and to do, other challenges begin to resolve. One small, rural congregation in southern Indiana put time and energy into clarifying their mission, landing on three key areas. They determined to do these three things well and to put aside the “something for everyone” approach into which congregations so often fall. Energy for their three-part vision began to grow, and thirty of their fifty members (60 percent) joined one of the three ministry teams.

At the Center, we also find that when congregations build on their strengths and assets, energy and resources for big challenges tend to increase. Several small congregations in southwest Indiana have focused on the unique advantages they have precisely because they are small. They realized that some of their members go out of their way to be part of a small congregation, passing by bigger congregations with more extensive programming precisely because they like the relationships and the family feeling the small congregation affords. They began to appreciate some of the interactive things they could do in worship that just aren’t possible in a large group.

Some congregations have built on these positive attributes by using the tools of appreciative inquiry and asset mapping to identify their strengths and passions. One congregation located near the center of their small town identified their building as one of their best assets and launched a study process to determine better ways to use the building for ministry and to prioritize needed capital improvements. Energy for projects and even for fundraising increased as ministry purposes were clarified and priorities fell into place.

Another congregation noticed that while they didn’t have young families, they did have teenagers. They trained some of their adults in CPR so they could supervise the youth group in providing monthly “date night” child care for the young families in the new subdivision that has grown up nearby.

Another congregation knew that the recession had increased the numbers of hungry people in their rural community, but they didn’t really know who the hungry were or how to find them. They didn’t feel they had much expertise at social services, but they knew their congregation was “pretty good at food.” They began a free “community meal” one night a week, opening their congregation’s table to anyone who wanted to come. Within a few months, they were in the unexpected position of needing more space; each

week more and more of their previously unknown hungry neighbors, along with some of their community's lonely citizens, were joining them to break bread.

These congregations are not without challenges. Some of them have part-time pastors stretched thin as bivocational ministers. Many have budget woes and building maintenance issues. Still, the Center for Congregations finds that small congregations grow in their capacity to face their challenges when they do what these congregations did: identify one or more areas of strength and start small; look more at what they can do than at what they cannot; and resist traditional outside measures of success. They are proving that small is beautiful.

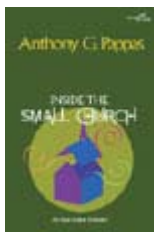
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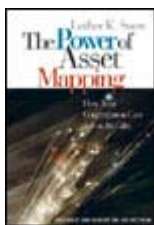
[Where 20 or 30 are Gathered: Leading Worship in the Small Church](#) by Peter Bush and Christine O'Reilly

Peter Bush and Christine O'Reilly draw on their passion and experience equipping lay people to plan and lead worship to address the needs of small churches in rural, suburban, and urban contexts. The authors discuss the characteristics of family-sized congregations, the variety of ways they are organized, the joys and challenges of worship and preaching in small congregations, and best worship practices.



[Inside the Small Church](#) by Anthony G. Pappas

Small-church expert Tony Pappas has gathered a cornucopia of essays into an indispensable book for anyone interested in the rich life of small congregations. Drawing on classic and updated articles by a variety of writers, and adding new pieces developed especially for this volume, Pappas provides timeless ideas on learning to value, pastor, develop, and lead the small church.



[The Power of Asset Mapping: How Your Congregation Can Act on Its Gifts](#) by Luther K. Snow

Asset mapping isn't a new system or theory. It's a way of thinking, a doorway into an "open-sum" perspective rooted in the Bible and common experience. *The Power of Asset Mapping*, by long-time community developer Luther K. Snow, shows congregational leaders how to help a group recognize its assets and the abundance of God's gifts and to act on them in ministry and mission.



[Holy Places: Matching Sacred Space with Mission and Message](#) by Nancy DeMott, Tim Shapiro, and Brent Bill

Buildings communicate. Stained glass windows, high altars, multi-purpose worship/gymnasium spaces, Plexiglas pulpits, padded pews—these and all other architectural elements say something about a congregation's theology and mission. They point to a faith community's beliefs about worship, identity, purpose, and more. *Holy Places* is designed to be used by congregations who are involved in or are contemplating work on their facilities. Approaching this work with mission at the forefront is the key to having a final result that strengthens the congregation's ministry.

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Heartland District of the UUA
10th Annual Meeting and Spring Conference
April 9-11, 2010

Hosted by:
First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, MI

“Ten Best: Celebrating Ten Years of the Heartland
2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010

Keynote Speaker
Kay Montgomery
Executive Vice President
Unitarian Universalist Association

Registration available February 2010

Charlotte Cowtan Award...



All Heartland Congregations are encouraged to apply for the District's annual Charlotte Cowtan Award. This award is named after our former Heartland District Executive, Charlotte Cowtan. It recognizes one of our congregations for the important work they have done in furthering Unitarian Universalism within their communities and our district. The award is presented annually by the Heartland District Board of Trustees at our annual meeting in April.

To be considered as a Charlotte Cowtan Award recipient:

- *Congregations need to show growth and demonstrate dynamic outreach in their communities.*
- *Congregations should be living our Principles and taking our message to their larger community.*
- *Congregations are to be in "right relationship" with themselves and those around them.*

Congregation nominations should be postmarked
by March 3, 2010

Please submit nominations using the application on line at:
<http://www.heartlanduu.org/documents/CowtanNomFormSep08%201A.pdf>

Questions about the application should be directed to our
Trustee-at-Large, Rae Jane Araujo
raejane.araujo@flaktwoods.com

How do your new members get to know your congregation?

The Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF) is pleased to offer an exciting new way to share your congregation with prospective members. **“Welcome In: An Introduction to Unitarian Universalism and *Your Congregation*”** is an online class, customized for your congregation.

How does it work?

Designed and hosted by the CLF, you'll be able to offer an online class about your church from your own website.

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This 24/7 online course features five sessions for your new members:

- ◆ an introduction to Unitarian Universalism and to your congregation
- ◆ your congregation and how it works
- ◆ UU spirituality and worship
- ◆ the larger world of UUism
- ◆ the history of UUism and of your congregation.

At a cost of \$250, the CLF will

- ◆ host this class on our server
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- ◆ provide you with three months of technical support
- ◆ offer resources for promoting the online class, including a customized button for your website.



For more information
Contact the Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF)

<http://clfuu.org/course/index.html>

Or contact Lynn Ungar, CLF's minister for Lifespan Learning: lungar@uua.org



CONstart

a Social Justice Conference

March 5-7, 2010

Check in @ 7pm on Friday

Check out @ 9am Sunday

**Birmingham Unitarian
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Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304
248.647.2380

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Ages 14-18

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*A commitment to better understand and
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*Some fun, some seriousness, some art...
Whatever your mood, there will be a work-
shop to suit your need.*

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Forms www.heartlanduu.org

Fee \$35.00*

Payment

Online: www.heartlanduu.org

Mail: Heartland District of the UUA
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Deadline: February 26, 2010

*Ask your congregation if you need financial assistance or contact a DYSC representative about scholarship availability.

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CONSTANT - A SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE

(SPONSORED BY THE HEARTLAND DISTRICT YOUTH STEERING COMMITTEE)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE :
FEBRUARY 26, 2010

MARCH 5-7, 2010
BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN CHURCH
BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI

YOUTH - ADULT SPONSOR REGISTRATION FORM

Mark registration type: ___ Youth (Ages 14-18) ___ Adult Sponsors (Ages 25 & over)

All blanks MUST be filled out!

Name: _____ Age: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian at this address: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ Email: _____

Congregation: _____

Dietary Needs: ___Vegetarian___Vegan___Omnivore Other _____

of Cons attended: ___1___2___3___4___5___6___7___8___9___10___more than 10

YOUTH

Adult sponsor(s) attending from your church:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

I have read and will uphold the rules stated in the registration brochure. If I do not follow these rules, I may be expelled from the conference.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

GUARDIAN: In the event that my child is asked to leave the conference, I accept all responsibility for the safe removal of my child. My child has my permission to ride to and from the conference with the following persons:

1. _____
2. _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

ADULT SPONSORS

I have read and will uphold the rules stated in this form. If I do not follow these rules, I may be expelled from the conference.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please list the youth that you are responsible for while attending the Heartland District 2008 8th Annual Meeting & Spring Conference.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM: All youth and adult sponsors are required to complete and return the emergency contact form .

CODE OF ETHICS: Adult sponsors must read, sign and date the *Code of Ethics for Adults and Older Youth in Leadership Roles with Youth*.

Registration Fee: \$35.00

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: *Heartland District of the UUA*

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EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM

(To be filled out by all youth and adult sponsors and submitted with registration form.)

Name: _____ Phone # (____) _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Physician: _____ Phone #: (____) _____

Insurance Company: _____

Policy Holder: _____ Policy Number: _____

Allergies: _____

Health Conditions: _____

Please list any medications you are taking (and reason): _____

Please list two people, other than parents, that we can contact in an emergency who can legally provide authorization for medical treatment.

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Please check one of the following and sign

____ - I Request Medical Treatment for my child without prior notification.

____ - I Request NO Medical Treatment for my child without prior notification.

In the event of an emergency, I understand that the Heartland District will try to contact me. If I am unable to be reached, the Heartland District will do their best to ensure the safety and health of my child, _____.

I do not hold the Heartland District liable in the event of an emergency.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

RULES: All rules apply equally to youth and adults sponsoring youth. All rules were formed by the District Youth Steering Committee (DYSC) for liability reasons and conferee safety. Enforcement of the conference rules is the responsibility of EVERY conferee with overall supervision by the DYSC officers. Adults sponsoring youth are not expected to be the primary rule enforcers, but are expected to be full conference participants. Adults sponsoring youth and youth leaders are expected to serve as good role models and to have a signed code of ethics when they check in at conferences.

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| Attendees will remain on site at all times | At least 1 adult per 10 youth from each church must be present (1-5 for Jr. High events) |
| Being outside designated areas at any time is prohibited | Illegal use of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs and weapons are prohibited |
| NO SEX! | Everyone must attend all mandatory planned activities |
| Caffeine pills and other unnecessary drugs are not allowed | Single sex and co-ed sleeping areas will be available. (Only single sex sleeping areas at Jr. High events.) At least one adult will be assigned to each sleeping area |
| Smoking is not condoned during the conference for youth or adults | Sexual behavior which detracts from the conference community will not be tolerated |
| Adhere to site rules | Cars are off limits during the con except for approved con business |

CODE OF ETHICS FOR ADULTS AND OLDER YOUTH IN LEADERSHIP ROLES WITH YOUTH

Based on the Code of Ethics for Adults, Older Youth, and Youth who are in leadership roles with Children and Youth, adopted by the Unitarian Universalist Association in 1986. Adults, older youth, and youth who are in leadership roles are in a position of stewardship and play a key role in fostering the spiritual development of both individuals and the community. It is therefore especially important that those in leadership positions be well qualified to provide the special nurturing, care and support that will enable youth to develop a positive sense of self and a spirit of independence and responsibility. The relationship between young people and their leaders must be one of mutual respect if the positive potential of their relationship is to be realized. There are no more important areas of growth than those of self-worth and the development of a healthy identity as a sexual being. Adults play a key role in assisting youth in these areas of growth. Wisdom dictates that youth and adults suffer damaging effects when leaders become sexually involved with young persons in their care; leaders will therefore refrain from engaging in sexual, seductive or erotic behavior with youth. Neither shall they sexually harass youth nor engage in behavior with youth that constitutes verbal, emotional or physical abuse. I, _____, as a youth leader, an older youth (over 18) or an adult, recognize my position of power and have read and understand the above statements of position, expectations and actions and agree to follow the Code of Ethics.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Our Whole Lives (OWL) Sexuality Education Facilitator Training

WHO: Those seeking to facilitate Jr. and/or Sr. High OWL (7-9th & 10-12th Grade Classes)

WHAT: Weekend training to become a certified OWL facilitator

WHEN: March 19-21, 2010

WHERE: Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Ave. Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

FACILITATORS: Phyllis Thayer and David Proctor

COST: \$180 registration fee per person includes meals, snacks, handouts and facilitator fees. This cost does NOT include overnight accommodations or curriculum books. Books can be ordered at <https://secure.uua.org/bookstore>. Please bring both the OWL Curriculum books and the Sexuality and Our Faith guides.



The Our Whole Lives Values

Self-Worth · Sexual Health · Responsibility · Justice & Inclusivity

About the curriculum: Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education classes help participants make informed and responsible decisions about their sexual health and behavior. It equips participants with accurate, age-appropriate information in six subject areas: human development, relationships, personal skills, sexual behavior, sexual health, and society/culture. Grounded in a holistic view of sexuality, Our Whole Lives provides not only the facts about anatomy and human development, but helps participants to clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the spiritual, emotional and social aspects of sexuality. For more information, please refer to the website of the Unitarian Universalist Association at www.uua.org.

Registration Deadline: March 5, 2010

Questions? Contact Registrar, Natalie Spriggs-Trobridge dre@mvuuf.org or 937-436-3628

Or Site Host, Laura Ross at laura.ross@bucmi.org or 248-647-2380

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Jr. and Sr. High **Our Whole Lives** Facilitator Training

March 19-21, 2010 Birmingham Unitarian Church, Bloomfield Hills, MI

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Congregation Name and Location:

Dietary Preferences: ___Omnivore ___Vegetarian ___Vegan ___Other special dietary needs
(please specify) _____

Is there any other information we should know about you or other special accommodations you may require? _____

Emergency Contact Name and phone number:

Information on local hotels will be sent upon registration. If you are interested in home hospitality accommodations please contact Laura Ross at laura.ross@bucmi.org or 248-647-2380.

Please mail registration form and payment to:

Heartland District of the UUA, 5351 E. Thompson Rd, #229, Indianapolis, IN 46237-4094

Make checks Payable to: Heartland District of the UUA

Pay by credit card online at www.heartlanduu.org



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