

Clara Barton District Fall Rally

Lessons in Leadership

November 7, 2009 ~ Nichols College, Dudley, MA, 01571

Workshop Descriptions

Response to Trauma

This workshop will help participants create an emergency response plan for their congregation including issues such as command structures, communications, resource development, and important issues related to disaster management within a faith-based community.

Facilitated by Rev. Aaron Payson from the UU Trauma Response Ministry, Minister of the UU Church of Worcester

A Home for the Heart: A Spiritual Approach to Conflict Transformation

We'll look at ways to help conflict work for you in your congregation and your own spiritual journey.

Facilitated by Sara Pirtle, graduate of Case Western Reserve University and U Mass, writer and presenter of peace based initiatives

Restorative Justice: An Alternative to Retribution and a Focus on Healing Individuals, Communities, and Nations

Restorative Justice is a collaborative and inclusive process. Based on the principle that a harmful or criminal act is a violation of people and of interpersonal relationships, that this violation creates obligations, and that the central obligation is to put things right. This workshop will introduce restorative justice by exploring how this idea was the basis of the truth and reconciliation process used in South Africa after apartheid ended. We will then examine efforts to reform the retributive basis of the American criminal justice system by creating more restorative justice alternatives. Finally, we will consider how congregations might support efforts to build a more restorative justice system, including efforts underway in both Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Facilitated by Davalene Cooper, professor of Ethics and Restorative Justice at NE School of Law

Emotional Intelligence

This workshop is based on the work of Daniel Goleman and others which is creating an understanding about multiple intelligences and how to apply them most effectively in real life – including congregational life.

Facilitated by Ingrid Holcomb, member of the First Parish UU of Stow/Acton, specialist in Employee Training and Development

Seeing Systems: Unlocking the Mysteries of Congregational Life & How the Pieces fit Together

Based on the UUA's *Harvest the Power* curriculum, this workshop will introduce the concept of system thinking, teach participants a process for examining an organizational challenge from a system point of view and offer participants practical guidelines for leading with integrity and vision while remaining connected to those who have authorized them to serve as leaders.

Facilitated by Elaine Garofoli, member of the New England Leadership Strategic Planning Committee and the Educational Technologist for the Suffolk University Sawyer School of Business

Creating Lay Led Pastoral Care Teams

Lay pastoral care may be an underutilized resource in some of our congregations, but it need not be. Learn how to deepen the pastoral care possibilities in your congregation by development of effective pastoral care teams. This workshop will address the topics of identification, recruitment, training, nurturance and administration of pastoral care teams.

Facilitated by Rev. Marianne Power, Minister Emerita of the UU Parish of Monson

Cancelled - Where Do They Go? Continuing Ministry to our Homegrown UUs

Campus Ministry provides us the chance to continue nurturing the young adults who were raised in our sanctuaries and RE classrooms. It also provides us an opportunity to share our UU faith with members of the campus communities. Establishing and supporting ministry to young adults coming into our congregations and to those who are on nearby campuses is essential ministry. Resources and support in beginning this vital ministry are crucial. Come explore the possibilities.

Facilitated by Nancy DiGiovanni, UUA Director of Campus Ministry, Caitlin Dubois, student at Smith College and member of the UUA's Youth Ministry Working Group, and Deborah Levering, CBD Program Consultant