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BUILDING HEALTHY CONGREGATIONS 1999 Florida District Annual Assembly

April 16 - 18 • First Unitarian Church, Miami

Plan now to attend this important event! Join Unitarian Universalists from across the district as we gather to meet, socialize, worship, honor, learn, conduct business and celebrate together.

Attend as a delegate for your congregation, or just as an interested participant.

Detailed information packets have been sent to each congregation containing registration forms. Registration deadline is April 4th, and some motel accommodations are required by April 1st.

The focus of the Assembly will be "*Building Healthy Congregations*," and keynote speaker will be **Margaret L. Beard**, Director of Extension and New Congregation Ministry of the UUA. Registration begins at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 16, with coffee and snacks. Bring your congregation's banner for the exciting Banner Parade at 7:00, which will herald the "Service of the Lively Tradition," conducted by **Rev. Mary Higgins** and **Rev. Dr. Richard Speck**. There will be time to meet and greet during the social hour after the service at 9:00 p.m.

Registration will begin on Saturday, the 17th, at 8:00 a.m., with a continental breakfast. The Worship Service at 8:45 will jump-start an exciting full day of information and activities. Check out some of the workshops listed below and begin to make those tough decisions as to which ones you'll attend! You can also find opportunities to visit the display area, the UUA Bookstore, and an exhibit of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. The assembly sessions end at 5:00 p.m.—just in time to catch your breath before the Banquet at 6:30 with music by *Relative Viewpoint* and dancing with *Hot Java*. Those who are able to stay over through Sunday morning will enjoy attending the 11:00 a.m. worship service at the First Unitarian Church with **Revs. Joseph Kiovsky** and **Mary Higgins**. Don't miss this gathering, which comes but once a year, and continues to grow—along with our congregations!

Workshops Offered (see registration materials for complete agenda)

Chat with Margaret Beard, Director of Extension and New Congregation Ministry
Connections Beyond Our Congregation
Adult Religious Education for the New Millennium
Multicultural Family Support Group
Congregational Leadership or Who Makes the Decisions Around Here?
Journey to Wholeness
Lay Ministry by Margaret Beard, author of *All Are Chosen*
Developing and Recruiting Leaders
Identity Based Conflict
Moving Beyond the Patriarchy: To the Seventh Generation (Women and Religion)
Multicultural Religious Education
Capital Campaigns
Florida Leadership School Forum
LREDA Meeting for Religious Education Professionals
New Congregations Gathering with District Extension Committee



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From Your District President:

Volunteers Sought for Important District Activities

WEBKEEPER NEEDED - HELP

Lesley and Walter Peterson, of the Fort Myers Church, own Cyberstreet, which is a local internet provider. They generously donate a free web site to the Florida District. It can be accessed at www.cyberstreet.com/uufld. If you do access it, you will find it is not updated. Unfortunately, we have never had a true webkeeper and this is the result.

Communications within a District, particularly one as large as Florida, are an essential ingredient for healthy operations. The webpage has terrific potential. The Sunshine can be viewed in its entirety. Minutes of Board Meetings could be posted for all. Various committees could announce events, meetings, etc. Names and Email Addresses for Board Members, Committee Chairs, Congregations and their Leaders could all be posted and available for reference. There are many other possibilities as well.

Additionally we have a Florida District List Serve, which enables exchange of information, questions, comments and so forth about Florida



District matters. This is provided via the UUA.

We really need a Florida District Webkeeper to make these two technology links work. For somebody with knowledge in this field, all of the work can be done on their own home computer via their modem. It would require a few days of work initially to do all the accumulated updating and, thereafter, a few hours per month.

ANY VOLUNTEERS? My email address is eporteus@cyberstreet.com.

ANTI-RACISM INITIATIVE

With assistance from the Faith in Action Department of the UUA, the Florida District Board of Directors has voted unanimously to study Anti-racism in the district. They will gather information about initiatives undertaken by congregations in the last few years and gather ideas and suggestions as to how the District may assist congregations to further these activities on our "Journey Toward Wholeness."

Finally, they will prepare an action plan for presentation at the 2000 District Annual Meeting, which will summarize activities being undertaken by individual congregations, by congregations working collaboratively in a given area and by the district at large.

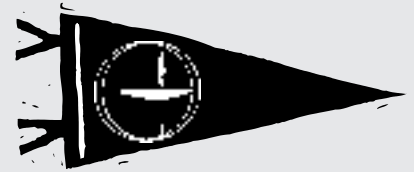


We need to assemble an Anti-racism Work Group of perhaps five or six people to undertake this study. They will have to meet in person at least once and then correspond regularly, preferably via email and bridge calls. These should be top notch people with a strong commitment and local knowledge.

ANY VOLUNTEERS? My email address is eporteus@cyberstreet.com.

— ED PORTEUS, PRESIDENT

*See you at the District
Annual Meeting in
Miami April 16, 17 & 18?*



Campus Ministry Workshop to be Held in Tampa

If you or your congregation is interested in beginning a Campus Ministry program, here is a day long workshop you won't want to miss!

Campus Ministry 101

A workshop for congregations interested in starting, supporting and maintaining a campus ministry.

Given by:

Amy Jo Smith and Sara Reece,
Campus Ministry Coordinators
at the
University of Florida, Gainesville
and
Florida State University,
Tallahassee

May 15, 1999, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Venue:

UU Church of Tampa
11400 Morris Bridge Road
Tampa, FL 33637

Cost:

\$10 (if registered before 5/1/99),
includes lunch, \$15 (after 5/1)

Registration:

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From Your District Executive: *Exploring Families*

This year at the UUA General Assembly in Salt Lake City one of the foci will be on the family. There will be displays of pictures of those whom we call our family; as well as photo exhibits of multiracial families, gay and lesbian families and families with members who are mentally ill. We will take a fresh look at the family and how our congregations can help with the stresses of modern life that are changing the ways we minister to and with each other. We will have round table discussions on how we transmit the values of our faith to our children and the children we live among and how do we minister to the members of our families who are aging?

We are beginning a conversation that will help us see each other in the diversity that our families represent. We do this to help us identify the next step in our ministries to our infinite variety of families. For many, the word "family" conjures images of the constellations of Ozzie and Harriet; Father Knows Best or maybe the Brady Bunch. There are values embedded in these programs that tell us what constitutes a family; who are its members: the roles of fathers, mothers; and what grandparents act like. Many of the main values that we're trying to transmit are changing faster than we can assimilate them.

The children in our church schools are more multiracial than our adults. They have many parents, step-parents and multiple sets of grandparents. They have two parents who are both women or are both men. Our children live in families headed by single parents; and sometimes their parents do not even live in the same state. Our children can shuffle between homes, schools, families and churches. "Where is my home," some of them ask. Parents take care of elderly parents and small children while at the same time trying to juggle careers outside the home. Harvard psychologist Robert Kegan says we "Are in Over Our Heads."

We have less and less face to face relationship with our families as we move with our work. The Internet is sometimes replacing the common

meal as the gathering place for members of families. Beepers tell us where our children are; and cell phones mean they can find us when they need us. Sundays are often just another day to schedule soccer games in our fast paced world. There is no anticipated day of rest for most. I remember talking to a teenager I found sound asleep on the sofa in a church I visited. She told me she was just exhausted because every minute of her time was booked to help her "achieve her full potential." She was sixteen and was burned out. She told me she thought she would get into a good college because of all her activities, though.

The role of our churches is changing to meet the needs of those families. We have differing volunteer resources than we did when I was growing up. We have children with more complex lives that most of us ever dreamed of. Adults are coming to the well and are needing to be nourished and find hope there, too. Many adults have had to struggle to change roles with their own parents; and we are all learning how to minister in congregations that are vibrant but chronologically older.

I will be moderating a round table discussion on some of these topics at GA and would love to have your particular viewpoints as an integral part of that conversation. Who or what is a family? How many different types of families do you know in your congregation? How does your congregation serve the varieties of families who are yours? How might we view our future so that we can serve you better? Are there justice issues we need to confront before your family feels included? How could our language grow to include the family you are a part of?

My e-mail address is mhiggins@uua.org. My postal address is 1901 E. Robinson Street, #18, Orlando, Florida 32803. I look forward to hearing from you. I hope you will each send me a picture of your family for the common board at GA.

— REV. MARY CHULAK HIGGINS

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE



Jim Emerson

Chalice Lighter Chair Appointed

Jim Emerson has joined the District Extension Committee and has been appointed District Chalice Lighter Chair. He and his wife, Carmen, have been members of the First Unitarian Church of Orlando for the past nine years. Jim is a scenic carpenter; building sets for television, industrial theatre and other applications. In his spare time he enjoys singing and playing percussion with the FUCO Folk Ensemble. He brings to the job of Chalice Lighter Chairman a deep well of enthusiasm and commitment.

— GRETCHEN BREMER-HOSKEN
CO-CHAIR, DIST. EXTENSION COMMITTEE

Clearwater Receives Human Rights Award

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Clearwater has received the **UU Service Committee's 1998 Human Rights Award**. A select group of congregations including Clearwater participated in the UUSC's year-long "Human Rights Campaign '98" which coincided in the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Marilyn Toman of the Clearwater congregation and others consistently participated in the UUSC's biweekly national advocacy conference calls to develop local strategies to fight child poverty. The congregation worked with UUSC focusing attention on policies to improve the lives of low-income families.

— BUD WYLIE, UUSC

UUA Trustee's Report:

From the Sunny Side of the Yard

As I write this, I'm once again sitting on my patio, enjoying a beautiful, sunny day, thinking about my hectic life as Trustee, mother, spouse . . . I started this way of making myself focus with my February Trustee's report (which was in the February District mailing). As with many of you, often I find myself trying to figure out what do I have to do next—but out here, I remove many, many potential distractions, so I have a chance to let the most important surface. I also find I can see the areas where my life is converging (how much progress I'm making), which is very good because lots of times all I can see is lots of directions.

Our Association is getting healthier. Members in our congregations are thinking about who belongs to our congregations and who is missing. Potential for growth looks different if we think about who is missing. We are also thinking about why we are gathered together in a congregation. We are looking at new ways for us to be together — to have a positive impact on each others' lives as well as on the life of our larger communities. Some of us are finding out about our

long tradition of congregational autonomy and interdependence—from the days of the Pilgrims (check your UUA directory and you will see that their congregation in Plymouth is the oldest congregation that is a member of our Association)—along with our historic commitment to creating “a city on the hill” (their term) or beloved community. When we are thinking about these things, we are taking our religious life more seriously, and our congregations and Association are healthier as a result.

We have measurements that say our congregations and Association are healthier too—numerical growth while other denominations continue to decline steeply in members, increases in congregational spending and contributions to the Association, new buildings, new congregations, expanding religious education programs. A lot of directions. What can keep us moving ahead, is making sure we know which direction ahead is. Make a time and place to reflect on your communities and to keep your focus—gather your people; find a patio and some sun and with gratitude, acknowledge how much you have as a community, and also how much more you can have.

— MARGARET SANDERS



Announcing the 1999 Interweave Sermon Contest

Open to all UUs—lay, clergy, or theological students. A prize of \$500 will be awarded for a sermon preached before a congregation between January 4, 1998 and March 28, 1999 on the subject of an issue affecting gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender people.

The winner will be invited to present her/his sermon in a special worship service at GA '99 and the sermon will be published in the INTERWEAVE newsletter.

Deadline for receipt of entries:

April 9, 1999

Send three copies of your manuscript, accompanied by one title page giving your name, address, telephone number(s), and date and place of delivery. The manuscript itself should contain no references that would reveal your identity. It should be cross-referenced to the title page only by title. Send entries to:

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Old Friends Meet at Women and Religion Conference—**NOBODY CAN BELIEVE IT!**

I attended the Women and Religion Spring Conference at my home church of Gainesville. At a wine-and-snacks session Friday night before dinner, I saw a woman named Ann Peyton from the Boca Raton Fellowship. Something about her seemed strangely familiar . . . her eyes . . . the way her hair fell around her face . . . who was she?

“Did you go to Randolph-Macon by any chance?” I asked, referring to the women's college at Lynchburg, Virginia (no connection to Jerry Falwell!).

“Are you Anne O'Hara?” she cried.

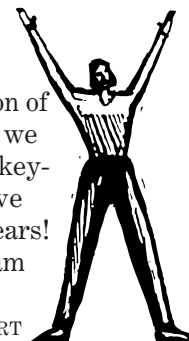
“Yes!” I said as we hugged. “You haven't changed a bit!”

“Well, I've matured,” she said.

It was a wonderful weekend, made more wonderful by the reunion of old friends. Ann and I had not seen each other for 40 years! Now we enjoyed the weekend together—the delicious catered meals, the keynote address, the workshops, the sacred fire. Nobody could believe that we were meeting at the conference for the first time in 40 years!

We are keeping in touch and will see each other soon again, I am sure. In the meantime, I'm sharing our joy with you.

— ANNE LAMBERT





The Communion of Struggle

Over 60 activists from around Florida attended the Social Justice Conference on January 23 at the Ft. Myers UU Church. They listened to **Rev. Meg Riley**, Director of the UUA's Washington, DC office, talk about how her faith energizes her political activism. Her keynote address, suggested that there is considerable power in us when we join together in *"The Communion of Struggle."* She said that an activist is someone who takes risks to get to a new place.

Rev. Dr. Wayne Robinson from Ft. Myers, in his workshop on using the media, called for a new name to represent our faith. Unitarian Universalism, a 10 syllable mouthful, is confusing to the media. They get it confused with other faiths. "Unitarian Universalism," which was a compromise from our 1961 merger, does not succinctly describe our faith like, say "Baptist" describes their faith. He suggested that we put aside our defensiveness over trying to define Unitarian Universalism by coming up with a new name, easily remembered, that represents our faith.

Connie Holzinger, Irv Barkan and **Dr. Mark Ehman** from Ft. Myers talked about their experiences in dealing with the Radical Right in the Lee County School Board and their attempt to teach the Bible in public schools. They were part of a Coalition for Quality Education that was instrumental in getting moderates elected. And, **Barry Heath**, of Buckman Bridge UU Society, talked about his experiences on the Jacksonville Interfaith Council. He talked about how they sought common ground and worked on projects that they could all endorse, like alternatives to violence, and the Week Without Violence program that he chaired.

Beth Corbin, a grassroots organizer for Americans United for Separation of Church and State, talked about the upcoming threat of vouchers coming from Tallahassee. She urged us to contact our state legislators and tell them how we felt about vouchers. Once they are in effect we will only be able to get rid of them by legal action. When the radical right suggests that we need to pass vouchers because there are problems with public education she uses this analogy: if there is a problem with the fire department do we pass out vouchers and equip everyone with a hose and ladder, or do we try to fix the public service? She reminded us that 80% of American children depend on free and open public schools. We will be hearing more about vouchers here in Florida.

— STEVE JENS-ROCHOW
AND CHARLEY BARCELO,
SOCIAL JUSTICE CO-CHAIRS



Rev. Meg Riley, Director of UU Washington Office, presents keynote address



Rev. Dr. Wayne Robinson of Ft. Myers discusses the media and our UU identity

Footnote: FAITH IN ACTION

Rev. Meg Riley, keynote speaker of the Social Justice Conference, is a member of the Faith in Action Department, a UUA Department for Diversity and Justice. Their mission is to assist Unitarian Universalist religious leaders, congregations, districts, and affiliate groups in their efforts to create inclusive multicultural religious communities committed to justice-making in the world. Their work is grounded in the principles and purposes of our UU faith. The theme of "Journey Toward Wholeness," leading us into an anti-oppressive way of life, is promoted through accessibility, anti-heterosexism/homophobia, and anti-racism programs. Vehicles provided by Faith in Action include resources for anti-oppression education; "Beyond Categorical Thinking"—a weekend program for congregations in the ministerial search process to promote inclusive thinking; General Assembly Resolutions Study Guides; HIV/AIDS Information; Justice Networks Development and Support; the Social Action Clearing House; the Social Justice Empowerment Program; training and leadership development; Faith in Action newsletter; and JUST-UUs, an electronic mailing list for UU dialogue on justice and oppression.

Around the District . . .

Thanks from Spirit of Life Unitarian Universalists

Our start-up got a much-appreciated boost from members and friends at the UU Church of Ft. Myers. Their leadership allowed us to solicit contributions from people on their mailing list and we have received over \$900 so far. Individuals at the UU Church of Clearwater also made contributions to our fund-raising campaign.

We are also grateful to the Chalice Lighters in Florida District who contributed to our grant. To date, we have received almost \$3000. Members of Spirit of Life UUs would like to encourage even greater participation in this important program. It's one easy way to support the growth of our denomination in Florida.

We have used the funds to help our thriving RE program and to support other important activities.

It takes a lot of resources to get a new congregation off the ground. We thank everyone who has helped us so far, and look forward to the day when we will be able to emulate this generosity.

— JIM MOIR, PRESIDENT

Southwest Cluster Examines Humanism vs. Spirituality

UU's from Southwest Cluster congregations turned out in record numbers March 6 for the 1999 annual meeting in Fort Myers, lured by the prospects of a lively renewal of the age old humanist-theist debate, which dates back to the days of Emerson and Channing and "periodically resurfaces" as *the* theological issue of the moment for UU's everywhere. This time it was "Humanism vs. Spirituality." Registration hit 130, with only 12 "no-shows."

Presenters were the **Rev. Dr. Khoren Arisian**, president of the Fellowship of Religious Humanists and minister Emeritus of First Unitarian Society, Minneapolis, and his former colleague in that city while interim minister for First Unitarian Universalist of Minneapolis, the **Rev. Dr. Wayne Robinson**, now at Fort Myers. Dr. Robinson presented the case for

spirituality. Their presentations and ensuing exchanges continued well into the afternoon, sparked by provocative questions from the floor.

A thread of commonality came when Dr. Arisian said that "Love is perhaps the highest personal expression of connectedness," and asked "Does not spirituality—the ultimate essence of connectedness—appear to be a potential aspect of all life? It's not a given quantum, nor is it to be found in exclusive places. We bring it into existence through the relational dimensions of our being."

Frank Dunn of Sarasota was re-elected cluster president for 1999-2000, succeeding **Sam Trumbore** of Port Charlotte; **Kindra Muntz** of Venice, vice president; **Gary Chanco** of Bradenton, secretary; **Wally Turner** of Naples, treasurer, and **Joe Porter** of Fort Myers, cluster representative to the Florida District. A cluster check for \$300 was presented to UU in the Pines. Accepting the donation, **George Brooks** announced that recent gifts had "completely eliminated the second mortgage for UU in the Pines."

— JOE PORTER

Transylvania Heritage Tour

Members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Clearwater will be touring the Transylvania area of Romania in June, "getting in touch with our Unitarian heritage."

Some 15 members, including Interim Minister **Jan Vickery Knost**, will be making the 12-day trip, leaving May 31. They will spend a weekend in Rupea where the Clearwater congregation has a partner church with which it has been in correspondence for several years. They will stay at the homes of members of the partner church and attend services with them on Sunday.

The group also will visit other towns with Unitarian churches and conclude the journey with two nights in Budapest.

— BUD WYLIE, UUSC

UUA Works Toward Re-instatement of Religion in Life Award

Boston—February 22, 1999

The UUA has persisted with every reasonable effort to persuade the Boy Scouts of America to re-instate official recognition of the Religion in Life award for Boy Scouts and Explorers, as well as the Love and Help award for Cub Scouts.

A complete revision of the Religion in Life manual has been prepared by the Rev. Cynthia Breen and the Rev. Keith Kron of the UUA staff. The revision is designed to respond to expressed BSA concerns, while maintaining a clear articulation of UU principles. The manual is used for religious education and coming of age programs as well as by Scouts. UUA President John Buehrens has written the foreword to the new 4th edition.

The revision was submitted to the Religious Relationships Committee of the BSA in time for their meeting on Feb. 11. The response from the BSA indicated a desire for some further revisions.

On Feb. 18, Breen and Kron sent a "final revision" to Thomas Deimler of the Religious Relationships Committee. They wrote, "We trust that the newly formed sub-committee assigned to review our situation will give this prompt attention." A reply from the BSA has been requested by March 1, so that the new edition can be printed before General Assembly.

Boston—February 26, 1999

Thomas Deimler, head of the Scouts Religious Relationships division, contacted Rev. Cynthia Breen today, and indicated that his managers and the ad hoc committee looking at the UUA's boy scout manual revisions needed additional time to review the UUA's material and gather feedback.

Further information will be posted on this site when available.

Calling for news and information of interest and value to all members of the churches and fellowships in the Florida District Unitarian Universalist Association!

Next Sunshine Deadline: May 14, 1999

Thinking About General Assembly?

General Assembly—the yearly meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations—offers a wide range of programs, business events, and exhibits that provide a rich experience to the 3,000 UUs who attend each year.

When is GA?

1999: Thursday June 24 - Monday night, June 28

Where is GA?

GA 99 will be held in beautiful Salt Lake City, Utah. Meetings will be held in the Salt Palace Convention Center.



What does Salt Lake City have to offer?

Downtown Salt Lake City has some fine hotels, a wide variety of restaurants, and plenty to offer by entertainment. Don't miss the opportunity to check it out!

How much does GA cost?

Registration fees have been the same since 1995! Higher fees apply after May 20.

- Adult full time, \$195; weekend, \$130; one-day, \$65
- Other full time, \$100; weekend, \$90; one-day, \$35 (Youth ages 14 - 22, Theological Students, Retired Ministers & Spouses, Surviving Spouses of UU Ministers, Retired Certified DREs)

Hotel rates for the downtown hotels average about \$100 for a single or double room. Lower cost motels will also be available. In addition, we will have Bed and Breakfasts available, provided by several generous local UUs.

Can I register at General Assembly?

Yes; there will be registration hours onsite every day Wednesday - Monday. Please keep in mind that registration rates at GA will be higher than for those whose registrations we receive by May 20.

Is there Financial Aid available for attending GA?

30 people will receive \$500.00 plus GA registration. This aid is being provided to encourage congregations to be represented by delegates at GA. There is a scholarship program for youth ages 14-22; contact the Youth Office, (617) 742-2100, ext. 350 or yruu@uaa.org for more information. There are 150 volunteer positions, available on a lottery basis, where people work 24 hours during GA in exchange for free registration.

Is there assistance for people with disabilities attending General Assembly?

Yes. Please indicate on your registration form that assistance will be needed, and a member of our Accessibilities Committee will contact you before GA. There will also be an Accessibilities Services table located onsite near the GA registration area.

How do I contact the GA office?

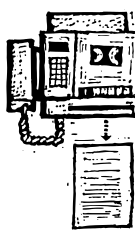
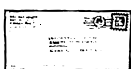
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From The Myth Of Scarcity To The Reality Of Abundance

A Pre-GA Conference
on Unitarian Universalist
Stewardship & Giving

Thursday June 24, 1999
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Salt Palace Convention Center

\$50 per person

Who Should Attend:

canvass leaders, board members, treasurers, finance committee members, religious educators, and lay leaders. We urge you to come with a team from your congregation.

Program Schedule:

- 8:00 a.m. Registration
8:30 a.m. Welcome
8:45 a.m. Opening Worship
9:00 a.m. *From the Myth of Scarcity to the Reality of Abundance*
Rev. Stephen Gray,
President of the Indiana-Kentucky Conference of the United Church of Christ
11:15 a.m. *Three Stories of Congregational Transformation*
Presented by leaders from congregations in Columbus, OH; San Jose, CA; and Davenport, IA
Noon Lunch
1:00 p.m. Afternoon Workshops
3:00 p.m. Closing Words

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For more information call
(617) 742-2100, ext. 401 and speak
with Lili Maselli or
email confreg@uaa.org
<http://www.uua.org/stewardship99/>

Registration deadline: May 20, 1999

1999 FLORIDA LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 6 - 13, 1999
OVEIDO, FL

FLORIDA DISTRICT CALENDAR • 1999

The information in this calendar is thought to be correct as of 3/1/99. Please contact the District Office at (407) 894-2119 or UUAFLDIST@aol.com to confirm, add or change the information contained in this calendar.

Why Leadership School?

YOU ARE a current board member or committee chair/member who sees the need to develop more leaders within your congregation...

YOU HAVE been increasingly more involved in the committees and projects of your congregation and you are pleased to be taking on more responsibility yet you would like to feel better prepared for your new role...

YOU are ASKED often to respond to the various worship needs of your diverse congregation and you would like new ideas on worship and how to involve others in the planning and presentation of Sunday services...

What is Leadership School?

Leadership School is the answer to developing that special UU leadership among the members of your congregation, Cluster and District Board. It is a well organized week of workshops, discussion groups, shared experiences and fun with other UUs. It is designed to help build healthy congregations with strong, capable lay and clergy leadership working in partnership together. From this school, students return to their congregations with tools, strategies and a growing sense of direction that enhance the capacity to lead.

The FLS Committee stands ready to help YOU find a way to make possible this deepening experience for you and your congregation. Contact the District office for details and **watch for mailings coming your way.** Make your plans NOW to select and register students while planning the financial support for students to attend.

In the Spirit,
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March	5-7	Social Action Con	St. Petersburg
	6	Southwest Cluster Meeting	Ft. Myers
	12-13	District Board Meeting	Clearwater
	19 - 21	All Age Con-YRUU (12-20)	Ft. Myers
	26 - 28	West Central Cluster Family Revival	UU Pines
April	26-27	LREDA Meeting	Casselberry "Realizing Our Dreams"
	27	Super Saturday Seminar	Gainesville & NE Cluster Meeting
	9 - 11	Fish Eating Creek-YRUU	
	16 - 17	District Annual Assembly	Miami "Building Healthy Congregations"
	16 - 18	Youth Caucus	Miami
May	30 - May 2	Working Together: Human Resources Training .	Oviedo
	7 - 9	Spirituality Con	Vero Beach
	14	June Sunshine Submission Deadline	
	15	Campus Ministry Workshop	Tampa
	15	West Central Cluster Annual Meeting	Clearwater
June	21-23	Women and Religion Retreat	UU Pines
	28 - 30	Leadership Development Con-YRUU	Orlando
	4 - 5	New Presidents' Forum	Lakeland
	11-12	District Board Retreat	Orlando
	18 - 20	Social Action #2 - YRUU	Daytona Beach
August	13	September Sunshine Submission Deadline	
	27-28	Youth Advisor Training	Lakeland
November	12	December Sunshine Submission Deadline	



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