



**NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT**  
**September 2010**

**IN OUR CONGREGATIONS**

The **Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship, WA**, is celebrating its beautiful new LEED-certified expansion project. They will officially begin using the entire building for Ingathering on September 12, 2010. All PNWD friends and neighbors are invited to their formal dedication celebration on October 10, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to stay for music, dancing and refreshments in their new social hall.

Our *Standing on the Side of Love* banner has been displayed on church buildings and also in recent parades. Peggy Love, **Cascade UU Fellowship (Wenatchee, WA)** reported that they carried the banner in Seattle's Gay Pride parade this summer. Cynthia Murray, **Kittitas Valley UU Congregation (Ellensburg, WA)** said that they will carry the banner in the Ellensburg Rodeo Parade over Labor Day weekend.

If your congregation would like to borrow the [Standing on the Side of Love banner](#), please contact the [district office](#) to be added to the queue. This 4' x 12' banner is available for PNWD congregations to use at no charge. If our banner is booked when you need it, **Northlake UU Church in Kirkland, WA** is willing to share theirs.

Our generous PNWD Chalice Lighters made it possible to send \$16,400 to **Whidbey Island UU Fellowship (Freeland, WA)**; \$15,156 to **Quimper UU Fellowship (Port Townsend, WA)**; and \$18,450 to **Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship (WA)**. These grants will help with projects such as kitchen improvements, extension of a sound system, and parking lot lighting and accessibility. If you would like to become a Chalice Lighter, [online enrollment](#) is available. Learn more about the PNWD Chalice Lighters Program later in this newsletter.

**RELIGIOUS PROFESSIONALS**

We have a number of new ministerial positions:

Juneau UU Fellowship, AK - **Rev. Sarah Schurr**, Consulting Minister

UU Church of the Palouse, Moscow, ID - **Rev. Marlene Walker**, Interim Minister (departing minister, **Rev. Kayle Rice**)

Rogue Valley UU Fellowship, Ashland, OR - **Rev. Leslie Becknell Marx** (departing interim minister, **Rev. Carolyn Colbert**)

The UU Church in Eugene, OR - **Rev. Dr. Alicia Forsey**, Interim Minister (departing minister, **Rev. Stephen Ames**)

Mid-Columbia UU Fellowship, Hood River, OR - **Rev. Craig Moro**, Consulting Minister

First Unitarian Church, Portland, OR - **Rev. Dr. Bill Sinkford**

Wy'east UU Congregation, Portland, OR - **Marcia Stanard**, Consulting Minister (departing consulting minister, **Rev. Susan Maginn**)

Kitsap UU Fellowship, Bremerton, WA - **Rev. Don Vaughn-Foerster**, Interim Minister (departing minister, **Rev. Liz Stevens**)  
Edmonds UU Church, WA - **Eric Kaminetzky** (departing interim minister, **Rev. Charlotte Cowtan**)  
Shoreline UU Church, WA - **Rev. Heather Lynn Hanson**, Interim Minister (departing minister, **Rev. Thomas Anastasi**)  
UU Church of Spokane, WA - **Rev. Hollis Bredeweg** (UCC), Interim Minister  
Tahoma UU Congregation, Tacoma, WA - **Rev. Fran Dearman**, Interim Minister (departing interim minister, **Rev. Heather Lynn Hanson**)  
Woodinville UU Church, WA - **Rev. Lois Van Leer**  
Yakima, WA – UU Church of Yakima (departing minister, **Rev. Alex Holt**)

...and transitions of religious educators:

Wy'east UU Congregation, Portland, OR (departing DRE, **Anne Haifly**)  
UU Congregation of Salem, OR - **Amy Beltaine** (departing DRE, **Lise Adams-Sherry**)  
Shoreline UU Church, WA - **Chris Pollina** (departing DRE, **Teresa Bain**)  
UU Church of Spokane, WA - (departing DRE, **Erin Fitzgerald**)  
Cedars UU Church, Bainbridge Island, WA - **Kim Beyer-Nelson** (departing DRE, **Lisa Ashley**)  
Skagit UU Fellowship, Mount Vernon, WA - **Kelly Graham**

Several PNWD ministers traveled to Phoenix for the May 30, 2010 immigration law demonstration march: **Rev. Peg Morgan** (Westside UU Congregation, Seattle, WA), **Rev. Kate Lore** (First Unitarian Church, Portland, OR), **Rev. Heather Starr** (UU Fellowship of Central Oregon, Bend, OR), **Rev. Arthur Vaeni** (Olympia UU Congregation, WA), and **Rev. Katherine Jesch** (Portland, OR). Also included in the accompanying picture is Peg's husband, Wayne Fulkerson. Rev. Jesch is absent from the photo.

## DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

It is with great sadness that we announce the deaths of **Bev Conaway**, former PNWD board president, and **Rob Harder**, former youth rep to the PNWD board. Bev, first president of the UU Church of Washington County, Hillsboro, OR, served on the district board from 1993 to 1998; two years of those as president. Rob was an active youth and young adult leader in the district and served as the Youth Council Rep to the board in 2005-2006. Rob was a member of Community UU Church in Pasco, WA. We share in the sorrow of their families and loved ones.

For over 20 years, the **PNWD Chalice Lighters Program** has been providing grants to congregations to assist growth. The individual donors who make up the Chalice Lighters agree to make a minimum contribution three times a year to provide these grants. During the past two decades, we have set the minimum pledge at \$10. Inflation over the years means that it would take \$16.70 today to obtain the buying power of those 1990 dollars. Beginning with the first call of this church year, donors will be asked to pledge a minimum of \$15. (Although many Chalice Lighters regularly give far more than that to each call.)

We have always used 100% of the contributions for the grants to congregations, with the PNWD general fund covering all administrative costs. At a time when the district's budget is increasingly squeezed, it's appropriate that the Chalice Lighter program cover some of its costs, rather than impacting district support for other important congregational services. Starting with the next call,

10 percent from call receipts, but never more than \$2,500, will be retained by the district to help offset direct costs. We will continue our efforts to keep costs down by increasing use of modern technology and volunteers, but there will always be direct and indirect costs related to work that must be done in the district office.

This time of year, congregations start asking about **copyright law regarding church music**. The UUA has details about the law and frequently asked questions at their [Guide to Copyright for Music](#). Be sure to consult this site before duplicating music for your church service.

Congratulations to Caleb Raible-Clark, University Unitarian Church (Seattle), on his election as **Youth Observer to the UUA Board of Trustees**. This position is elected each year by Youth Caucus at General Assembly. Caleb says, "You can find me on FaceBook, Google, and the UUA website - I'm here to talk about your concerns and answer your questions. So please reach out!" Caleb has recently served the district on the "Youth Empowerment Services" team, and also served the UUA General Assembly as Youth Chaplain in 2010.

UU congregations all around the country are invited to join in a common read and discussion of "**The Death of Josseline: Immigration Stories from the Arizona-Mexico Borderlands**" by Margaret Regan (Beacon Press, 2010). Project details and a flyer can be found [online](#).

Lay and professional leaders may enroll in a full-semester, online course on "**Dynamic Youth Ministry**" offered this fall by the [Starr King School for the Ministry](#). This lively and interactive course will feature guest presenters from within and beyond Unitarian Universalism, peer interaction/support, one-on-one consultation with instructors, print and video learning resources, a praxis (action/reflection) component, and more.

Congregations are invited to field test a new 12-session program, "**A Place of Wholeness**." Framing a Unitarian Universalist identity as both inheritors of a strong faith tradition and co-creators of that faith's future, the program guides high school aged youth towards understanding their place in this interdependent religion of love, faith, hope, reason, freedom, and tolerance. For information or to apply please contact [Ministries and Faith Development](#) or call Alicia LeBlanc at 617-948-4371.

## EVENTS & RESOURCES

Leaders of all PNWD congregations are called to convene in **Leadership Council**, October 16 in Salem, Oregon. The learning topic will be *Practicing Discernment: How Our UU Values Can Inform and Improve Decision Making*. This workshop is intended for congregational teams made up of board members, lay leaders, professional staff and youth. Thanks to a grant funded by UUA Association Sunday, there is no charge for congregational teams, and lunch is provided. We will invite an offering for a community service project of our hosts, the UU Congregation of Salem. To register, congregational president or designee should contact the [district office](#) by October 11 with the total number attending as part of your congregational team. Space may be limited, so presidents should register their teams early.

Given cost considerations, changing culture and the burden of putting on an intensive three-day event, we'll be trying some new formats in the future. Next year, a single-day **District Assembly** will be hosted by First Unitarian Church of Portland. Put **Saturday, February 5** on your calendar for this 2011 gathering, themed "Embracing Joy! Spirit, Art and Activism." Dr.

Ysaye Barnwell (*Sweet Honey In the Rock*) will lead the morning keynote presentation. Details are posted on the [district website](#).

Mark your calendars for the **2012 District Assembly**. Come celebrate the Pacific Northwest District's 50th year - and our first Annual Meeting and Assembly in Alaska! Events for congregational leaders and UUs of all ages will include educational workshops, shared worship, featured speakers, fun and fellowship, plus the delegates' business meeting. Tentative dates for the Anchorage gathering are May 18-20, 2012. Stay tuned for further announcements.

Upcoming Events:

Sept. 24-26	<a href="#">Middle School Con</a>
Oct.-Mar.	<a href="#">Faithful Leadership</a>
Oct. 8-10	<a href="#">Renaissance Module: Administration</a>
Oct. 16	<a href="#">Leadership Council: Practicing Discernment</a>
Oct. 22-24	<a href="#">Fall Youth Con</a>

For full details, registration information and a complete listing of district events, check the [online calendar](#). Please use the [Submit an Event link](#) to let us know about building dedications, milestone events with your religious professionals, training events open to the wider district, etc.