



# The PSWD Network

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## Ruben Martinez at District Assembly

The keynote speaker for District Assembly 2012 will be well known journalist, author, and musician Ruben Martinez. From 1988 until 1993 he was a writer and editor at LA Weekly; becoming the first Latino on staff there. Subsequently, he became a contributing essayist to National Public Radio, and a TV host for the Los Angeles-based politics and culture series, Life & Times, for which he won an Emmy Award. His essays, opinions, and reportage have appeared in most of the country's major newspapers and magazines.



Martinez's books include: *Flesh Life: Sex in Mexico* (with Joseph Rodriguez, Powerhouse Books, 2006), *The New Americans* (New Press, 2004), a companion volume to the PBS series of the same name, *Crossing Over: A Mexican Family over the Migrant Trail* (Metropolitan/Holt, 2001), *East Side Stories* (with Joseph Rodriguez, Powerhouse Books, 1998), and *The Other Side: Notes from the New L.A., Mexico City & Beyond* (Vintage, 1993).

As a political commentator, Martinez has made appearances on Nightline, Politically Incorrect, and FRONTLINE.

Ruben Martinez currently holds the Fletcher Jones Chair in Literature & Writing at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, previously having taught at the University of Houston's Creative Writing Program, the University of Cali-

fornia, Santa Barbara, and Claremont McKenna College. As a musician he has recorded with Los Illegals, Concrete Blonde, and The Roches.

He is currently at work on a book about race, class, and representation in the American Southwest which will be published just before District Assembly.

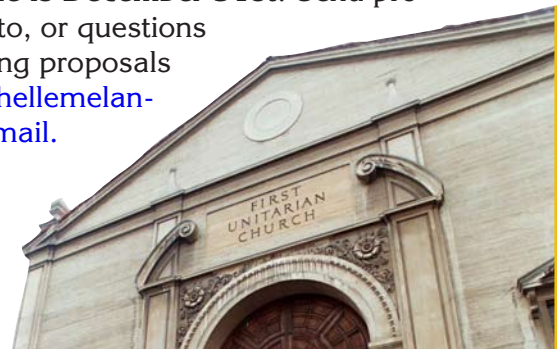
## Workshop Proposals – DA 2012 –

You are invited and, yes, encouraged to submit workshop proposals for District Assembly 2012 to be held April 27-28 at First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles.

### Theme: Beyond Borders

As this is our Justice DA in preparation for the Justice GA in Phoenix in June, we are looking for workshop proposals that have a justice theme. Immigration Justice; Social Justice; Environmental Justice; LGBT Justice. Folks who are planning workshops for General Assembly in Phoenix might want to "try out" their material on a local audience. Our workshop space will be tight this year so get those proposals in!

**Deadline is December 31st.** Send proposals to, or questions regarding proposals to: [michellemelancon@gmail.com](mailto:michellemelancon@gmail.com)



# Ken's Corral



It seems that issues around boundaries and covenant have been at the forefront of the challenges in our congregations this year. As you have heard from me numerous times what makes our Unitarian Universalist tradition unique is that we are a covenantal tradition and not a creedal tradition. What holds us together are not common beliefs but how we choose to create safe communities where diverse religious paths are supported. In fact the document we too often, in my opinion, use as a statement of beliefs, the UUA Seven Principles, is a covenant between congregations. It begins with these words: "We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote."



Now I know we often disagree on how to affirm and promote these principles but the key is that as members of UU congregations we are part of that discussion, and more importantly part of that covenant. And if you are in the role of a leader in a congregation you have an even deeper responsibility. With Dr. Angela Merkert, I co-authored the chapter "Leadership with Vision" in the UUA publication The Safe Congregation Handbook. The words we wrote over six years ago still apply to the role of leadership today. In the closing paragraph we wrote: "The role of the leader is to help provide a safe environment where the majority of the congregation's membership can make their spiritual journey in a supportive community...If we choose to allow a few individuals to define the way we interact by virtue of their destructive behavior, we will never create the Beloved Community."

I know that drawing boundaries that exclude individuals is a difficult decision but if we are to take seriously that our role is to create covenantal communities where we treat each other

with respect even if we differ in our chosen religious paths we must take steps that create congregations where people are safe. The majority of our congregations in the Pacific Southwest District have covenants, some call them Covenants of Right Relations. If you do not we can help you create such a document. And if you have such a covenant, we can help you with policies and procedures that help you draw more clearly the boundaries that are needed.

Our congregations are not places where everyone is welcome; we need to be clear that we get to set the boundaries, in our covenants we get to speak how we will treat each other as we create our wonderful congregations. I believe our future depends on our openness to people with diverse religious views, paths and language. I also believe that unless we have clear covenants about how we approach building our religious communities we will fail in achieving our vision.



In the Faith,  
- Ken Brown  
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## The PSWD NetwUDrk

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to view current or archival issues.

# REjoice!

Remembering that the world is beautiful  
If I will let it be so for others whom I meet,  
This day  
I will make a part of the song of life.  
--Robert T. Weston, *Seasons of the Soul*



The Occupy Movement brings attention to the fact that each one of us is a vital part of that song. The Occupy Movement is everywhere, from 10,000 protestors in Oakland to one lone young man holding up an Occupy sign in a small town in New Hampshire. People are demand-

ing economic justice, honoring human dignity, and respect for creation. It comes out of hearts that are hopeful, courageous, and tired of the dominating system.

We Unitarian Universalists are called to make change in the world. We proudly hold up our ancestors who were loud and effective change agents: Theodore Parker, Susan B. Anthony, Carolyn Severance, Whitney Young. If you are reading this, chances are YOU are a leader in your community. Leading meetings, making decisions, and being on the front lines is how you live out your faith.

When I first encountered Occupy LA, I felt uncomfortable. One reason for that - I could not figure out where or how to plug in. Walking onto the grounds of City Hall, stepping around dozens of tents, I felt like an interloper, like a tourist. I did not know the culture. I was out of my comfort zone.

The Spirit of Life likes to call us into places where we are dis-comforted. We are stretched, and given the opportunity to see again with eyes anew that the world is beautiful. And so, I braved another encounter with Occupy LA, and another, and another.

For me, my engagement with Occupy LA reminds me that sometimes being a prophetic leader means showing up and providing a strong presence, without being the one in charge or the one taking the

mic. We do not always need to be front and center in order to be making a difference.

Stepping back while allowing others to step up can be a good spiritual practice for us as we say hello to 2012 and prepare ourselves for PSWD District Assembly and Justice General Assembly in Phoenix. Your District and your Association are calling on you to deepen relationships in your surrounding community, and look for ways to partner with others in your justice work. It is fun to sing to the choir, but when we join others in a robust ensemble the song of life becomes complex and vibrant, indeed.

With peace and hope,

Rev. Tera Little

## Pacific Unitarian Church Occupies With Love

Members of PUC led by their lead minister Rev. John Morehouse have helped to organize a weekly occupy protest in nearby Torrance, CA on a busy thorough fare. Now drawing a large spectrum of activists, the weekly protest has grown from a dozen stalwart souls to over 60 in the last month. The local paper The Daily Breeze featured the protest in several columns. "Standing on the side of love" reports Rev. Morehouse, "means standing with all those victimized by a system which is rigged against them."



# Thoughts from the President

This past weekend was my last Boston meeting with my colleagues in the District Presidents Association. The transformation in the role of the DPA has changed dramatically in the last four years. My first meeting was predominately UUA staff presentations. It was interesting, but it did not warrant gathering 19 leaders from across the country in Boston for three days. The next year was different. We meet with several members of our UUA Board to re-imagine the governance of our association. The DPA has no authority over anyone outside the DPA, but if we claimed it, we could have considerable influence over the future of our movement, so we did.



The regionalization of the staff, districts forming collaborative partnerships and sharing of staff; recognition that our UUA employs field staff and that co-employment is an illusion; adopting covenant to define the relationship between boards, field staff, and our UUA; districts adopting our UUA Ends as our Districts' Ends; and partnering with our UUA Board to provide linkage to define Ends are all consequences of the DPA asserting its leadership role.

Not everyone views these developments as positive. To be sure, some of the changes will be false starts or eventually be reversed, but I doubt we will go backward. We will seek new directions, course corrections, new solutions and fine-tuning. I believe the DPA has become increasingly relevant and will continue along that same trajectory. The re-imagining goes on.



Our PSWD Board's retreat last month was a different kind of retreat, befitting of a board that serves the district hosting a different kind of General Assembly, a Justice General Assembly.

In Tucson, Arizona, we witnessed the travesty of Operation Streamline and met with a community organizer and the Director of the Arizona Immigration Ministry. In Nogales, Sonora, we visited the bus depot where recent deportees decide their next move, had lunch at the home of a local labor organizer, and toured HEPAC (the Home of Hope and Peace), a community center that is truly a home of hope and peace. Again, north of the border, we hiked a migrant trail where one migrant took his last steps, less than a mile from safety.

Our PSWD Board learned much, but our personal edification was not the purpose. We were learning so that we might bring our first-hand experience to the congregations of our Pacific Southwest District. There are already plans for board members to attend some congregations. We will bring the message about our experience and our plans for Justice GA preparations... if you invite us.

So, invite us. Contact me or any member of your PSWD Board (visit the website for contact info) to come to your church for Sunday worship or to make an after service presentation, we might even bring the GA Chalice with us. There are no guarantees, but if you don't call, I can almost guarantee the outcome.

living my faith,  
Michael Sallwasser

## Dia de los Muertos

The Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula, CA held their Dia de los Muertos celebration October 30, with members Jarrod Madrigal, Monse Ortega and Peter Krause leading the service. Members shared photos and memories of loved ones on the special altar and, tying in with our October theme of virtue, shared a virtue associated with their loved one.



*Monse Ortega (left) got into the spirit of the day, doing traditional face painting for herself and Jarrod Madrigal.*

# Ware Lecturer Announced as GA Planning Moves Forward



The planning for General Assembly 2012—the Justice Assembly—is moving ahead rapidly. The UUA recently announced that Maria Hinojosa, the anchor and managing editor

of NPR’s Latino USA, will be the Ware Lecturer in Phoenix. Hinojosa has won top honors in American journalism including two Emmys, the Robert F. Kennedy Award for Reporting on the Disadvantaged, and the Edward R. Murrow Award from the Overseas Press Club for best documentary for her groundbreaking Child Brides: Stolen Lives.

The 2012 General Assembly (GA) Music Coordinator is Kellie Walker of the Valley UU Congregation in Chandler, AZ. This year’s choir director is Keith Arnold of the Jefferson Unitarian Church, Golden, CO. Our accompanist will be Connie Jahrmarkt of the UU Congregation of Phoenix, Paradise Valley, AZ. Several congregations in Phoenix are beginning to plan for home hospitality.

The PSWD Board of Trustees continues to work to raise funds for GA scholarships through a Justice Action Plan. We are asking members of congregations throughout the district to contribute \$20 each to be used as grants and scholarships to help a truly diverse group of people attend the Justice GA. Those of you who are Chalice Lighters are familiar with the three calls per year for people to contribute \$20 or more to help a congregation in our district with a special project. The Justice Action Plan will be a 4th call for a similar contribution to go this year for GA scholarships to be awarded to youth and other historically marginalized groups who find it difficult financially to attend general assemblies.

As at every GA, the GA Volunteer Committee depends on UUs from congregations in the host district to help welcome the thousands of UUs coming from all over country, and to make General Assembly a success. The GA Volunteer Committee funds full-time GA registrations in exchange for 24 hours of volunteer work at GA (16 hours for those eligible for reduced registration rates). Applicants from the host District are especially sought. Applications will be available at [www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga) on March 1 and must be submitted by March 31.

Contact me at [c\\_saunders1@msn.com](mailto:c_saunders1@msn.com) if you would like a copy of the volunteer job descriptions.

Carolyn Saunders,  
GA 2012 District Coordinator



## UUMFE News



This fall and spring, the UU Ministry for Earth will be very active in PSWD. Our spring board of directors meeting will be in Tucson March 1-4. We will be visiting the border area to witness the environmental impacts of the border wall. UUMFE has nearly completed a new environmental justice curriculum that can be very helpful to Green Sanctuary candidate congregations. Also, board member Vincent Pawlowski and Tucson resident is arranging a winter SW tour to speak to congregations and Green Sanctuary committees on climate justice issues. UUMFE has partnered with former board chair, Barbara Ford to sponsor healing workshops for those suffering from climate grief or concerned about other environmental issues. See our website at [uumfe.org](http://uumfe.org) for more information on this and other environmental news for UU’s.

–Vince Pawlowski

# News from the Mountaintop

Camp de Benneville Pines is our own PSWD retreat and conference center located in the Barton Flats area of the San Bernardino National Forest, about 90 miles east of Los Angeles. At an elevation of 6,800 feet, the camp is surrounded by a forest of towering pines, cedars, and oaks, and has been a second home for thousands of campers. Originally a Boy Scout camp, de Benneville Pines was

collectively purchased in the 60's by the Pacific Southwest District of the UUA. At the time of construction



in 1961, the galvanized water pipes were installed by hand with pick and shovel and only had a 32 year life expectancy. So the fact that we have been operating with brittle and rusted pipes for well over 2 decades is a miracle in itself!

Throughout decades of camps, conferences and retreats, the pipes rusted, burst, and caused such a big headache, we were afraid de Benneville Pines might be forced to close its doors forever.

In 2009, we started the WaterWorks! Campaign to raise funds for brand new pipes, and through the hard work and generosity of the PSWD community, we not only met but surpassed our goal of \$450,000!

Groundbreaking began October 17th, and the



hum of busy machinery has filled our mountain air as brand new pipes are installed beneath our campus.

These new polyethylene pipes will last us one hundred years



or more, ensuring future generations of UUs get the chance to experience the beauty of the stars undimmed by city lights, the freshness of new snow and

pure mountain spring water well into the 22nd century.

Construction is expected to be completed by November 30 and the camp road will be resurfaced in the Spring.

Plus, the PSWD is sponsoring three awesome winter camps at de Benneville this year!

Jr. High campers will enjoy the first drink from our new pipes when they are in camp December 2nd for their "Food and Faith" weekend.

Senior High campers will enjoy a whole week up in the mountains for their "Fight Club" starting December 27th.

Snowman building, sledding, and sipping hot chocolate by a crackling fire wait for Elementary/Family Camp "Treasure Hunters" on February 18th 2012.



And Home School families can join in the winter fun with a camp-sponsored weekend January 19th-23rd.

You can register for any of these great camps by clicking [here](#) or contacting our Registrar at 909-794-1252 or [registrar@uucamp.org](mailto:registrar@uucamp.org)



# UUA Trustee Report

The October Board of Trustees meeting is our longest meeting of the year and when it takes place in an odd-numbered year it is even longer because of the orientation for new board members. This year we have ten new members joining us. This is notable because this was the last election from which UUA Board trustees will be chosen from districts. Following passage of the by-law changes at the last GA, the board will be reduced to eleven trustees elected at large plus the elected financial advisor and the moderator. The president is a non-voting member of the board. In 2013 all current board members' terms expire at the close of GA. Four current board members will be appointed by the current board to continue for one year, four at large trustees will be elected for two year terms and three will be elected for three year terms. Thereafter, there will be an at-large election every year for three or four trustees for three years terms. A trustee may serve two consecutive terms.



Some have asked me why we are making this change. There are many reasons but let me comment on what I believe are the most important: first, the board has been too large to be a working board dealing primarily with monitoring the work of the staff vis-à-vis the accountability of the president to the board. A smaller number will be able to have a higher quality conversation than we can with nearly two dozen members. Second, the board is not very diverse and we had no mechanism to assure diversity since trustee elections have been purely the prerogative of districts. A new nominating committee charge is to seek diversity in nominees with shorter terms to balance various diverse viewpoints. Third, the expense of a large board is not the best use of Association funds. Current board operations, which include travel, meals and lodging, run over \$250,000 per year. Finally, it has only been an illusion that trustees represented districts. It is not a representational board. We don't bring anything back to the district and we make very few decisions that impact districts in ways unique from one another. District elections and a notion of district representation is a vestige of merger in 1961 whose time is long past due for a change and a new reality.

Our work with the District Presidents Association is a great step in real district representation to the UUA. Make sure you read Michael Sallwasser's report for more on this.

At the October meeting we voted to approve two new congregations to the UUA. One of these is our new congregation in Cambria, CA. It was a great pleasure to introduce the motion and speak on behalf of the motion. Their application was warmly accepted by the board and I am pleased to report their acceptance into the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations. Congratulations to each member for the hard work required to become a member congregation!

One of my duties as Secretary of the Association is to run the elections we have each year at GA. These occur, for the most part in the odd-numbered years, so we don't have elections again until 2013. One of the important ones we are preparing for now is for a new moderator. New by-laws require the board to nominate one or more persons for moderator and this must be done by this coming February 1, 2012. The board has committed to nominate at least two persons for this position. The advisory and independent moderator nominating committee will be sending us seven candidates to consider for final nomination. By March 1st any person may also run by petition for the position. I am working with the Election Campaign Practices Committee to set up a candidates' forum for GA 2012 in Phoenix. This will be limited to those persons running for moderator and president. Peter Morales has conformed to me that he will be seeking re-election for another four year term. I encourage every congregation to take an active role in our election process and for any individual who feels the calling to consider one of these important positions or others that we will elect in 2013 in Louisville, KY.

Finally, the board has recently begun meeting in January outside of Boston. While it is primarily for linkage with member congregations and opportunities for witness in places that need our presence, it is also convenient to not have to make travel plans to Boston in mid-winter. We met last year in phoenix and will be meeting this year in New Orleans. We will have an opportunity to meet with UUs who suffered greatly, had to rebuild homes, businesses, lives, relationships not to mention

their own church buildings and celebrate with them their success as well as learn from them the challenges that remain. I look forward to this time.

Progress continues to be made in planning for a great GA in Phoenix next June. Program applications are now being accepted for GA and are available online. Act quickly though as there are limited numbers of opportunities and many requests.

As always, I am available to speak with you on any matter of Association business and welcome invitations to speak to your congregation. All you have to do is ask. You can reach me at [tloughrey@uua.org](mailto:tloughrey@uua.org).

In faith and trust,  
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## UU's in Southern Arizona Parade

On October 29th, thirty-eight UU's from the congregation at Amado Territory Ranch walked in the regional Country Fair Parade to let our area know who we are and what we stand for. We wore t-shirts that identified us as "A Justice-Seeking Congregation" and carried signs to show our commitment to social, economic and environmental justice: "Standing on the Side of Love," "Plant Justice, Harvest Peace," "Justice, Equity, Compassion," "Immigration is a Moral Issue." The congregation's Save Our Planet Alliance carried a large interpretative display depicting our deep concern about the health of Planet Earth.



We were number 70 in a line-up of 105 entries in the parade, and our presence and messages were seen by thousands who lined the main thoroughfare of Green Valley on a sunny southern Arizona morning.

## Tera Little's Ordination



*photography by Blake Gardner*

# A Border Experience

In October the Pacific Southwest District Board of Trustees spent our retreat in Tucson, Arizona. The focus of our retreat was to experience the border by visiting the city of Nogales, Mexico. We also witnessed [Operation Streamline](#): "a Bush Administration program implemented in 2005 ordering federal criminal charges for every person who crosses the border illegally."

The following is a reflection I wrote shortly after returning. -- Rev. Paul Langston-Daley



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Our trip began on Friday with a stop at the Federal Courthouse in Tucson where Operation Streamline is in effect. This process is designed to move as many people through the system as possible

in the least amount of time possible. Seventy people are processed each day in about an hour. On the day we were there, there were only sixty-one and it took about forty minutes. At one thirty, they opened the doors into a large cavernous courtroom with half a dozen rows of deep brown benches in three sections from left to right. As we entered, my eyes swept the room and I registered a large group of people. I noticed mostly men, in dirty t-shirts, jeans and boots with short black hair and brown skin. I inhaled unwashed clothes and body odor. I hesitated, and then spurred from behind, I walked to the far right as directed by the Border Patrol agent, leaving the center section of benches empty. A buffer between us and them. Only twenty people are allowed to observe each day.

The judge, his voice was deep and somber, addressed the court. He explained the process and began the proceedings. Several times the translation equipment failed and the judge had to repeat himself, sometimes more than once. He was infinitely patient with the equipment and the people. The judge called the defendants up by name, 10 at a time, and instructed them to stand at a microphone, their lawyer standing behind them.

I looked to my left as the back row stood and noticed, first with shock and then with dis-

belief that they were shackled; hands together, chained to their waist and their feet connected by chain allowing for a only a moderate to small step. I sat stunned, and when the stun wore off, I was deeply ashamed that my country would do this in my name. They shuffled forwards up the aisle and through the small wooden gate that separated the gallery from the rest of the courtroom. Filing along the row of microphones they stopped, heads hung, eyes down cast. It appeared that they had been seated on the bench in order by lawyer, so there was no shuffling about – only minimal movement as each lawyer rose and stood behind their client.

The judge turned and spoke to each person in turn. He addressed each of them by the honorific, Mr. or Ms. He was respectful and even-handed. When he finished sentencing the group, they were instructed by Border Patrol agents to move through the small wooden gate on the side of the courthouse directly in front of where we were seated. As they came towards us, a few looked up and some made eye contact, many remained down cast and solemn. The shame was palpable, theirs and ours. It hung about the room like the thick black smoke of tires on fire.

We watched that process six times in forty minutes: stand and shuffle to the front, listen to the judge, plead, listen to the judge, and shuffle out. Each group of 10 human beings shackled and ashamed.

When it was all over, we were preparing to leave and the judge stopped us to talk. He asked us who we were and why we were there. We asked him why they were shackled and he explained that sheer number requires that they remain shackled in the courtroom for safety. He shook his head and told us that most of the people he sees in this courtroom are simple, humble people. He told us that the vast majority cannot or will not make eye contact. He told us that most have never been called Mr. or Ms., and he does what little he can to humanize the process. I believed this judge, maybe because I wanted to, maybe because I had to—the process is so painfully humiliating and disrespectful. I asked him how much the state of Arizona spends on prisons each year for detention and incarceration of migrants. Twenty million dollars a month is spent to incarcerate 7500 people. The cost for this process with lawyers, court staff, Border Patrol agents, and the judge—well it's a lot, for the lawyers alone it runs about \$2.6 million per day—

that's five days a week all year long (minus holidays). That's half a billion dollars a year to try, sentence, and deport non-violent human beings from the United States. A good friend once told me—if you want to know why something is happening, follow the money. In this case the money goes mostly to lawyers and to private prisons.

We left the courthouse and met with the defense lawyers who told us more about the process and the people. We were told that most of the people coming across the border have the equivalent of a third grade education. Most are non-violent and only serving time because they have tried to cross before and now with their second attempt, it is a felony. A defense attorney talked to us about the costs, both financial and human, and were frustrated by a process that seems impossible to stop. As she spoke, the lawyer leaned forward, intense and engaging, and she threw her hands into the air with a sigh of resignation and defeat. She described the holding tank at the David Military Base, designed for less than half of what it now holds in human cargo. There is no food provided and water is available only in gallon jugs to be shared by all. There are no beds and the floor is concrete. No one in holding has access to medications, regardless of what the medication may be. We were told that some of those picked up for trafficking marijuana are forced by cartels to carry backpacks full

of pot over the border and told that their family would be harmed.

And this was just the first day of our adventure. I am grateful for the opportunity to have gone on this retreat with the District Board. When the guide from BorderLinks asked why we were there, I said I wanted to take the facts and figures, the book knowledge and theoretical discussions, and make them real. That happened, and what I experienced was worse than I had ever imagined—and what I imagined was pretty extreme. I have a new, deepened and living conviction that we have a moral responsibility to our neighbors, ourselves and to all living beings to choose a different of kind of future than where we are currently headed. We must regain our humanity if we are to change our course. Occupy Wall Street understands that. It is a movement about moral outrage, not policies or politics. It is about making the choice to live together, being responsible for one another, caring for all as we care for ourselves. How can anyone not support that? For me, that is what it means to stand on the side of love.



Change is possible, change is inevitable, change brings hope and possibility.



## PSWD DISTRICT CALENDAR

Send additions/changes to [PSWD@aol.com](mailto:PSWD@aol.com)

### NOVEMBER 2011

- 13 Installation of the Rev. Lora Brandis  
UU Fellowship of the Conejo Valley,  
Thousand Oaks, CA
- 18-20 UULM Leadership Summit,  
Camp de Benneville Pines, CA

### DECEMBER 2011

- 2-4 Coming of Age Retreat  
Camp de Benneville Pines, CA
- 27-Jan 1 Sr High Winter Camp  
Camp de Benneville Pines, CA

### JANUARY 2012

- 21 Shift Happens--Anti-Oppression Workshop  
UU Church of Long Beach

- 24-27 UUMA/LREDA Retreat  
Mary & Joseph Retreat Center,  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

### FEBRUARY 2012

- 18-20 Elementary/Family Winter Camp  
Camp de Benneville Pines, CA

### MARCH 2012

- 15-18 "Human Rights on the Border"  
Tucson, AZ and Nogales, Sonora, Mexico

### APRIL 2012

- 27-28 District Assembly  
First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles, CA

### JUNE 2012

- 20-24 Justice General Assembly  
Phoenix, AZ