

# The PSWD NetwUUrk

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## Save the Date!

Yes, it is already time to mark your calendars for **District Assembly 2007**, "From This the River Flows," to be held in Riverside, California, on April 25-27, 2007. One hundred and twenty five years ago, a Universalist church was founded in Riverside, and from this beginning, the spiritual river flows in our host congregation, the Universalist Unitarian Church of Riverside. Hosting DA is an exciting part of their 125th anniversary celebration.

The 2007 keynote speaker will be **Bill Doherty**, a professor in Family and Marriage at the University of Minnesota and an active UU at the First Universalist Church in Minneapolis. He has written articles for the UU World and will be the Fahs Lecturer at the 2007 General Assembly in Portland.

His books include:

Doherty, W.J. (2000). *Take Back Your Kids: Confident Parenting in Turbulent Times*. South Bend, IN: Sorin Books.

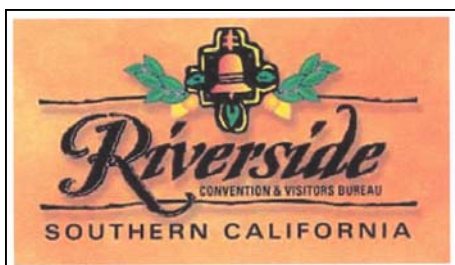
Doherty, W.J. (1999). *Morality and Spirituality in Therapy*. In F. Walsh (Ed.), *Spiritual resources in family therapy*. New York: W. W. Norton.

Continuity in Unitarian Universalism flows from families and youth. So another exciting part of District Assembly will be the District Youth Ministry Conversation. We urge all families and youth to attend this important event that will be instrumental in shaping our denomination for years to come.

What is the source of the spiritual river in your church or your life? It is not too early to begin thinking of workshop ideas that will fit that theme. Please submit your workshop proposals to **Carolyn Saunders**, [bcsauers@cybertrails.com](mailto:bcsauers@cybertrails.com), or 4686 E. Camino Rosa, Tucson, AZ 85718, by December 31, 2006.

Shall we gather at the river?

- Carolyn Saunders



Logo by Karen Green

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**From Tom Stapleford,  
PSWD Board President**

### **Save The Date!**

Ladies and gentlemen, start your planning for General Assembly 2007 in Portland, Oregon! This GA will differ from previous General Assemblies because it will focus on the core business of the Association: determining what difference Unitarian Universalism should make in the world. This vital conversation, which will be conducted using Open Space Technology, is long overdue. General Assembly 2007 will be the first time congregational delegates have discussed the purposes of the Association since the consolidation of Unitarians and Universalists 45 years ago.

Many of you were able to attend the 2004 GA in Long Beach, and experienced the excitement of meeting with over 4,000 other UUs during the 4-day meeting. The 2007 event will be even more exciting and important! My purpose in bringing it up now, six months before the June 20, 2007 starting date, is to encourage you to place it on your—and your congregation's—agenda and to suggest the beginning of local discussions on the topic. In our denomination of independent congregations, it is critical that your congregation's views on our purpose be included in the debate! Starting now will also avoid the last minute "Who hasn't yet planned their vacation and could go to GA?" question.

My job as District President is to facilitate compliance with our District Constitution's stated purpose, "To advance the programs and purposes of the Unitarian Universalist Association." Seeing to it that the 50 congregations in this district have ample opportunity to be a part of defining those purposes is at the top of my task list. Please check out the GA 2007 page on the UUA website [uua.org](http://uua.org) for more highlights and give me your thoughts on how the District can assist your congregation in being represented in Portland!

Tom Stapleford  
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**UUA General Assembly  
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*UUA President Bill Sinkford, pictured at the Revival in Costa Mesa, CA, on Sunday, October 29, 2006*

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## UUA Trustee Report by Tom Loughrey

As you read this the election for the Trustee position will be concluded. While I cannot predict who this will be I can tell you for certain it will be a very committed and conscientious UU who will need the support, counsel, wisdom and personal truths of everyone in the PSWD. Let us hear from you.

The following are excerpts from my full report of the last Board of Trustees meeting which is online at <http://economedix.com/oct06uuatrustee.pdf>

### Board of Trustee Meetings

Agenda and reports at <http://uua.org/TRUS/oct06/>

### Highlights

Several items stood out during the meeting that I want to place at the very top of my report:

First, we passed the recommendation to establish a Health Insurance Plan for the qualifying employees of the Association and its member congregations and affiliates. It passed unanimously after exceeding all the benchmarks that were required for passage. At this time there are 578 enrollees plus dependants in the plan. This includes the entire staff of the UUA

I have been working as one of your Compensation Consultants for the past 8 years and this was something we had long hoped to achieve. Employees may still enroll without consideration for any pre-existing conditions until November 27th. Coverage starts on January 1.

Second, I was very happy to present **Michael Sallwasser's** qualifications for an appointment to the Journey Toward Wholeness Transformation Committee. Michael, a member of our Long Beach Congregation and vice president of the PSWD Board, was nominated by the Committee on Committees and approved by the full Board. I know we will be well served by Michael's participation in this important committee.

Third, the reports of the President and the Moderator. Bill Sinkford's report highlighted some of his priorities for the remaining three years of his presidency. High among this is the work he wants to do in the area of anti-racism, anti-oppression and multiculturalism.

Bill was asked by a trustee where he saw his legacy as President of our Association. He cited work on AR/AO/MC but chiefly looks at contributions in the developing Tapestry Curriculum and the new Capital Campaign. He would like to be remembered for helping to make relationships of stakeholders more real and healthier; for being a part of the

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## Ken's Corral

By Ken Brown, District Executive

As many of you know, four of our clusters have been involved with developing projects through what are called President's Roundtables. These Roundtables were created at the behest of UUA President **Bill Sinkford** (the President in President's Roundtable) and have been supported by local leadership in the congregations involved, the Pacific Southwest District, and also the UUA Stewardship staff group.

This fall the Orange County/South Bay cluster sponsored a marketing campaign which included radio spots on NPR, ads in a range of local and specialized papers, postcard mailings, and a four page insert in weekend papers. The early anecdotal evidence says a number of the congregations reported an increase in visitors. A large part of the campaign was preparing and training congregational leadership to receive visitors. The Channel Cluster Roundtable is planning a Super Saturday on Oct. 6, 2007. It will be a day of different focused workshops at different locations. The San Diego cluster roundtable just completed an exciting and energetic meeting focused on young adults and campus ministry. The LA/Valley cluster roundtable is considering a number of options for its next steps after a meeting with leadership of our "Break-through Congregation" from San Luis Obispo.

One other outcome of the roundtables was the UU revival in Costa Mesa. Over 400 UUs, mainly from the Orange County/South Bay cluster, came together to celebrate the conclusion of the marketing campaign in a rousing service with the **Rev. Bill Sinkford** delivering the sermon.\* We also collected \$2,560.30 for the UU Legislative Ministry in California.

Yet we do not have to wait until the creation of a President's Roundtable. We have a number of regional efforts in the works across the District. Leaders from the congregations in Arizona are talking about developing a growth plan that can be supported by all the congregations in the State and the ministers have begun to talk about how to create statewide support for political education and action on issues important to Arizona residents. In southwest Riverside county three congregations (Riverside, Escondido, and Vista) are coming together to support a ministry site in the Temecula/Murrieta area. This multi-site project will use digital technology to support a new UU community.

These various projects are exciting because they bring together people from many congregations and are exploring a wide range of possibilities of our working together. I believe that creating projects in clusters and regions with the support of the PSWD and the UUA is crucial to sharing our message of hope in the future. Drop me a note if you have an idea for a shared project.

\* See pictures on pages 2 and 7.

- Ken



*Trustee, from page 3...*

process for re-shaping youth ministry, and for taking the next steps toward becoming the AR/AO/MC institution we are capable of being.

**Gini Courter's** report talked about her activities and plans along some of the same lines but she added a question for us to have a dialog about:

"How should we associate together and embody our promise to move from comfort to covenant, from corporation to association, from consumption to service, from criticism to appreciation, from privilege to solidarity?"

Our assignment is to have a dialog in our District on this question. I intend to have this as a workshop session at our next DA and I will be discussing it with congregations as I travel our District.

The final highlight I would like to mention is the passage of the name and case statement for the new capital campaign. It is in two parts: a \$20 million goal for cash contributions which can be used right now, and a \$30 million goal for bequests in estates. These are very ambitious but when—not if—they succeed, these gifts will have the ability to transform the face of our denomination and the role we play in the communities we serve. The name of the campaign is "Now is the Time." It is derived from the hymn by W.E.B. DuBois.

The campaign is focused on growth in five areas:

- \* Growth in Numbers
- \* Growth in Diversity
- \* Growth in Spirit
- \* Growth in Leadership
- \* Growth in Witness

I will keep you up to date on the progress of the campaign and how we can contribute both our treasure and our ideas for how it is to be used.

The next Board meeting is January 19-21, where high on the agenda will be reports on moving toward policy governance and an initiative called "Congregations Come First" which will be looking at fundamental relationships of the UUA to congregations. Stay tuned... and whatever happens with the election, it has been a privilege to serve.

In faith,  
Tom Loughrey

## OPEN THE DOOR

by Louis Untermeyer

*Here, as we enter is an air  
Of bread and welcome. This is where  
The cries of a bewildered world are stilled,  
And every room is filled  
With kindness and comfort in a free  
Security.*

*Here what was tameless, homeless, wild,  
Lost or exiled,  
Is safely domiciled.  
And the importunate hours move  
Slowly as in a sacred grove  
Of love.*

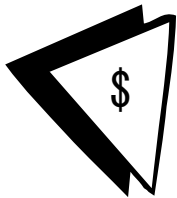
*Here all is for the asking, one and all  
Offer themselves—strong beam; stout  
sheltering wall;  
Protective roof; devoted floor—  
All these are more  
Than wood and plaster  
To guard us from disaster.  
They are, have always been  
The old, serene  
Custodians of the domestic scene.*

*Here, the most ordinary things are able  
To give before we ask. The generous table,  
The warm, accommodating chair,  
The cheerful fireplace, the inviting stair—  
Here, there, and everywhere,  
Early and late,  
They wait  
For us, these uncomplaining friends,  
Their reassurance never ends.*

*Unlike the outworn cynic phrase,  
Familiarity here breeds  
Content, and satisfies our needs  
Through all our days.  
The morning's waking  
Is the fulfillment of a wordless prayer,  
And the night's sleep a deep forsaking  
Of the day's care.*

*Here are no tears or fears  
For the oncoming years.  
Here time brings richness and release  
In a munificent increase  
Of peace.*

*Here, where the better part  
Of all beginnings start,  
The harried mind's no longer driven to roam,  
And here the homeward-yearning heart  
Is home.*



## COMPENSATION CONSULTANTS' CORNER

UUA Health Insurance and other news

The UUA Trustees have approved the UUA Health Insurance, which will become effective January 1, 2007. Open enrollment has been extended to November 27, 2006. The Unitarian Universalist Association now offers a new self-funded, not-for-profit health care program for those employed (at least 1,000 hours per year) by UU congregations and related organizations! Congregations can now more easily take responsibility for a viable health insurance program. This is a wonderful step toward enabling congregations to offer Fair Compensation for their staff.

Special thanks to the congregations and their staff members in the PSWD who found the plan economically feasible and signed up to participate.

The initial drive to enroll at least 500 participants ended October 15 and 575 participants were enrolled at that time. Since the October deadline, another ten participants have enrolled and there will likely be 600 subscribers by the Nov. 27 deadline. The larger the enrollment, the better the actuary figures will be. That is the reason for extending the open enrollment to November 27, 2006. Anyone interested in more information should go to <http://www.uua.org/leaders/insurance/instructions.html> immediately to learn more about the plan and how to sign up before the deadline.

This is budget time for many congregations. **Ralph Mero** of the UUA Church Staff Finances Office shares this wisdom: "The 3.9% cost of living increase recently announced by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics is a good starting place for wage increases for church staff. Of equal importance is considering merit adjustments on top of any COL adjustment for individuals whose performance should be recognized by additional pay. COL adjustments by themselves do not result in better rates of pay; they only help workers keep abreast of inflationary changes in the economy." These increases should be in addition to the Fair Compensation Salaries found on the web at <http://www.uua.org/programs/ministry/finances/compensation.html>.

If you have questions about the UUA Insurance Plan or Cost of Living Salary increases, please direct them to **JoAnne Smith** at the contact information listed below.

After eight years as Compensation Consultant for the PSWD, **Tom Loughrey** is resigning. Tom writes: "As we are writing this column for The NetwUUrK, the results of the Trustee election are unknown but I wanted to tell

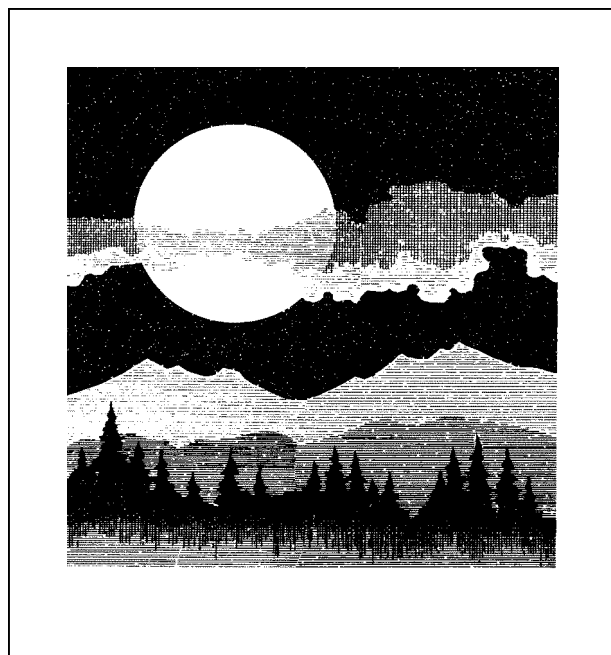
you of my personal decision to call an end to my eight years as a compensation consultant for our District, regardless of how the election turns out.

"It is time for a new person to take on this work and bring fresh energy, ideas and enthusiasm to the job. It has been a privilege to work with so many congregations, ministers, DREs and other staff over these years. Working with colleagues in this work in the Pacific Southwest, **JoAnne Smith** and her predecessor, **Marlene Brown**, we have addressed Fair Compensation as both a matter of justice and equity as well as good business practice. I am proud of our accomplishments and the real commitment that has been made to these ends.

"While I will no longer be a compensation consultant I will always be an advocate for Fair Compensation. The work is very rewarding and I will miss it. Thank you all!"

JoAnne writes: "I will miss working with Tom on the Compensation Consultant team for the Pacific Southwest District. He has a lot of knowledge and expertise that he willingly shared as we worked together to serve the PSWD. He was a great mentor as I learned to do this job, has been a great colleague and remains a good friend. I pledge to all of you that I will continue to serve in this position to the best of my ability and will work collegially with the person appointed to serve with me on this team."

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From the Editor . . .

## Google Is Not the Last Word

On the front page of the Fall 2006 *NetwUUrK*, I put an article that I had copied from Google, along with a picture, concerning **Thomas Starr King** (1824-1864), whose statue in Washington, DC, is to be replaced with one of Ronald Reagan. Some kind and better informed people have given me corrections to the article.

The vote in Sacramento was not unanimous to replace the statue. **Rev. Judith Meyer**, Minister of the UU Community Church of Santa Monica, wrote that the vote in the Legislature was unanimous, and there was one dissenting vote in the State Senate, that of **Debra Bowen**, a UU member in Santa Monica.

**Rev. Charles Gaines** wrote me that Thomas Starr King was Universalist before he was Unitarian, and sent some details of his short yet productive and inspiring life.

My friend **Richard Knight**, here in the UU Fellowship of San Luis Obispo County and something of a Thomas Starr King scholar, sent me the items below—solid and informative history.

- *Dorothy Jacobson, Ed.*

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Preaching career of Thomas Starr King:

Universalist Church, Charlestown, MA 1846-1848

Hollis Street Unitarian Church, Boston, MA 1848-1860

Unitarian Church, San Francisco, CA 1860-1864

Thomas Starr King famous quote:

"The Universalist ... believes that God is too good to damn us forever, and Unitarians believe that you are too good to be damned."

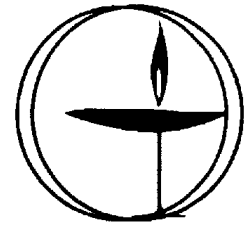
In his insistence on embracing both traditions and excluding neither, King was the forerunner of the unity that Unitarians and Universalists eventually achieved when the two denominations merged [in 1961] . . . King complained of "the miserable dogmatism" of his denomination (Universalist) prior to accepting the call to Hollis Street Unitarian Church.

*From : "The Unitarian and Universalists"*

*David Robinson copyright 1985, Greenwood Press*

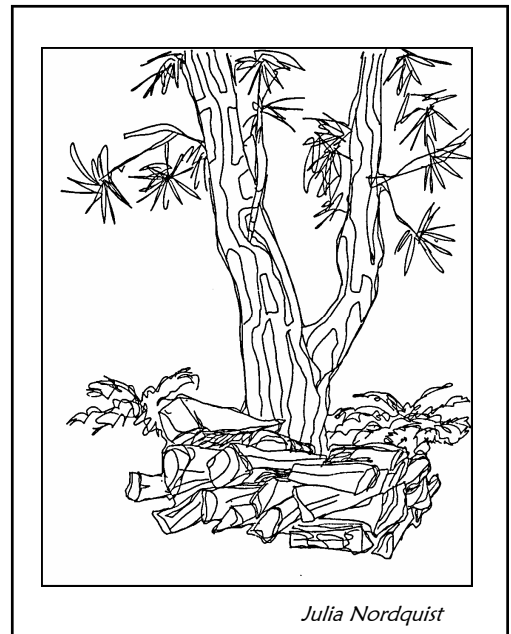
Thomas Starr King was born in New York City in 1824 where his father was a Universalist Minister. His father was called to the Universalist Church in Charlestown, MA in 1835 when Thomas Starr King was 11 years old. . . His father died when T.S.K. was about 14. He studied on his own and was called to be preacher at his father's Universalist church in Charlestown in 1846. He was ordained into the ministry (Universalist) at age 21. He resigned Aug 2, 1846 (note the reason above, and he also received a larger salary, which allowed him to marry within a very short time). . . The Hollis Street Church (Unitarian) invited him to be their Pastor. He was installed Dec. 6, 1848 where his ministry covered 11 years.

*From: "The Man Behind the Legend," by Arnold Crompton (12 page Sketch taken from Arnold Crompton's book *Unitarianism on the Pacific Coast.*)*



## Continuing the Conversation at PSWD Leadership School

Continuing the conversation begun with the Embracing Our Theological Diversity workshops, our next Leadership School will focus on **Articulating Our Faith**. This Leadership School will be March 9 to 11, 2007, at the Mary & Joseph Retreat Center in Rancho Palos Verdes. It will be an opportunity to come together with Unitarian Universalists from around the District to learn about Unitarian Universalism, what it means to be a leader and develop skills on how to talk about Unitarian Universalism. Flyers will be sent congregations. Registration brochures are available from the District office by e-mailing **Mary Nelson** at [pswd@aol.com](mailto:pswd@aol.com) or by going to our website at [pswduua.org](http://pswduua.org).



*Julia Nordquist*



## Around the District

**Betty Boone** writes that her e-mail address in the 2006-2007 PSWD Directory is in error. It should be [bettboone@san.rr.com](mailto:bettboone@san.rr.com). (That's SAN.RR.COM.)

*Pictured at right: UUA President **Bill Sinkford** with members of the Orange Coast UU Church in Costa Mesa for the UU Revival on October 29, 2006.*



### UU Contemporary Worship Conference

The first UU Contemporary Worship Conference, sponsored by the Young Adult and Campus Ministry staff group will be held Feb. 22-24 at the First UU Church of San Diego, CA, 4190 Front Street, San Diego, CA 92103.

This is a particularly great opportunity for leaders in the PSWD to learn and share around the issue of the future of worship. As the material suggests this conference is for Ministers, Religious Educators, Music Directors, seminarians, young adult and campus group leaders, worship committee members, musicians and other lay leaders.

Cost: General Registration: \$250, Students: \$100—includes conference attendance and all meals from Thursday dinner through Saturday lunch. It does not include housing. Scholarships are available. To apply, please email **Michael Tino**, UUA Director of Young Adult and Campus Ministry, [mtino@uua.org](mailto:mtino@uua.org).

To Register: Download a PDF format registration form at the **YA/CM website** <http://www.uua.org/ya-cm/resources/Worship/#Conference> and mail it in by January 15 to: UUA Office of Young Adult and Campus Ministry, 25 Beacon St, Boston MA 02108.

### Embracing Our Theological Diversity: One More Time

If you missed the opportunity to attend one of our three very successful workshops this fall on “Embracing Our Theological Diversity,” there will be one more opportunity. As with the previous workshops the **Rev. Dr. Tom Owen-Towle** will be the keynote presenter. **The Rev. Ken Brown** will facilitate group exercises and discussion. The workshop will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the **Sepulveda UU Society in North Hills**. To encourage people to attend, there will be no charge for individuals but we will be asking each congregation sending people to contribute \$25 for the costs. A registration flyer and information is on our website. For further information contact **Ken Brown** at [uurev@aol.com](mailto:uurev@aol.com) or **Mary Nelson** at [pswd@aol.com](mailto:pswd@aol.com).

- Ken Brown





Below is the de Benneville calendar for the next four months. The private events are marked. All other events are open to anyone interested in attending. If no contact information is noted, then the camp office (909-794-2928 or [caroline@uucamp.org](mailto:caroline@uucamp.org)) can be contacted for additional information or registration.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone at camp.

Caroline Quintanilla  
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**December 2006**

- 1 – 3 Deepening Our Ties: Coming of Age (PSWD Middle School Winter Camp)
- 8 – 10 Hi-Desert (Emergent) Congregation (Private – Craig’s Cabin)
- 8 – 24 Camp Available For Lease
- 27 – 1/1 Taking Care of Our Environment (PSWD-YRUU Sr High Winter Camp)

**January 2007**

- 5 – 7 UCR GLBT Center (Private – Craig’s & Cabin 6)
- 11 – 15 Society for Creative Anachronism (Private)
- 19 – 21 USC Scholars (Private)
- 26 – 28 Neighborhood UU Church Winter Retreat. For info, contact [information@uuneighborhood.org](mailto:information@uuneighborhood.org) or (626)449-3470

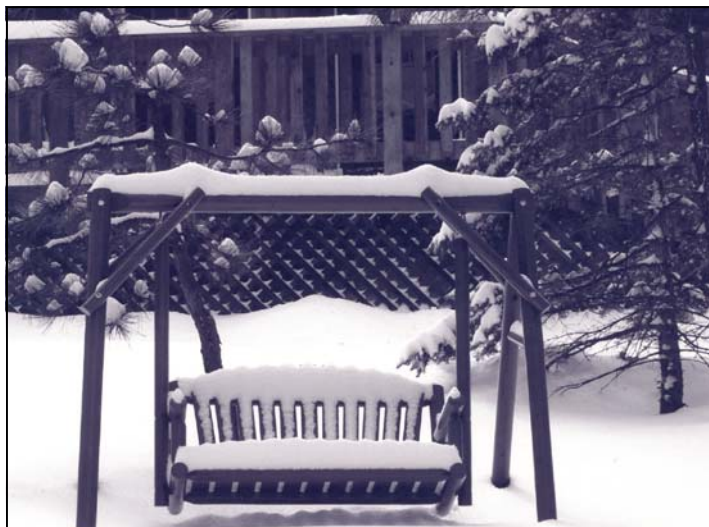
**February 2007**

- 2 – 4 Girl Scout Snow Camp  
 Santa Monica UU Family Support Group (Private – Craig’s Cabin)
- 9 – 11 S. Coast YMCA Sunshine Nation (Private)
- 17 – 19 JoyfUII Noise!  
 (PSWD Elementary Winter Camp)
- 23 – 25 YMCAs of Burbank, Riverside & Cherokee Nation (Private)

**March 2007**

- 2 – 4 Long Beach UU Congregational Retreat. For info, contact [office@uuclb.org](mailto:office@uuclb.org) or (562)597-8445
- 9 – 11 S. Coast YMCA Laguna Nation (Private)
- 16 – 18 Orange Co All UU Church Retreat  
 For info, [contact\\_uu@ocuuc.org](mailto:contact_uu@ocuuc.org), (949)646-4652 or [info@uucsc.org](mailto:info@uucsc.org), (949)581-0245
- 23 – 25 Girl Scout Mother-Daughter Retreat
- 30 – 4/1 San Dieguito UU Congregational Retreat. For info, contact [office@uufsd.org](mailto:office@uufsd.org) or (858)755-9225

**For information**, calendar, costs, and registration forms for any camp, visit the Camp de Benneville Pines website at [www.uucamp.org](http://www.uucamp.org) or call **(909) 794-2928**



Do you long to play in the snow? Here’s one view of Camp de Benneville Pines in winter.

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**REjoice**  
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS for PSWD**  
from Tera Little

Tera Little, Director of Lifespan Programs  
Pacific Southwest District/UUA Association  
Services enthusiastically provided by your  
generous contributions to the UUA and PSWD Fair Share.

Last week I stepped into Fuller Seminary Bookstore in Pasadena and asked the clerk to point me in the direction of the youth ministry resources. He brightened up and said, "Sure, follow me, we have some." We rounded the corner and there before me was an entire bookshelf full of books dedicated to creating successful youth ministry programs.

I jumped into these books, reading the back covers, scanning the table of contents, reading the first chapters, picking somewhere in the middle to see what golden nuggets of truth I could parse out. Fuller is a Christian seminary and some of what I read needed translating. Over and over in the books I picked up, the authors talked about the importance of youth ministry as being the embodiment of Christ.

If I were to translate that into Unitarian Universalist language, what would that mean to me, to us? A few years ago **President Bill Sinkford** addressed the continental LREDA (Liberal Religious Educators Association) group at General Assembly, and he spoke about religious education being the engine of growth. I think that is true, and to distill it further I would say that youth ministry is the spark that keeps that engine running at top speeds. Anyone who has engaged in youth ministry knows that our young people have a unique way of looking at the world, of expressing themselves, and of articulating their faith.

I think Unitarian Universalist youth ministry embodies our rich heritage and tradition and our hope that the universe *is* bending toward justice. Youth

ministry embodies all the rich possibilities of Unitarian Universalism, for our now and for our future. We are no more than the resources and energy we put into our youth ministry programs.

PSWD is putting new resources into helping YOU, the local congregations, build up your youth programs into the transformational ministries they can be. November 3-4, 14 **Youth Ministry Consultants** were trained and they are now available to work with your Jr. and Sr. High Adult Advisors and youth. (*See photo on page 10*) Please check out [www.pswduua.org](http://www.pswduua.org) for more detailed information about how this program works and how you can sign up.

In addition, we are in the midst of transforming our own Sr. High Camping program. Later this church year a Summit will be convened to continue the good work we've already been doing to create solid youth ministries grounded in Unitarian Universalist values and principles at Camp de Benneville Pines. A steering committee is being formed, comprised of representatives of major stakeholder groups (UUMA, LREDA, YRUU Board, Youth Camps, de Benneville Pines, non-YRUU-affiliated youth, parents), which will design and implement the Summit. Stay tuned for more information!

We're going to keep on moving forward, in this and so many other endeavors in PSWD. We're so glad you are with us.

In peace,  
Tera Little

### WINTER YOUTH CAMPS

Camp does not have to end in July. Lucky for us, there are additional Youth Camp opportunities this winter. Sending young people to camp is a great way to form a strong UU identity in them, and they make life-long UU friends.

#### Middle School Camp

Deepening Our Ties: Coming of Age - December 1-3, 2006

This spirit-filled weekend is set up to work in conjunction with Coming of Age programs in local congregations. The weekend will focus on community building, exploring spirituality, and identifying personal beliefs. Activities will utilize the beauty of our natural surroundings and will be experiential. Note: Young people who are not active with a local Coming of Age program are welcome at this camp.

#### Sr. High Camp

CaptUU Planet - December 27-January 1

This week we will focus on environmental justice and the actions you can take at home to make the planet cleaner and greener. Sr. High Camp is coordinated and led by youth and adult staff.

#### Elementary Winter Camp

JoyfUU Noise - February 17-19, 2007

How loudly can we sing UU hymns and camp songs? You'll have to come to Elementary Winter Camp and find out! We'll play in the snow, learn games, worship together, create art, and make new friends.

To find out more about these camps, go to [www.debenneville.org](http://www.debenneville.org).  
PSWD Youth Camps: It's not just a week, it's a lifetime.



PSWD Youth Ministry Consultants  
Photo was taken in November, 2006 at the Youth Ministry Training in Santa Monica.

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*In Stillness Renewed*

*Let this house be quiet.  
Let our minds be quiet.  
Let the quietness of the hills,  
the quietness of the deep waters,  
be also in us:  
So quiet that the noise  
of passing events and present  
anxieties,  
of random recollections  
and wandering thoughts,  
is stilled;  
So quiet that the marvelous  
stillness is like music;  
So quiet that we feel*

*the very being which is  
the life of us all;  
So quiet that we are renewed,  
We feel one with all others,  
at home in a tabernacle  
of stillness;  
So quiet that we sense  
the ripples of this pool  
of quietness and healing  
pass through us and out  
to the furthest star.*

*- Jacob Trapp*



## PSWD DISTRICT CALENDAR

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### NOVEMBER 2006

18 Leadership Resources Council, UU Church of Studio City, CA

### DECEMBER 2006

1-3 Jr. High Winter Camp, Camp de Benneville Pines, CA

10 PSWD Board Meeting, UU Congregation of Phoenix, Paradise Valley, AZ

26-1 Sr. High Winter Camp, Camp de Benneville Pines, CA

### JANUARY 2007

12-14 YACM Anti-racism/Anti-oppression training at the UU Congregation of Phoenix, AZ

13 Dedication of New Building, Summit UU Fellowship, Santee, CA

13 UU Legislative Ministry Regional Conference, Orange Coast UU Church, Costa Mesa, CA

20 UUA Commission on Appraisal Hearing, First UU Church of San Diego, CA

29-1 PSWD UUMA Retreat, Mary & Joseph Retreat Center, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

### FEBRUARY 2007

2-4 Our Whole Lives Combo Training, Levels 7-9 & 10-12, UU Church of Phoenix, AZ

5 Deadline for Spring Issue of the NetwUUrk

10 Engaging Our Theological Diversity, Sepulveda UU Society, North Hills, CA

17-19 Elementary Winter Camp, Camp de Benneville Pines, CA

23-24 UU Contemporary Worship, First UU Church of San Diego, CA

25 Installation of **Rev. Matthew Crary** at UU Church of Riverside, CA

### MARCH 2007

9-11 Pastoral Care for Religious Educators, Mary & Joseph Retreat Center, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

9-11 Leadership School: Articulating the Vision, Mary and Joseph Retreat Center, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

18 Installation of **Rev. Diane Dowgiert**, UU Church of Tucson, AZ

24-25 Jubilee World Training, UU Church of Long Beach, CA

### APRIL 2007

27-29 District Assembly, Riverside, CA

27-28 District Gathering on Youth Ministry, Riverside, CA

### JUNE 2007

20-24 General Assembly, Portland, OR

### OCTOBER 2007

7 Channel Cluster Super Saturday, multiple congregations in Channel Cluster, CA