

Over 300 Unitarian Universalists from across the Pacific Northwest convened recently in Boise, Idaho for the PNWD Annual General Meeting. Our host congregation, the Boise UU Fellowship, organized a weekend filled with inspiring speakers, excellent workshops, meaningful worship, and plenty of entertainment and social time. Congratulations and thank you to the Boise team for a wonderful conference!

Saturday morning's keynote speaker was the Rev. William Sinkford, president of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations. After challenging attendees to go forth and make Unitarian Universalism more welcoming and to expand the faith, he participated in a lively question and answer session.

Delegates elected the Rev. Dr. Richard Erhardt (Spokane, WA) to represent East of the Cascades and Alaska on the PNWD board of directors, and Jerry Regan (Portland, OR) was elected to the position representing Greater Portland. John Collins (Port Townsend, WA) was elected to the district Nominating Committee.

Treasurer Tom Buxton stated that district dues would continue to be assessed at \$20 per member; but alerted delegates that 2008/2009 may require a dues increase of \$1. The potential increase was announced so that congregations would be prepared to incorporate it into their budgets if necessary.

At the close of Saturday's business, small group table discussions were held for participants to brainstorm visions for the extension of Unitarian Universalism in the Pacific Northwest District.

Sunday morning's sermon was delivered by the Rev. Alex Holt, minister of the Woodinville UU Church (WA). The worship service offertory was collected for the Pacific Northwest UU Growth Foundation to provide help provide grants and loans to congregations throughout the PNWD and British Columbia. This year worshippers contributed over \$3500.

Next year's Annual General Meeting will be held at the Sheraton Tacoma Hotel (WA). Mark the dates on your calendar, as the 2008 AGM will not be held over the traditional Presidents' Day weekend. Plan to meet this leap year in Tacoma, February 29-March 2. Organizers will soon be announcing the theme and will put out a call for workshop proposals. Watch the PNWD website for details.

Don't forget the June 20-24 UUA General Assembly in Portland, OR. Click the rose on the PNWD front page to be taken to GA links. When you make your travel plans and reserve your accommodations, keep in mind that the "UUA District Ingatherings" are scheduled for 4:45-6:30, Wednesday afternoon. See you in Portland!