



Pacific Northwest District
Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations

SUPPLY PREACHING DIRECTORY
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This Supply Preaching Directory is made available to congregations in the Pacific Northwest District. We hope you will find it useful, whether yours is a lay-led congregation or you are looking to fill some extra slots in your worship calendar.

Contact information is provided so you can be in touch with the individuals listed in this directory. Please contact them directly if you have questions regarding their schedule or need more information regarding sermon or workshop topics.

Please Note: Inclusion in this Supply Preaching Directory does not imply endorsement by the Pacific Northwest District. All members of the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the UU Ministers Association (UUMA) are eligible to be listed here, and are not screened in any other way. Congregations are encouraged to consider the speaker's experience and to seek references in order to identify the best matches for your Sunday pulpit or other event.

The Pacific Northwest District Chapter of the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association follows guidelines established by the continental UUMA. The fee schedule is included in "Guidelines for the Unitarian Universalist Ministry" available at <http://uuma.org/files/Guidelines2008.pdf>. The **Scale of Fees for Professional Services** is also included at the end of this directory.

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GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: Portland, OR to Vancouver, BC

AVAILABILITY: Check www.revamanda.com for dates. Also available for spiritual direction.

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- The Loyal Opposition – originally delivered at Annual General Meeting in Salem in February '09. About Nelson Mandela, a sports event that changed history, and a better way to do conflict. (Accompanied by Power Point slides, if you have a projector.)
- The Cloud Appreciation Society – Another sermon with accompanying Power Point visuals. I have had more appreciative comments, over time, about this sermon than about any other I've ever done!
- The Rapture for UU's – Quaker educator Parker Palmer says that the heart of the spiritual quest is to know "the rapture of being alive." Wow. How on earth can we fit rapture into our busy days? And isn't that for – you know – other kinds of folks? And what good is it, anyway? Let's have a conversation about rapture -- and see if we can experience some, too.
- On Privilege – Let's look at what it means to be "privileged." Is there a hierarchy of privilege? How can recognizing our own many layers of privilege help us to be better world citizens – and how and when is the concept of privilege used destructively?
- Single in a Married World – Reflecting on the over two hundred weddings at which I've officiated, I hope I've learned something about love, marriage, and the vast array of alternatives -- including the choice of many to remain happily single.

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TITLES:

- The Joyfulness Game: Fun Ways to Add Joy to Your Daily Life, and Also Save the World
- Spiritual Direction for People Who Aren't Spiritual and Don't Like Being Directed.
- Making, and Praying with, a Universal Rosary
- Spirited Life Directions: A Workshop for Creative Life-Changers

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GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: Variable, depending on season and circumstances. I'm happy to accept home hospitality when I visit your area.

AVAILABILITY: Many Sundays year-round, sometimes on short notice.

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- Many possible topics. Let me know what you'd like. Samples include:
- BYOT -- Being Your Own Theologian
- The Paradox of Ritual
- A Prophet of Peace and Justice [the story of Rev. Olympia Brown, Universalist minister]
- Religion and Spirituality: Is There a Difference?
- A Woman Named Mary [good topic for December]
- The Presence of Hope [how UU's understand Easter and resurrection]
- Counting Our Blessings in Dark Times
- Speaking Truth to Power
- The Selling of Fear
- First Principle, Then Action
- To Be a Purpose-Driven Church
- Saving the Library [a story sermon; useful when facing library levy or closure]
- Where Is Not Holy Ground? [on panentheism]
- Facing the Inevitable [about advance directives and ways to prepare] · Spirit of Life: One Image of God · Making a New Beginning: The Jewish High Holy Days
- Lent: From Ashes to Alleluias
- So, Is It a Christian Church or What?
- Composing Our Lives
- What Do UU's Believe?
- Easy to Say, Hard to Practice [about our 5th principle, democratic process] · The New Cosmology, Unitary and Universal [good service for Earth Day]
- Did Jesus Really Say That? [work of the Jesus Seminar]
- Accepting Grace, or Unconditional Love [a Mother's Day service]

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TITLES:

- Many possibilities, depending on interest.

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GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: With mileage reimbursement and a place to stay, I'm pretty open to travel (especially if I can bring my partner and kid).

AVAILABILITY: Flexible

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- Spirits Behind Bars
- Wrestling with God
- The Spirituality of Imperfection
- Religion is a Queer Thing
- Experiential Faith

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GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: None

AVAILABILITY: Email or call for availability.

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- Cure of Grace
- New Pathways to Peacemaking
- Mysticism Birthright of the Heart
- Spiritual Intimacy: The Power of Healing in Community

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TITLES:

- Leading With Spirit
- Women's Spiritual Mastery
- The Power of Reconciliation: Healing Between Women and Men

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GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: None

AVAILABILITY: Emily is available most Sundays and can sometimes be called on relatively short notice. She is open to considering a sermon, sermon-series, or workshop on almost any New or Old Testament (Hebrew Bible) subject, and she is also available for weddings.

POSSIBLE SERMON AND WORKSHOP TOPICS: (A workshop can follow a Sunday service.)

- The Bible and UU Values
- The African Presence in the Bible - No Africa, no Bible?
- The Jesus between Christmas and Easter – Remembering his ethical teachings
- The Bible, Qur'an, and Unitarian Universalism - How the three interface
- Why the Gospel of Thomas Threatens Traditional Religion - What we learn about the beliefs of Jesus' earliest followers
- Social Justice in the Hebrew Bible - Mosaic laws and the "stranger" among us
- The Real "Eve and Adam" Story – Healing biblical wounds
- Forgotten Women - A careful look at our foremothers in the New Testament Gospels
- Mary Magdalene - Recovering her story from the Gnostic writings
- "Re-quoting" Jesus - How Biblical texts changed and the difference this has made theologically
- The Hebrew Goddess – God's ancient consort
- Moon Festivals in the Hebrew Bible – Our overlooked connection with nature
- Different Ways Jews and Christians Interpret the Hebrew Bible
- Chanukah Joy – And how four different ancient texts tell this story
- The Story of Jonah - Prophet or spoof?
- Humor in the Bible? – Yes, loads of political satire, irony, and playing with words
- Fighting with "God" for a Thousand Years – The question of "God's justice" through the eyes of Abraham, Job, Jonah, Naomi, and the writer of the book of Ecclesiastes

SERMONS NOT ABOUT THE BIBLE:

- Celebrating Courage in the Face of Injustice – How we can make a difference
- When Abortion was Illegal – Struggling for the right to choose, then and now
- Flower Communion Sunday – Our own UU celebration

Emphasis: Although interested in the Bible from a more academic perspective (history, literature, wisdom, and the record of religious questing) Emily stresses areas where the Bible and our Unitarian Universalist values overlap.

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GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: None

AVAILABILITY: After June 2009, except September 2009

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- Love Cannot Remain By Itself - social justice and religion
- Where Is God In This - UU survival in a Jesuit divinity school
- Dia de los Muertos - embracing this Latino festival
- Jesus Reconsidered - his saving message
- UU's Go Postmodern - adapting to the 21st century
- Elders and Ancestors - honoring congregation leaders of the past
- The Evolution of a Lawyer - personal transitions and transformations
- Why UU's Worship - is that what we do?
- A Theology of Eating Locally - our food and the 7th Principle
- Shelter in the Rain - honoring our beleaguered immigrant neighbors
- The Forest is My Bride - looking at nature writings of Thomas Merton
- A Long, Loving Look at the Real - loving nature; can go with flower comm.
- YMIAUU - Why am I a UU
- Spiritual Practice 101 - on prayer, gratitude and compassion
- Spiritual Practice 102 - on attentiveness, acceptance and commitment
- The Prodigal Son Revisited - how this parable is relevant to all
- A UU Advent Calendar - a pre-Christmas sermon
- RE Is Us - it's the most important thing we do
- Creating Hope, Changing Lives - an honoring of Roe v. Wade
- The Moral Arc of the Universe, Part I - cosmology and religion
- The Moral Arc of the Universe, Part II - personal suffering and religion
- Sex, Sin and the Sum - a pre-canvass sermon
- In the Tomb of My Soul - an Easter sermon

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TITLES:

- Seeker and New Member Class
- Articulating Your UU Faith
- Simply Pray

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GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: With friends to visit throughout the district except in Alaska, I can forgo travel reimbursement and offer presentations anywhere except in Alaska.

AVAILABILITY: All Sundays are available.

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- Drawing on our UU heritage, e.g. Transcendentalism, Unitarian Egalitarian Community of Rakov (w/slides), Tolerance for a time in Poland (Socinus) (w/slides), Hungary (including a martyr), Transylvania (Francis David)
- Creativity in All Our Life Facets
- Time and the 21st Century Dis-ease
- Inspiration from World Religions, e.g. Shintoism & UU, Islam and UU, Buddhism and UU
- Singing for Transformation (social justice/social action songs)
- Disposable People! - Slavery in the 21st Century
- Inspiration through the Arts: 1) e.e. cummings w/poetry 2) Van Gogh w/slides 3) Frank Zappa w/music
- Laughing at the Human Condition
- Pretending We Don't Die

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TITLES

- Creativity
- Creative Worship
- UU History - slide presentations with Socinus/Poland or Hungarian or Transylvanian Unitarian history
- Enriching Partner Church Experience
- Delighting the Soul with Music/the Arts
- Exploring World Religions
- Death and Dying with cultural anthropology and Hospice chaplain perspectives
- Disposable People - Slavery in the 21st Century!
- Any of the 7 Principles or the Sources from which we draw

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GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS: None

AVAILABILITY: Open

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- The Dharma and the Chalice
- Atonement without Guilt
- That Other U in UU: Universalism for a New Generation
- The God Problem
- The Spirit of Humanism
- After the Ecstasy, the Laundry
- The Second Axial Turning: the Coming Compassionate Community
- Is There Really a 'There' There: The Living Tradition of Unitarian Universalism Revealed

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TITLES:

- Jesus Reconsidered
- Introduction to Western Buddhism and Unitarian Universalism
- Introduction to Meditation for Skeptics and Other Busy People
- Sunday Service Planning 301

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: Doctorate in psychology. Accredited UU Interim Minister. Humanist. Two settled ministries and fourteen interim ministries in four countries. New membership enrollment records established in half of these. (At East Shore Unitarian Church in Bellevue, 181 new members in two years.) Named Unitarian of the Year in New Zealand. Emeritus in Long Beach. Writings include book published by Wm. Morrow, articles in many national magazines, leading newspapers. Poetry in several anthologies. National newspaper award-winning columnist. National award for community service, etc. Diverse business background, including corporate executive/consultant, world-premiere specialist for major motion picture companies, satirist (UU World), album (Decca), Program promotion director, CBS Radio Hollywood. One of three convening members of the Biofeedback Society of California. Currently, Pres. the Ethical Community Charter School Foundation Opening two new charter public schools in New York and New Jersey. For ten years, National Chairman of the MM Society, first of the so-called higher IQ (160+) groups. Much more.

AVAILABILITY: Call or email.

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES: Over 100 subjects (all current) including:

- Sense of Wonder
- Creative Aspects of Failure
- Planning Backward
- How to Handle Guilt
- How to Manage Shyness
- Loneliness and Hope
- If I Were King
- Born Again and Again and Again (Easter)
- Pagans 1, Christians 0 (Christmas)
- Black Cats, Bribing Gods, Apples, Nuts, and Pomona (Halloween)
- Breaking the Mind Barrier
- Things God Never Said
- I Love You, I Think, or I Would If I Knew What it Meant
- Constantine and the Great What If
- The Collector
- The Controversialist
- Dramatic Readings (involving church members in principal roles) on Susan B. Anthony, Clara Barton, Ambrose Bierce, Robert G. Ingersoll, others.

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TITLES:

- Building Membership: A straightforward, proven program, presented at both District Meetings and General Assembly, and put into place in numerous congregations.
- Self-Hypnosis: Dr. Bob, at one time a member of the American Association for Clinical Hypnosis. Has been active in the field since 1945, and has taught thousands of people this easily learned and powerfully useful discipline within a single seminar (seven to eight hours long). This is a very effective fund-raiser for UU congregations.

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I currently do a great deal of work assisting in the organizing of The Institute of Noetic Sciences (IONS) and also part time work with the Richard Bangs Collier Pleneurethics Society. I serve our Tacoma Film Club as Manager of Communications. For information about these aspects of my life look below:

http://tacomafilmclubannex.wordpress.com/	Film Club Blog
http://parzifal.wordpress.com/	I am parzifal
www.pleneurethics.org	Pleneurethics Web Site

GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: none

AVAILABILITY: Call, I am quite flexible during my quasi-retirement.

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- Are Unitarian Universalists Gnostics and Don't Know It?
- Experiencing Spirituality in the Way of Rumi
- Our Minds At Play
- A Call to Be Unholy, Unwise.
- etc.

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TITLES: I do workshops on:

- Labyrinths and their Uses
- Development for Church Growth
- Forgiveness
- Working Toward A Spiritual Practice
- Teaching Communication skills to lay leaders
- Review and Understanding of Emergent Spiritual Systems of Experience
- Evidence of a World Transforming—A video intensive workshop
- How UU Churches Engage New Realities

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GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: Within a few hours of Portland

AVAILABILITY: 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays of the month

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- Does It Matter If We Pray?
- Fight, Flight or Forgive
- Holy Space, Holy Time
- Swimming in The Deep End
- Jesus And The Saving Power of Nonviolence
- Two of You Held in One Moment
- Welcoming The Stranger

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TITLES

- Path to Membership
- The Five Questions – which are: Who am I? How do I know? Who - or what - in charge of all that exists? What is my purpose in life? What happens after I die?

SPECIAL SERVICES PERFORMED:

- Weddings, child blessings, memorial services, laying on of hands blessing.

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GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS: None within reason and time available.

AVAILABILITY: Please call - three months' notice is best.

POSSIBLE SERMON TOPICS:

- We Are Right! – Some say the acronym for WAR is “We Are Right!” The cost of being right can be literally life threatening. Often they are simply expensive. I consider the good and bad of Right.
- Evolution: The Science – To Unitarian Universalists the role of evolution in understanding ourselves is similar to the role of water for a fish. Needless to say, we have fellow Americans who do not seem to get this.
- Be-Attitudes – As human be-ings, our attitude toward life’s easy and hard stuff makes an immense difference. In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus talks about blessings or beatitudes. This is about their cousins, the Be-Attitudes.
- Haunting Emotions – Using Adrienne Rich's poem "Diving into the Wreck," the sermon considers the inevitable holes in our psyches and the challenge to more fully know ourselves.”
- Field Report – Thirty-four years ago I set out on a Unitarian Universalist mission to serve our congregations in ministry. This is a “field report” on the changes over three decades and the future of our liberal religious movement.

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GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: Washington state

AVAILABILITY: Please contact for availability.

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- Home At Last – Reflections on the meaning of membership, hospitality, and the unique vocation of Unitarian Universalism from the perspective of a lifelong religious liberal and 11 year UU.
- Kicked by Spirit – A woman retraces the evolution of her spiritual practice, shaped by connections to the natural world, the community of horses, and a white mare named Spirit.

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TITLES:

- Shared Wisdom Technique for Church Groups – A technique for your leadership toolbox to encourage sharing of not just information but wisdom – experience plus reflection – amongst and between different committees, groups, and ministry teams within your congregation. Also good for congregational clusters.
- Spiritual Practices for Small Group Ministry – Drawing upon our six sources, this experiential workshop provides a sampling of ways that small groups can deepen their time together. Special attention to will brought to awakening the senses and connecting with our sources through a variety of practices. Small Group Ministry session handouts will be provided.

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Some of you have met Julia, as she has facilitated many retreats and workshops around the district on various topics. As a cultural creative, Ms. McKay has participated in and facilitated many forms of public arts ministry. She is passionate about expanding forms of UU worship and creating sacred space using the arts. She has produced a CD of original contemplative solo piano music entitled "Where the Light Shows Through."

GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: None. I live in Lynnwood, WA and the congregation would pay for any travel expenses from there. When I travel to congregations that are at a distance, often, I will lead a workshop on Saturday or Sunday after the service for folks who would like more in-depth experience with a particular topic.

AVAILABILITY: Many Sundays still available Summer 2009, Fall 2009 and Spring 2010.

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

I am open to preaching on ANY TOPIC that the congregation would like to explore. Some sample titles of sermons that I have done:

- Divine Desire: Exploring Our Collective Joy
- Roots and Wings - Is it Love or is it Resistance?
- UU Spiritual Practice and Identity
- Compassion and Mental Health
- The Gift of Grief
- Interactive Music Service - I will lead alternative UU worship services that range from interactive to contemplative.

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TITLES:

- Exploring Alternative Worship in a UU Idiom
- UU Spiritual Practice and Identity
- Intentionally Intergenerational
- Community Building and Empowerment

SPECIAL SERVICES PERFORMED:

- Weddings
- Memorials
- Child Dedications
- Rites of Passage Rituals

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GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: Washington State and western Oregon

AVAILABILITY: Flexible

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- Unitarian Universalism Good News! (UU evangelism)
- The Church without Walls: UU Community Ministry
- Living a Covenant of Social Responsibility
- Our Faith in the Public Square
- Our Heretical Heritage
- The Importance of Religious Community
- Pronoia: An Antidote for Paranoia
- Living in Right Relationship with the Earth (7th Principle)
- Our Network of Mutuality (7th Principle)
- Restorative Justice: Moving Beyond Punishment
- Honoring Our Life Worth (worship)
- Faith, Justice, and Marriage Equality
- Finding a Language of Reverence
- Olympia Brown: A Prophetic Voice of Religious Optimism
- Crossing the Desert (Passover/Easter)
- From Many Streams (Fall ingathering)
- At the Year's Margin (New Year's)
- Series of seven sermons on the UU Principles

SPECIAL SERVICES PERFORMED:

- Weddings, services of union, and memorials in the Puget Sound area.

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GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: State of Washington

AVAILABILITY: call to arrange

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- The Face of Homelessness - Susan Morrisson has been serving a homeless women's shelter this year, as a ministerial intern. Hear her story and meet some of the remarkable women from this shelter.
- Beatrix Potter, a tribute - Stories drawn from the journals and letters of Beatrix Potter create the voice of this tribute. Beatrix, a Unitarian, was talented in many ways, including art, literature, science, and later sheep raising. She was a visionary in environmental awareness.
- Singing, Shouting, Celebrating UU Women: Malvina Reynolds, Olympia Brown, Mary Livermore and Julia Ward Howe. This service celebrates many Unitarian women using their own words for peace and justice.
- Searching for the Soul - What exactly is the soul? Who can say? Each of us can, and most of us do – or at least we try. Bring your own thoughts to share for this participatory service.
- Labor of Love - Good living and good working go together. Purpose, joy and a sense of contributing create fulfillment as we work. There will be some time to share brief stories of your work that have real worth to you.

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: Marcia was active in several leadership positions at University Unitarian Church in Seattle before following the call to ministry. Her M.Div. degree is from Pacific School of Religion, followed by a Chaplain Residency in an acute care hospital 1997-1998. Marcia was ordained in 2000 and served as Interim Minister with three congregations: Laguna Beach, CA; Berea, OH; and Redwood City, CA. From 2003 – 2005 she was the Associate Director for Progressive Christians Uniting, a non-profit in Los Angeles which works with churches and individuals to promote social and economic justice that affirms everyone. During that time she was endorsed by the Monte Vista UU Congregation as their Community Minister. She currently lives in the coastal town of Brookings, OR, on US 101 just six miles north of the California border and is enrolled in a four-year program with the Lynn Andrews Center for Sacred Arts and Training.

GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: PNWD and northern California

AVAILABILITY: Unlimited with advance planning

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES

- The Power Within
- Living in Balance
- On Personal Growth
- On Giving
- Living Courageously
- Our Third Principle: Accepting One Another
- Missing God
- Does Christianity Have Anything to Say to UUs?
- The Power of Hope
- God as Relationship

SPECIAL SERVICES:

- Weddings, Memorial Services, Child Dedications, House Blessings
- Blessing of the Breads (with lay participants)

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: Reverend Patti Pomerantz is a Community Minister affiliated with Eastrose Fellowship UU. She works with small UU congregations delivering monthly sermons, adult religious education, and pastoral support to church leadership. She chairs the District Addictions Ministry team, and is a spiritual director with the Interfaith Spiritual Center in North Portland. She is also available for general pulpit supply, workshops and pastoral services.

GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: Flexible.

AVAILABILITY: Please call

SERMON SERIES. Seven unique aspects of Unitarian Universalism:

- History
- Polity
- Theology
- Worship
- Spirituality
- Evangelism
- Multiculturalism

OTHER POSSIBLE TOPICS:

- Exploring Stewardship
- Finding UU Passion
- Tolerance as Blessing and Curse
- Learning from Mystics
- Trauma Stewardship
- Our Ethical Mandate for Pluralism
- Facing Depression
- The Transient and Permanent in Ministry – Lessons from Theodore Parker
- Requested topics welcome

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TITLES:

- Religious Roots of Unitarian Universalism
- Caregiver Grief – A Spiritual Journey
- Reclaiming Images of the Sacred [collage]
- A UU survey of the Bible [Using-Buehrens', Understanding the Bible]
- Justice Making as Spiritual Practice
- Non-violent Communication
- Spiritual Challenges of Addiction

SPECIAL SERVICES PERFORMED:

- Spiritual Direction – individual and group
- Weddings, Memorial Services, and other rites of passage
- Retreat planning and facilitation

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: I am a graduate of the theology program at Marylhurst University. My thesis was titled, *Worship in Our Own Rite: Unitarian Universalist Flower Communion*. I was ordained by the UU Fellowship of Corvallis, where I did my internship. District activities include past service on the board of trustees and new congregation organizer. Current district service is as a consultant and member of the nominating committee. I currently work as a social worker at Parkinson's Resources of Oregon as I await my first parish position. I love to preach and lead worship.

GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: Within a 3-4 hour drive from Portland

AVAILABILITY: Most weekends

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- Why I Celebrate Easter
- One Chaplain Over the Cuckoo's Nest
- Who is this Minister Who Stands Before You
- Praying and Paying Attention
- A Family Christmas Eve Service
- Good Guilt and Bad Guilt
- A Day of the Dead Celebration
- UU History and Polity: Where Did We Come From and How Do We Do It
- What I Learned about Life and Death from the Captain of the Enterprise
- Flower Communion
- Reflections on *The Sunflower*
- The Courage to Live Life
- Listening to the Messages

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TITLES:

- Unitarian Universalist Religious Identity (generally 2 sessions of 2 1/2 hours each)
- Making and Using a UU Rosary (Intergenerational activity)
- Basic Worship Planning

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: I am a seminary student in the Modified Residency program at Meadville Lombard and a candidate for the Unitarian Universalist ministry. I've been the Director of Religious Education at Wy'east UU Congregation and have been a youth advisor, OWL teacher and RE teacher for six years. I am open to doing intergenerational services, as well as adult services. A primary interest of mine is spiritual practice, and discovering creative ways to incorporate spiritual practice into our busy lives.

GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: None with traveling expenses and/or hospitality provided.

AVAILABILITY: Note: I will be the intern minister at Saltwater UU Congregation during the 2009-2010 church year. Availability will be primarily in the summer, or with significant notice.

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- From Fear to Hope: A September 11th Sermon
- Standing on Hallowed Ground: Unitarian History and Pilgrimage in Transylvania
- Stewardship and Care: What does stewardship do for the church? What does it do for ourselves?
- Re-Presenting God
- What are we Grateful for? (An intergenerational service of appreciation)
- What Do We Believe: Exploring the Elevator Speech
- The Lazy Days of Summer
- Can You Hear Me Now? An Exploration of Call
- I am also open to writing a sermon to fit your needs. Let me know what you're interested in.

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TITLES:

- Living Your Bliss: In 10 Minutes a Day

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: Barbara Stevens is the consulting minister at Vashon Island Unitarian Fellowship and a chaplain on the Chemical Dependency and Stabilization Unit at Providence Hospital in Portland. She received her Master of Divinity degree from Marylhurst University and completed her chaplain training at the Oregon State Hospital in Salem and the Veteran's Hospital in Portland with a specialty in mental health and addiction. For eight years, she served as the director of religious education at Michael Servetus UU Fellowship in Vancouver, WA. She was raised Unitarian Universalist.

GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: prefer within 150 miles of Portland

AVAILABILITY: please call

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- Jan Hus and the Right of Conscience - The life and death of Jan Hus teaches us something about our fifth principle and the responsibility of conscience.
- A Norbert Capek Memorial – suitable for Memorial Day and/or Flower Communion Sunday
- Reflections on Going to War – suitable for Pearl Harbor Day or Memorial Day
- What Does Classism Have to Do With Racism?
- To Be or Not to Be: Engaged Buddhism and the Balance between Being and Doing
- Stories, Meaning, and Magic - the meaning and truth found in story, and the power of story to heal
- Change, Loss, and the Bounty of Harvest – change as loss and growth
- The Place of Evil in a Good World
- The Prodigal Son: Healing from Addiction
- The Spirituality of Kindness

SPECIAL SERVICES PERFORMED:

- Weddings, services of union, memorials and funerals

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: With many years of hospice experience, the Rev. Karen B. Taliesin was called to Unitarian Universalist ministry to work as a chaplain. She received her M.Div. from the School of Theology and Ministry, Seattle University, and was ordained in October 2002 by University Unitarian Church in Seattle. Before her call to ministry, Karen taught HIV/AIDS education to middle school and high school students throughout the state of Iowa. A practitioner of daily meditation for over 30 years, Karen is a Reiki Master and is certified in other healing therapies. Karen is in her seventh year as a full-time chaplain at Seattle Children's Hospital and is a Minister Affiliated at East Shore Unitarian Church in Bellevue where she and her husband, Brian, are members.

GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: Pacific Northwest District

AVAILABILITY: Schedule varies – please call.

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- *Cultivating a Forgiving Heart*—Forgiveness may be one of the hardest tasks set before us. We sometimes continue to feel hurt or angry as our hearts struggle to catch up with our intellectual notion of forgiving someone who has wronged us. Karen will share some of the lessons learned along her journey toward a forgiving heart.
- *Life and Death in the Giraffe Zone: Suffering, Faith, and Hope at Children's Hospital*—At Children's Hospital in Seattle, patients and families face chronic disease, injury, and terminal illness. Coping through it all is a daily challenge, in which the children are often our best teachers.
- *An Unexpected Opening*—A non-Christian UU's experience of attending a Jesuit seminary and discovering a new perspective on what it means to be open-minded.
- *Diving into the Deep: Finding Strength and Restoring Hope*—Reflections on how trauma and loss can be catalysts for deepening our relationship with self, community and the interdependent web of life.
- *A Life for a Life: Thoughts on the Death Penalty*—A chaplain's perspective on caring for someone destined for the death penalty.
- *Staying at the Table: The Sustenance of Right Relation*—Lifting up truth and giving honor to those with whom we deeply disagree.

SPECIAL SERVICES:

- Available to officiate weddings, memorial services, child dedications, and other rites of passage.

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: Sian is a UU Candidate for Ministry and is in seminary at Seattle University's School of Theology and Ministry, working toward her goal of a Masters of Divinity so as to pursue her call to ministry. She has lived around the world, from Italy to Australia to Boston, but has always called the Pacific Northwest her home. Her careers are as diverse as her travels, ranging from Roman archaeology to recruitment to environmental health. She is currently a member of Rainier Valley UUC where she has taught RE classes, organizes the monthly "Seminarian Sermon Series," and co-led the Welcoming Congregation process.

GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: Greater Seattle area (2 hour drive), Oct – June; in August/September I can travel to Idaho/Oregon if needed.

AVAILABILITY: Call for availability. Generally Sundays and even last minute needs

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- Radically Welcoming: a UU Vision
- "Why do you call it a church?!"
- Unity in Diversity
- I love to write about how UU'ism works in our daily lives and what it calls us to.

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: The Rev. Connie Yost is the Affiliated Community Minister of the UU Congregation of Salem, Oregon. She is a hospice chaplain for Signature Hospice. She serves on the Board as Publications Director of the UU Society for Community Ministries (UUSCM), and she is the UUSCM District Coordinator for the Pacific Northwest District. She also serves on the Board as Fundraising Chair for Congregations Helping People, an interfaith nonprofit in Salem, Oregon. Connie is a trained Spiritual Director and has a private Spiritual Direction practice and facilitates spiritual groups.

Connie relocated to Salem from the Los Angeles area, where she was ordained by Neighborhood Unitarian Universalist Church of Pasadena in 2006. She is the Founder and former Executive Director and Board Co-Chair of EarthWorks Community Farm, a job training and leadership development program for at-risk high school youth who are employed to help grow and sell organic produce to the low-income community in South El Monte, California.

Connie received her Master of Divinity degree from Claremont School of Theology, where she specialized in urban ministry and community economic development. A former business owner, Connie is passionate about empowering people to work creatively together for equity and justice for all strands of the interdependent web of life.

Connie was honored to receive the 2005 Juanita Tate Community Activist of the Year Award from People for Parks. She is the recipient of the 2007 Unsung Hero Award given by the Western Center on Law and Poverty. She is an avid home gardener and was awarded the Lifetime Volunteer Award as a Master Gardener in Los Angeles County. She loves to travel, hike and X-C ski. A native of Seattle, she is grateful to be back in the beautiful Pacific Northwest.

GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: none

AVAILABILITY: open

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- Grace from the Garden -- Story of the Earthworks Community Farm and the transformative power of community
- Holding What Gives You Life -- Reflections on a spiritual practice called The Examen
- The One Appointment We All Must Keep -- Reflections on death and dying and my work as Hospice Chaplain
- The Mind's Job -- When we question our thoughts, we can achieve acceptance of what is. Reflections on this Taoist principle.
- The Face of Democracy
- Faith, Hope & Love
- The Earth is Our Mother
- The Thing with Feathers -- Reflections on hope.
- Sick and Tired -- What lessons from the Civil Rights movement can we apply to our justice work today? Reflections from my 2008 trip to the South to visit the historic sites of the movement.

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TITLES:

- Introduction to Spiritual Direction and six traditional spiritual practices tailored for UUs
- Circle of Trust (small group ministry)
- Business Plans for Church and Nonprofit Projects
- How to Start a Community Garden or Urban Farm Project; Community building

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GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: None.

AVAILABILITY: Schedule varies. Please contact me.

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- Sacred Sexuality
- Honoring Embodiment
- Accepting All Offers (a Buddhist perspective on grace)
- The Shadow and the Smog (the psychology of racism)
- Visit to Amritsar (based on travel to India and the Golden Temple of the Sikhs)
- Wake Up to Your Life
- My Anger, My Friend
- The Dark Emotions
- The Geography of Silence
- Speaking Peace
- Relationship as Spiritual Path
- Authentic Happiness: The New Science
- Loving Imperfection

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TITLES:

- Compassionate Communication: Living in Right Relation
- Human Relations Skills Training
- Living Buddhism in Everyday Life
- Cultivating a Meditation Practice
- Topics in Adult Sexuality (let's discuss)

SPECIAL SERVICES:

- Weddings, Services of Union, Memorials, Funerals and other rites of passage

UUMA SCALE OF FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

1. Within the parish to non-members/contributors
 - Wedding: \$300; with rehearsal \$350; alternatively, 10% of total wedding budget
 - Funeral or Memorial Service: \$200; with committal or eulogy \$250
2. Societies without regular ministers
 - Wedding: \$300; with rehearsal \$350; plus IRS rate for mileage
 - Funeral or Memorial Service: \$200; with committal \$250; plus IRS rate for mileage
 - Sermons, Other Program Services: \$200 (one service); \$250 (two services); plus IRS rate for mileage
3. Societies temporarily without ministers
 - Wedding: \$300; with rehearsal \$350; plus IRS rate for mileage
 - Funeral or Memorial Service: \$200; with committal or eulogy \$250; plus IRS rate for mileage
 - Sermons, Sunday Morning Service: \$200 (one service); \$250 (two services); plus IRS rate for mileage
 - Other Program Services: \$50 per hour of presentation; plus IRS rate for mileage
4. Conferences of which the minister is not a member
 - Leadership participation not requiring specific preparation: \$200 per day; plus IRS rate for mileage
 - Theme talk or other requiring preparation: \$300 per day; plus IRS rate for mileage

NOTE:

These recommendations are intended to be advisory rather than prescriptive, with circumstance and conscience offering guidance. Ministers are free to set their fees differently. The UU Ministers Association strongly urges that all financial arrangements between the minister and individuals or congregations be clearly stated and agreed to in advance. The use of the funds for these services shall be left entirely to the discretion of the minister.

If overnight lodging is required, the host society assumes the cost. Some ministers prefer home hospitality; others are more comfortable in a motel or hotel. The decision should be made by the minister.

The mileage rate should comply with current IRS allowances for business miles. Consult www.irs.gov to stay abreast of changes.

For full "Guidelines for the Unitarian Universalist Ministry" see <http://uuma.org/files/Guidelines2008.pdf>.

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