

**REGISTRATION FORM—PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY!**

**Sunday, July 26 to Saturday, August 1, 2009**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Home E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership Position \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt Size: S M L XL XXL XXXL

Help us with rooming assignments by providing the following information:

Early Bird or  Night Owl

Physical Needs

Gender Identity

Request Registrar Contact

Vegan or  No dairy or  Gluten free

Food Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Addition needs/requests \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you need a partial scholarship fund to pay the remainder of your tuition?

I would like to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Scholarship Fund.

X \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Faculty



**Helen Bishop** has consulted with Unitarian Universalist congregations on organizational issues all over the United States. She worked for The Mountain near Highlands, NC for nearly five years, served as District Executive in Central Midwest District of the Unitarian Universalist Association for eight years after earning a doctorate in organizational leadership, and has served on congregational, district and not-for-profit boards. She is also a Credentialed Religious Educator at the master's level, and has developed extensive resources for religious educators, administrators and lay leaders. She currently serves as a consultant to the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists as they work to become the national voice of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Baptists, and is the Acting Chair of the Liberal Religious Educators Integrity Team. Her background includes work in genetics, medieval and Renaissance music, and distance learning. She and her partner, Susan Grider, have five children and enjoy spending time with their six grandchildren. In October 2008, she was awarded the 37<sup>th</sup> Angus H. MacLean Award for Excellence in Religious Education by the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Way More Than Leadership

On-line registration: [www.pnwd.org](http://www.pnwd.org)  
Registrar: [registrar@pnwd.org](mailto:registrar@pnwd.org)  
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2009

# Religious Education Leadership School with Helen Bishop

Cedar Ridge Retreat Center  
Vernonia, OR

July 26–August 1, 2009

*Experience a whole new level of Unitarian Universalism!*

sponsored by  
Pacific Northwest District  
Unitarian Universalist Association  
of Congregations  
and  
Pacific Northwest Chapter  
of Liberal Religious Educators Association





## What is it?

Complementing other district opportunities, this school offers a longer and more intense program in which group dynamics can be developed and reflected upon. Led by lay and ordained staff with a deep understanding of UU congregations, a combination of lectures and small group encounters heightens understanding and the ability to navigate group process. By immersing the participant in a milieu both supportive and challenging, the RELS experience provides leadership tools and skills, develops the participant as a leader, and deepens an understanding of Unitarian Universalist identity, all designed to prepare participants for leadership in UU congregations and beyond.

This is an EXTREMELY intense week of workshops, discussions, intimate small groups, worship preparation, personal theological exploration and growth. RELS does not simply skate on the surface of teaching, but invites all to dive deeply into developing. As we all “lean into our discomfort” many times during the week, participants discover the rewards that come from rising to meet challenge. In exchange for wholehearted commitment to a strenuous schedule, RELS offers a life-changing and congregation-nourishing opportunity.



## Who Is It For?

This is a transformational leadership experience for religious educators. Are you currently – or soon to be – in an active leadership role on the local or district level? Could you benefit from knowing more about how groups work, grow, and develop? Do you want to know more about consensus building or conflict management – organizational skills, dimensions of healthy congregational growth – addressing social justice issues – working with volunteers? If you answered yes to any of these then Religious Education Leadership School is for you!

Registration is open to applicants from UUA member congregations and to seminary students not yet in candidate status. Preference is given to religious educators in the Pacific Northwest District.

While we encourage teams from congregations to attend, those attendees who are in preexisting relationships are strongly encouraged to attend as separate individuals. According to school policy, they will be assigned to separate sleeping areas.



## Curriculum Areas of Focus

**Small group dynamics** - life cycles, group processes, and ways to empower groups through collaborative leadership.

**Organizational development for UU congregations and districts** - learn more about governance, structure, polity, strategic planning, prioritizing, and the role of religious education as an engine of growth.

**Systems thinking** - acquire a systems perspective of congregational life.

**Size dynamics** - examine how the size of your program and congregation affects your role in the church, and how both part-time and full-time religious educators can be effective members of staff leadership teams.

**Professional standards** - learn state-of-the-art thinking on being a religious education professional and current trends in religious education.

**Working with Volunteers** - make the most of the human resources in your program.

**Conflict management** - learn how to manage conflicts effectively and use conflict as a resource.

**Unitarian Universalist heritage, values, and theology** - strengthen your knowledge of UU history and its meaning in today’s world.

**Worship** - join with others in planning and presenting worship.

This week-long experience is designed as an integrated curriculum. Each person who enrolls contributes to the learning experience. Participants are expected to make a commitment to the formation of this intentional community, to agree to stay the entire week, and to attend *all scheduled classes and gatherings*. You are essential!



Western Region Religious Education Leadership School  
Is sponsored by Pacific Northwest District  
(Alaska, Washington, Oregon, and Idaho)  
and the Pacific Northwest Chapter of Liberal Religious Educators  
Association



## Facilities and Travel

Cedar Ridge Retreat Center is approximately 50 minutes northwest of Portland, Oregon, nestled among lush evergreens and views of the mountains.

www.visitcedaridge.com  
(503) 429-2801

The site is wheelchair and scooter accessible and has wireless internet access.

Directions will be sent out with your registration confirmation. If you are flying in, please arrange to fly into the Portland airport.



## Tuition

Tuition includes entire school, materials, room and board.

Tuition: \$850  
No registrations accepted after June 15, 2009

Maximum number of participants is 20, so get your registration form in pronto! Registrations are processed based on the date received, but preference will be given to religious educators in the Pacific Northwest region.

If you have special dietary needs, food allergies, or other needs we should know about to make your experience wonderful, please contact the registrar about your special needs: registrar@pnwd.org or 206-299-7070. A 50% deposit by April 1 is required to hold your place, but full tuition must be received by June 15. No phone registrations will be accepted. You will receive registration confirmation following the deadline. Childcare is not available; occasional visits by a nursing baby may be acceptable. All cancellations prior to the June 15 will be subject to a \$15.00 handling charge. Cancellations within one day or no-show may forfeit entire fee dependent on funds available at the end of the training.



## Registration Procedure

### Registration should include:

- Registration form
- Congregational letter of recommendation
- Check made out to “PNWD” with “RELS” in the memo (US funds only)

And must be received by June 15, 2009.

### Congregational Information:

Cong. Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### Recommendation

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Minister, Board Chair, or President’s Recommendation**  
Please attach a signed letter of recommendation for each participant stating why you recommend the person for Western Regional Religious Education Leadership School.

### Send registration, letter, and check to:

Western Region Religious Education Leadership School  
Pacific NW District Registrar  
12700 SE 32nd Street  
Suite E-101  
Bellevue, WA 98005-4317

Registration questions: registrar@pnwd.org or 206-299-7070.

General questions: Contact Tandi Koerger, PNWD Program Specialist at tkoerger@uua.org or 253-278-4646

On-line registration and payment available:  
www.pnwd.org



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