

ΠΡΕΣΒΙΤΕΡΙΑ ΧΟΙΤΥ ΟΝΑΣ
CONGREGATIONAL REPORTING –SPRING 2008

As related to the ends determined by PNWD board of directors.

Please read the accompanying cover letter from District Executive Janine Larsen re this preview copy.

GOVERNING POLICY END	QUESTIONS FOR CONGREGATIONS	YES	NO	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS
1. Religious Development:				
<i>Congregations demonstrate ethical, spiritual and faith development and UU identity.</i>				
a.	Is “Unitarian Universalist” part of your congregation’s name?			
b.	Does your congregation have a defined path to membership that includes education about Unitarian Universalist history and identity?			
c.	During the past year did a Sunday service, adult RE class, newsletter, etc. include a reference to UU history or identity?			
d.	Does your congregation offer religious education for:			
	• children? (nursery through grades 5/6)			
	• youth? (junior high and senior high)			
	• adults? (post-high school)			
e.	Has your congregation offered either “Building Your Own Theology” or “Articulating Your Faith” in the last two years?			
f.	Does your congregation offer spiritual support for its members?			
g.	Does your congregation have a small group ministry program? (covenant groups)			
h.	How often does your congregation/leadership refer to your adopted Covenant of Right Relations or the UU Principles to guide its decisions? (If your congregation uses another ethical guide, please identify it.)	frequency		
2. Religious Identity:				
<i>Congregations are known by the larger community as religious groups.</i>				
a.	Does your congregation identify itself as a religious organization?			
b.	Does your congregation’s name communicate that you are a religious organization?			
c.	Is your congregation a member of any ecumenical or interfaith organization beyond the UUA?			
d.	Is your congregation listed by the Chamber of Commerce, in the phone directory or by local hotels as a church?			
e.	Given the words and images on your congregation’s website, would a viewer recognize you as religious?			
3. Diverse and Well Prepared Leadership:				
<i>We intentionally build a diverse community of leaders who are well prepared to assume district and congregational leadership positions.</i>				
a.	Does your congregation reflect the ethnic make-up of your surrounding community?			

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b.	Does your leadership reflect the ethnic make-up of your surrounding community?			
c.	Do any members of your congregation receive public assistance?			
d.	Do any of your congregational leaders receive public assistance?			
e.	Do any members of your congregation request pledge waivers or support to attend PNWD Annual General Meeting, UUA General Assembly, etc. for reasons of economic hardship?			
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g.	Does your congregation include any regular attendees with significant physical or other disabilities?			
h.	Does your leadership include any regular attendees with significant physical or other disabilities?			
i.	What percentage of your adult congregation is under age 30?		%	
j.	What percentage of your congregational leadership is under age 30?		%	
4. Extension of the Faith: <i>PNWD congregations fulfill their moral obligation to extend our Unitarian Universalist faith.</i>				
a.	Does your congregation have a growth committee or team?			
b.	Has your congregation conducted a congregational assessment or survey in the past year?			
c.	If yes to 4.b, did you learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What percentage of your members report that Unitarian Universalism has been transformational in their lives? 		%	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What percentage of your members report significant belief that Unitarian Universalism is transformational in the world? 		%	
d.	What percentage of your members are PNWD Chalice Lighters?		%	
e.	Has your congregation conducted a study of its ministry area to determine the number of potential UU's in your community?			
f.	Approximately how many potential UU's are there in your community, beyond those already attending your church?		#	
g.	Does your congregation track attendance at Sunday worship?	always sometimes never		
h.	Does your congregation track attendance in children's programs on Sundays?	always sometimes never n/a		

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i.	Does your congregation track attendance in youth programs?	always	sometimes	
		never	n/a	
j.	How many voting members did your congregation add this past year?		#	
k.	How many voting members did your congregation remove from the rolls this past year?		#	
l.	Does your congregation conduct “exit interviews” when members leave, or otherwise determine why members have resigned or been removed from the membership rolls?			
5. Welcoming Seekers: <i>Congregations actively invite and welcome seekers.</i>				
a.	Did your congregation count the number of visitors to worship or other church activities this year?			
b.	If your congregation has tracked the number of visitors for more than one year, did you see an increase this past year?			
c.	Does your congregation have a membership integration process?			
6. New Congregations: <i>Congregations actively create and support new congregations.</i>				
a.	Has your congregation been involved in supporting a new congregation start-up in the past year?			
7. Partners in Community Service: <i>The congregations of the Pacific Northwest District are recognized as credible and effective partners in community service.</i>				
a.	Has your congregation received awards, media attention or other recognition for community service in the past year?			
b.	Has your congregation worked with other community service organizations or non-UU Faith communities in the past year? (Possibilities below.)			
	• Financial contributions from the congregation			
	• Use of your facilities			
	• Provided volunteers			
	• Supporting the work of a UU Community Minister			
	• Active support of UU service organizations such as UU Service Committee, Partner Church Council, UU United Nations Office, etc.			
	• Other?			
8. Cooperative Congregations: <i>The congregations of the Pacific Northwest District work in cooperation to transform their communities.</i>				
a.	In what ways has your congregation linked with other UU congregations during the past year? (Possibilities below.)			
	• Community service projects			
	• Hurricane Katrina and/or other relief efforts			

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	• Marriage equality or other legislative action			
	• OWL (Our Whole Lives sexuality program) training			
	• Youth group or RE community service activities			
	• Hosted a workshop or event for the district or cluster			
	• Other?			
9. Denominational Identity:				
<i>The congregations of the Pacific Northwest District have a strong sense of denominational identity – to the district, to the UUA and to each other.</i>				
a.	How many times in the past year have you posted to “News from Around the District?”		#	
b.	How often in the past year have staff or leadership accessed the PNWD website?		daily weekly monthly never	
c.	How often in the past year have staff or leadership accessed the UUA website?		daily weekly monthly never	
d.	Approximately how many times in the past year have your congregation’s staff or leadership contacted PNWD staff or volunteers?		#	
e.	Does your congregational website link to websites of the UUA, PNWD or other UU entities?			

~~Name of your congregation: _____~~

~~City: _____ State: _____~~

~~Who may we contact if we have questions about this completed survey?~~

~~Name: _____ Phone: _____~~

~~Email: _____~~

~~How was this survey completed? ___ by board discussion ___ by minister ___ by staff
 ___ delegated to committee: ___ ad hoc or ___ other committee _____
 ___ by others _____~~

This is a PREVIEW COPY only.

AGM 2008 delegates – Please take this and the accompanying cover letter to your board or committee on ministry.

The actual survey will be distributed to congregations by late April, to be returned to PNWD by Friday, June 13, 2008.