



# Pacific Northwest District of the Unitarian Universalist Association

## **NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT MAY 2007**

We hope you have been keeping up with the news from around the district via the PNWD website. From our Welcome page ([www.pnwd.org](http://www.pnwd.org)), the news is just a click away. You can also submit happenings from your congregation from the news link. We would love to help spread the word about your building renovations, exciting program offerings, installations of religious professionals, etc.

### ***IN OUR CONGREGATIONS***

Things must be happening in our congregations and we would love to share the news with you -- unfortunately, no congregations have submitted any news items since our March "News from Around the District."

Although this printed version is static, we do update our online news postings regularly and would love to hear from you at any time. See the intro paragraph about submitting your news. (Direct link: <http://www.pnwd.org/pages/submitnws.php>)

### ***RELIGIOUS PROFESSIONALS***

The **Rev. Kayle Rice** will be installed on May 20 as the settled minister at the UU Church of the Palouse in Moscow, ID.

The ordination of **Cecilia Kingman-Miller** by the First Unitarian Church of Portland will be held on June 18.

The UU Church in Eugene has called the **Rev. Stephen Landale** to be their settled minister beginning in August.

The **Rev. Christine Riley** has been called to serve the UU Community Church of Washington County (Hillsboro, OR). She previously served as consulting minister at the Umpqua UU Fellowship (Roseburg, OR) prior to her recent interim ministry appointments in other parts of the UUA.

**DENOMINATIONAL NEWS**

Nearly 50 PNWD leaders from 18 congregations convened in **Leadership Council** at the First Unitarian Church of Portland on May 5. The learning topic featured a workshop on "Leading Multi-Cultural Community," led by UUA "JUUST Change" consultant, Paula Cole Jones. Follow-up observations and recommendations will be provided by Jones and will be posted on the PNWD website. The district office will notify member congregations when the report is available.

Every congregation in the Pacific Northwest District was eligible to receive a grant to **send youth to General Assembly** this year, thanks to the generous contributions of the PNWD Chalice Lighters. Grants of a minimum of \$160 were promised, with the goal of enabling every member congregation to send at least one youth to June's UUA General Assembly ([www.uua.org/ga/](http://www.uua.org/ga/)) in Portland. Morgan Schurr, one of the youth co-chairs for the Chalice Lighters Grants Committee which coordinated awards to congregations, reported that only 19 (of our 60) congregations took advantage of the grant offers by the May 1 application deadline, though a few others were able to be included after that date. Several congregations applied to send more than one youth to GA, however, so we expect that at least 75 youth will attend with Chalice Lighter assistance.

If your congregation did not send a youth to GA but would like to request that PNWD youth carry your banner in the parade, please contact the District Office as soon as possible. We encourage all congregations to allow PNWD youth to represent us in the **GA banner parade!**

We are pleased to announce the addition of Carmen McDowell to the **PNWD staff** as our bookkeeper/office assistant. Some of you may know Carmen through her consulting work with the district. She was also the Membership Director at East Shore Unitarian Church for several years. Carmen is currently enrolled at Seattle University and expects to complete her Master of Divinity in 2009. Carmen brings many skills to her work with our congregations and we are delighted to have her with us!

**EVENTS & RESOURCES**

If you are a current or future leader in your congregation, **UU University** is for you! According to one of the 400 leaders who participated last year, "UU University is the best thing I've seen the UUA do for lay leadership in the fifteen years I've been involved with UU leaders." UU University is a unique 1.5 day gathering before GA in Portland, OR, designed to enhance the skills of current and future UU Board Presidents, trustees, lay leaders, membership directors, religious education directors, and more. Featuring keynote addresses by Gil Rendle, author of *Leading Change in the Congregation*, and track programming in sharing leadership, growing faith, and fostering generosity, UU University begins at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 19, and concludes at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 20. Registration is \$140 and separate from registration for General Assembly. To register go to: [www.uua.org/uuuniversity](http://www.uua.org/uuuniversity).

There is still time to register for the **2007 UUA General Assembly**. For the second year in a row, all sixty of our PNWD congregations certified on time and are qualified to have delegate representation at the upcoming GA. For GA information, check [www.uua.org/ga/](http://www.uua.org/ga/).

Due to insufficient numbers, the **chartered bus to Portland** originally planned by the Puget Sound UU Council has been cancelled. If you are attending GA from the Puget Sound area you will need to find alternate transportation.

Congregations in the Portland/Vancouver Area Council are providing **Bed and Breakfast** accommodations for GA attendees. Click on the rose on the front page of the PNWD website ([www.pnwd.org](http://www.pnwd.org)) to go to the B&B links.

If you are coming to the Portland GA, be sure and plan to attend the **PNWD Ingathering** set for 4:45-6:30 p.m. in the Oregon Ballroom #204. Come meet and mingle with attendees from throughout the PNWD, district board and staff, and visiting UUA staff and representatives.

PNWD speakers and congregations will be well represented at the **UUA General Assembly** in Portland this summer. Here are some highlights:

**Nuts & Bolts of Healthy Youth Groups**

Thursday, June 21, 10:45 AM - Noon

**Our Dragons: UUs and Addictions and Problem Behaviors**

Thursday, June 21, 1:00 - 2:15 PM

**Outside In: Success Story for Homeless Youth**

Thursday, June 21, 1:00 - 2:15 PM

**Developing Congregational Conflict Management Teams**

Thursday, June 21, 1:00 - 2:15 PM

**Bringing Your Spiritual Self to Religious Work**

Thursday, June 21, 4:30 - 5:45 PM

**Breakthrough Congregation: First Unitarian Church of Portland**

Saturday, June 23, 1:00 - 2:15 PM

A tentative schedule of GA events is available at:

[www.uua.org/ga/ga07/tentativeschedule.pdf](http://www.uua.org/ga/ga07/tentativeschedule.pdf)

The **2008 PNWD Annual General Meeting** will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Tacoma, WA. Mark your leap year calendar for February 29-March 2 (not the Presidents' Day weekend.) Want to see what the remodeled/renamed Sheraton will morph into by the time we arrive? Check out the Hotel Murano at: [hotelmuranotacoma.com](http://hotelmuranotacoma.com).

**AGM workshop proposals** are being accepted through June 1 for priority consideration. (Late consideration through September 10.) Proposals should follow the AGM's theme, Blessing the World. Contact Howard Janapol at [hjanapol@yahoo.com](mailto:hjanapol@yahoo.com) or 253-549-2125.

**Upcoming events** in the PNWD:

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| June 25          | Joanna Macy Workshop - Awakening as Earth: Spiritual Practice for the Great Turning     |
| June 30-July 7   | Eliot Institute at Naramata - Telling Stories and Re-imagining the World - Will Hornyak |
| July 14-21       | July Eliot - The Architecture of the Soul - Dr. Albert LaChance                         |
| July 29-August 3 | GoldMine Youth Leadership School  |
| August 4-11      | August Eliot - God and Politics - Dr. Tom Goldsmith                                     |

Be sure to check the **online calendar** ([www.pnwd.org/pages/eventlist.php](http://www.pnwd.org/pages/eventlist.php)) for a complete listing of district events. And remember to use the "Submit an Event" link to let us know about building dedications, milestone events with your religious professionals, training events open to participants from the wider district, etc.

**Note:** While email and the Internet have helped make communications more accessible and timely for many people, there are still those who are not "on line." Please remember to include the "non-wired" in your congregation by providing access or print copies of electronic news and publications through your church office. If you are unable to provide such support locally, individuals may contact the district office toll-free at 800-313-PNWD (7693) to obtain a print copy of materials referenced in this bulletin.