



Pacific Northwest District
Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations

SUPPLY PREACHING DIRECTORY January 20, 2012

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 part of "The UUMA Guidelines for the Conduct of Ministry" available at <http://www.uuma.org/?page=guidelines>. The **Scale of Fees for Professional Services** is also included at the end of this directory.

Please contact the Pacific Northwest District office if you would like a paper copy of this directory mailed to you: pnwd@uua.org, 425-957-9116. It can also be downloaded from www.pnwd.org > Resources > Print Resources.

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GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: Portland, OR to Vancouver, BC

AVAILABILITY: Check www.revamanda.com for dates. Usually available fourth and fifth Sundays of month.

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- **How God Changes Your Brain:** Neuroscience, the Divine, and some simple practices to focus and attune our minds and souls.
- **Andy Goldsworthy, Artist of Deep Patience:** Andy Goldsworthy is an utterly unique artist who creates amazing impermanent works from purely natural materials, letting them melt, blow, or evaporate away when he has finished. Viewing his work may inspire us to create in a similar mode, and brings us closer to a wordless, profound experience of unity with the natural world.
- **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.
- **How to Be an Empty Cup:** Emptiness – the void – tends to be something we fear and shy away from. We'll explore emptiness and fullness through the amazing story of Mike May, a blind man who regained his sight – and found surprises that were both distressing and elating.
- **How to Survive a Difficult Conversation:** Those conversations we all dread can actually bring new vitality to our lives if we learn the skills necessary to make them transformative instead of just awkward. Actors will demonstrate both skillful and – well – less-than-skillful approaches to those conversations we all dread. (This sermon has parts for three to four actors to read scripts.)
- **Open the Door:** Exploring the rich image of the door as an invitation to growth and awareness. Opening the door of the heart reveals the vast treasure of who we are and how the sacred lives within us.
- **Crazy for Love:** Let us journey into the heart of mad, crazy love with two great poets of Islam, Hafiz and Rabia. (This sermon calls for one man and one woman to read several poems.)

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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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: Rev. Stephen Ames has 11 years of full-time experience as a UU minister leading congregations in New England and Oregon. He is a skilled, personable preacher, worship leader, workshop leader/facilitator, and rites-of-passage officiant. He loves exploring the beautiful Pacific Northwest with his wife and son (and dog). In Providence, Rhode Island, his congregation and he were strong, public advocates of same-sex marriage rights and nonviolent opponents of the Iraq War. In Eugene, he helped his former congregation transition more fully into program functioning.

GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: Open – family likes to take trips if the timing is right.

AVAILABILITY: Currently open most weekends

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES: SEASONS & HOLIDAYS

- To Begin Again in Love (Jewish High Holydays- Atonement)
- Hanukah: The Dedication of the Temple
- Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement: Myths and Challenges
- Easter, many themes including The Resurrection of Peter

UU / LIBERAL RELIGION / CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

- The Two Pillars of Unitarian Universalism (1st and 7th Principles)
- Unpacking Your Religious Baggage
- Same-Sex Marriage Rights: What's God Got to Do With It?
- Channing's Good News: "Likeness to God"
- Emerson: "Without Mediator or Veil"
- The Beloved (and Broken) Community (for a congregation struggling through hard times)
- Growing a Church (on the pastoral-to-program transition)
- Living in the Neutral Zone (for congregations in transition)

OTHER

- The Magic of Place ("topophilia" – connections to particular places, linked to church life)
- Care of the Soul
- Prayer and Praying
- Gandhian Nonviolence
- Exorcising Legion (humanistic interpretation of Jesus' exorcisms)
- In The Flesh (on the limitations of electronic communications)
- Presence (Eckert Tolle)
- Deep Ecology
- Parenting as a Spiritual Practice
- The Way of Non-Action – or – On the Dangers of Being Meddlesome (Taoism)
- Ending Well

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TITLES:

- The Pastoral-to-Program Transition
- Worship leading
- Starting or Strengthening a Pastoral Associates Program
- Unpacking Your Religious Baggage
- Taking Charge of Your Electronic Media
- Parenting as a Spiritual Practice

SPECIAL SERVICES PERFORMED: Any rite of passage

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GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: Varies with season and road conditions. Home hospitality is fine.

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

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

I am open to address any topic you want. Some possibilities:

- Sacred Waters -- What must we do now to restore the life-giving waters of the world?
- All Things Green -- Growing a thriving church that's also a Green Sanctuary
- Rosie the Riveter -- Inspiring story of the World War II Home Front
- A Faith Lost and Found -- the story of Universalist hero John Murray
- Compassion and Covenant: Our UU faith is grounded in a relational theology of caring for others, within and beyond our congregations, enhanced by a covenant of right relations.
- A Woman Named Mary: Explores our fascination with the mythic stories of the divine feminine as Madonna, Magdalene, and the Virgin of Guadalupe.
- Saving the Library: Inspiring true story of how a diverse urban community came together to save a priceless cultural heritage from ruin, book by book and page by page.
- Spirit of Life -- One Image of God: The story of the prayerful song that touches our UU hearts so deeply that it doesn't matter what our private beliefs may be.
- Making a New Beginning: Near the start of every church year, the Jewish High Holy Days remind us to respond to the spirit of renewal and set things right with those we may have wronged.
- So, Is It a Christian Church or What? To answer this question well, we need to know some of our history and prepare a really positive elevator speech. It's not about what we're not.
- Lent: From Ashes to Alleluias: What religious liberals might learn from observing a Lenten ritual.
- The Practice of Resurrection: An Easter reflection on betrayal, loss, and the rebirth of hope.
- Where Is Not Holy Ground? The joy and blessings of a panentheistic view of the universe.
- Did Jesus Really Say That? The Jesus Seminar scholars and hidden gospels shed new light.
- Composing Our Lives: Is life a planned adventure, or do we make it up as we go?
- The Paradox of Ritual: We all have rituals in our lives, for comfort and consistency. Why not?
- Religion and Spirituality: Is there a difference? Be your own theologian and figure it out.

POSSIBLE WORKSHOPS:

Call or email and let's talk about what you'd like!

SPECIAL SERVICES:

Weddings, Service of Union, Memorials and Funerals, Child Dedication, Creative Rites of Passage

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: I am a story teller, a teacher, a family member, a seeker, and a Unitarian Universalist ministerial candidate. I served several years of praxis at my home congregation in Ithaca, NY, chaplaincy internship at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, NY and my ministerial internship with Rev. Hope Johnson at the Congregation of Central Nassau on Long Island. I graduated from Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago in May of 2010 and am currently the Interim Director of Religious Exploration at the Salem UU Congregation. I moved to Oregon to be closer to family and I hope to move to Portland Summer '11. Currently studying Spiritual Direction with Namaste. I value laughter and heart and story to deepen and widen our intellectual curiosity. I am endlessly fascinated and excited by human nature, history, theology, and organizational systems. I knit as a spiritual practice.

GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: PNW. Home Hospitality welcome if more than two-three hours away from Portland/Corvallis. Amtrak-accessible preferred.

AVAILABILITY: Any

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- Interdependent Web of Consciousness
- Labor of Love
- The Innanna Journey (With a Little Help From Our Friends)
Ancestors: a service for Samhain
- Equal Marriage
- Motherhood
- Fathers
- Memorial Day
- Sourcing to Sacred: the Sacred in Everyday Life
- Covenant
- Peacemaking
- No Time Not To Love
- Standing on the Side of Love
- See website for additional listings

POSSIBLE WORKSHOPS:

- Unitarian, Universalist, and Unitarian Universalist History (5 sessions, 2 hours per session)
- Conflict Resolution (Three hour workshop)
- An Introduction to Paganism (3 hour)
- An Introduction to Humanism (3 hour)
- An Introduction to Religious Naturalism (3 hour)
- Spiritual Practices (8 sessions, 1 hour per session)
- African Drumming: Learning from West African Religion, Music, and Dance (3 hour workshop and/or multiple 1.5 hour workshops)
- Finding your Sermon Within (2-3 hour workshop for Worship Teams and lay people who would like to preach)
- Making and Using Prayer Beads (multigenerational)

SPECIAL SERVICES:

Introducing Chalica: For RE staff and volunteers

Marriage, Handfasting, Divorce, coming of age, child dedication, memorial service

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GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS: PNWD locations readily available by public transit.

AVAILABILITY: Most weekends from September on.

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- What we can learn from Servetus (celebration this year of the 500th anniversary of his birth, based on first-hand explorations)
- The Upland Path: Come up Higher (the spiritual ascent through the imagery of the sacred mountain)
- Persons or Principles (Is a religion based on abstract principles as viable as one based on personalities and stories?)

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TITLES:

- “Persons or Principles” above could be presented as a workshop.

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: Rev. Ken Jones currently serves as one-half time Consulting Minister at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Yakima, WA. I live in Yakima part of the time, and spend the rest of my time living in a remote eco-village in Northeastern Washington. I graduated from Starr King School for the Ministry in 1999 and in 2000 was ordained by Tahoma UU Congregation in Tacoma, WA, at which I served as full-time Minister from 2000 to 2008.

I am eager to offer my services to Unitarian Universalist and other liberal religious communities, including sermons, workshops and facilitated discussions. My primary area of interest is in reconnecting human civilization to our natural, evolutionary roots, and practicing spiritual ecology. I am also passionate about peace (non-violence) and social justice, and many facets of anti-discrimination work. I also offer a range of topics encompassing various theological and spiritual issues of contemporary Unitarian Universalism.

GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS: Washington, Northern Idaho, and Northern Oregon.

AVAILABILITY: Call or email.

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- Before the Numinous Stars – a personal reflection on being inspired by the night sky.
- The Unthinkable Realm of the Spirit – on how to give up trying to figure everything out.
- Two Stories: Immigrants in America
- Forgiveness: The Melting Heart
- Speak It and Breathe It – a clarion call to action inspired by Bob Dylan
- Yearning for the Web – reconnecting to being a part of the interdependent web.
- UU 101 – a reflection on the basics of our faith.
- Lots of others!

SPECIAL SERVICES PROVIDED:

Weddings, services of union, memorials. I usually like to include a “Story for all ages” with my sermons.

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GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: I will consider travel outside of Portland area if mileage is covered and (if necessary) there are accommodations for my family (me plus my husband and two children).

AVAILABILITY: I'm available to lead worship but will most likely not accept more than one worship service each month.

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- The Slow Revolution
- Three Part Sermon Series: Everyday Blessings of Home, Marriage, and Parenting
- Staying Home
- Living the Questions
- Give Your Heart Away to a Myth
- Is There a God Worthy of Your Worship?

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TITLES:

- Path to Membership (in two, two-hour sessions)
- The Five Questions (six sessions: What does it mean to be?; How do I know what I know?; Who or what is in charge?; What is your life's purpose?; What happens after I die?)
- Small Group Ministry (getting program underway and/or training existing small group ministry facilitators)
- Chalice Circle Worship (alternative worship format without a sermon at the center; can lead two-hour workshop to train worship committee or other lay leader, or I can lead a worship service in this style and model it on a Sunday morning.)
- Listening Circles (based on Quaker ritual. three-hour session designed to build intimacy in the congregation. could be for board retreat or those lay leaders serving on committees or could be a session open to anyone interested in the congregation.)

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GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS: None within reason and time available.

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

POSSIBLE SERMON TOPICS:

- "Body and Soul" – The popular book "My Stroke of Insight" by Jill Taylor lays out both a dramatic story of recovery from a sudden stroke and some fascinating observations of the working of the brain by the skilled neuroscientist who had the stroke. What can we learn about body and soul?
- "Goodness Stew" – As skilled cooks and hearty eaters know, a good stew attracts favorable comments and repeat helpings like few other dinner foods. Maybe you know the story of Stone Soup about a soup stew which uses food to create community. I'll reflect on the goodness stew created by our religious community.
- "Observing the World: Billy Collins" – Former United States Poet Laureate Billy Collins writes: "the trouble with poetry is that it encourages the writing of more poetry." He is a remarkable observer of human nature and the world around us.
- "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-six 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 and western Oregon

AVAILABILITY: Flexible; please call.

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
- Living into Covenant
- Hard of Listening
- 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)
- A Language of Reverence
- The Holy Gift of Renewal (Easter season)
- Crossing the Desert (Passover/Easter)
- From Many Streams (Fall ingathering)
- At the Year's Margin (New Year's)
- Olympia Brown: A Prophetic Voice of Religious Optimism
- Men, Women, and Margaret Fuller

SPECIAL SERVICES PERFORMED:

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

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GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: State of Washington

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- Living where life flows: Einstein advised that we should “never lose a holy curiosity.” Using the metaphor of an estuary, we can imagine our faith as a living estuary where lives mix and stir and renew. We will explore the question: When my curiosity leads me to new perceptions, how do I live in the same faith community?
- Acting for change: Community organizing is one way to lead, making our connections to one another strong. Stories of other’s actions help us to see our own way to act for change. Our belief in working for justice and equity is an important part of who we are.
- It’s About Balance: Our renowned 19th century Unitarian minister and lecturer, Ralph Waldo Emerson said, “The happiest man is he who learns from nature the lesson of worship.” In this season of Earth’s equinox, there are worthy lessons to be learned. In this sermon, we’ll explore change and how we are challenged to maintain our own sustainability.
- Speaking Out for Justice: Our UU faith has benefited from the passionate voices of Unitarian and Universalist women. They deeply felt the troubles of their time, and with courage found the words to express these passions. In this sermon, I will explore how women have been able to speak their truth, focusing on the years 1860-1960.

SPECIAL SERVICES:

Available for funerals, weddings, and all sacred UU rituals.

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GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: Flexible.

AVAILABILITY: Flexible.

SERMON SERIES: [Sermons can be offered singly, as well]

- I: Why Are You UU? - Seven unique aspects of Unitarian Universalism: History; Governance; Theology; Spirituality; Worship; Evangelism; Multiculturalism
- II: The Art Of Living - Fully Listening; Breathing Lessons; Spiritual Inventory; Passionate Engagement; Trauma Stewardship
- III: Ethics - Companion to Building Your Own Theology, Book 3: Authority; Motivation; Responsibility; Situation; Intention; Relationships; Values; Character
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OTHER TOPICS:

- Poetry As Prayer
- Generosity
- Finding UU Passion
- Tolerance: Blessing and Curse
- Learning from Mystics
- The Color of Pluralism
- What is Spiritual Direction, Anyway
- My Favorite UU Heretics
- Requested topics welcome

WORKSHOP OR CLASS:

- Religious Roots of Unitarian Universalism (multi-session)
- Caregiver Grief – A Spiritual Journey (single session or on-going group)
- Reclaiming Images of the Sacred (single session collage)
- Spiritual Practice (single session or on-going group)
- Non-violent Communication (multi-session)
- Spiritual Challenges of Addiction (single session)

SPECIAL SERVICES PERFORMED:

- Spiritual Direction – individual and group
- Weddings, Memorial Services, and other rites of passage
- Religious Education consultation

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He comes to ministry after a 30-year career as an early childhood educator at the University of Oregon. He serves on the board of the UU Global Aids Coalition and traveled in South Africa, volunteering with children impacted by the AIDS pandemic. He was also part of a May 2011 Unitarian Universalist Service Committee/ Unitarian Universalist Association seminarians work and study trip to the Central plateau of Haiti.

He is a life-long Pacific Northwest resident with deep reverence for the beauty that surrounds us. His experiences as an actor and storyteller shape his skill at bringing depth to his sermons.

GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: Dennis is open to traveling throughout Oregon and Washington.

AVAILABILITY: Schedule is very flexible during the 2011-2012 church year and summers 2011 and 2012.

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES AND TOPICS:

- OH THE PLACES YOU'LL GO: A reflection on a journey to ministry with an emphasis on his recent travels to Haiti
- THE EAGLE AND THE 22ND PSALM: A story of how Judeo-Christian scripture, Native American teachings and experience can shape religious awakenings
- GLOBAL AIDS: WITNESS AND OUR CALL TO ACTION: Firsthand account of how can enact theologies of connection globally, particularly well suited for around Dec. 1, World AIDS Day
- RALPH WALDO'S AUNT MARY AND THE ROOTS OF TRANSCENDENTALISM: A historical account that includes oft forgotten women whose wisdom shapes us still
- TOWARDS AN ETHOS AND ECONOMICS OF SUSTAINABILITY: Making sustainable beliefs into sustainable practice
- ROCKS I HAVE KNOWN AND LOVED: Stories of gifts received and gifts given
- SPECULATIVE THEOLOGY: An exploration of process theology and the journeys within available to us all
- ZORRO IN THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY: An exploration of the reality of racism in our shared and individual lives
- DAY OF THE DEAD FOR UUs: A Halloween message about death
- SHADOW OF SHAME LEGACY OF HOPE: A Martin Luther King Day Service
- IT'S ABOUT MORE THAN CHOCOLATE BUNNIES: A UU Easter Sermon
- CREATING PEACE: Resolving to make our dreams and hopes real
- Other topics can be developed to meet your needs

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TITLES

- With co-presenter, can provide a White Privilege Workshop shaped for a white community
- Has facilitated the UU Building Your Own Theology and What We Believe curricula and Adult and Youth OWL

SPECIAL SERVICES PERFORMED: Enthusiastically available for weddings and memorials

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GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: Willing to travel with compensation, depending on schedule.

AVAILABILITY: Many Sundays and weekends are available

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES

- From You I Receive, to you I Give
- Queer Families
- Loving, Lingering, Linking
- And others - Sabbath-keeping, Transylvania, Living contradiction, etc.

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TITLES

- Would you have been an abolitionist?
- Organizing 101
- Leadership Development & Recruitment
- Different Ways to Pray
- Building Beloved Community: working for racial justice within and beyond our congregations

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

AVAILABILITY: Contact me for availability

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 : Lise was raised in the Pacific Northwest and has lived in Colorado, Utah, Illinois, British Columbia and France. From an early age she shared a love of the performing arts with her family, especially dance. Lise earned a BA in Theatre Arts and did graduate work in dance. While working as a stay-at-home mom she received her call to UU ministry and will graduate with a Masters of Divinity in May 2011. Lise loves to read, enjoys gardening, bicycling, hiking and watching movies with her family. She is excited about moving forward with her call to ministry, facilitating and co-creating Beloved Community wherever she can.

GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: Preferences are for Oregon, western Washington, and SW British Columbia, but if I can work something into a holiday with my family I could possibly go further afield. Ask!

AVAILABILITY: Most Sundays mid June 2011 through August. About one Sunday a month throughout the rest of the church year.

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

Topics include:

UU History and Polity, Joy, Spirituality, Environmental Issues, Multiculturalism, African American Humanism, Dance and Religion, and others upon request.

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TITLES:

Dance as a Spiritual Practice, Discovering Our Roots: UU History and Polity

SPECIAL SERVICES PERFORMED: I am available to do weddings, memorial services and child dedications.

**Rev. Tracy Springberry
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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: Tracy Springberry is a recently fellowshiped and ordained Unitarian Universalist minister. She was born and raised in Cheney, Washington, attended college at the Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington, received a Master of Arts in Creative Writing, non-fiction from the University of New Hampshire, and a Master of Divinity from Meadville Lombard Theological School. She lives in Spokane with her partner, three sons, ages 20, 18, and 15, and her 2 year old daughter. She works part-time as a grant writer at Eastern Washington University. She is the co-editor of *Chaos, Wonder and the Spiritual Adventure of Parenting: An Anthology*, a collection of essays about the ways parenting forces people to grow spiritually that is being released by Skinner House Books in May 2011. Other writing has been published in the Christian Science Monitor, the Meadville-Lombard Reader and the Journal of Religious Humanism.

GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: Mostly Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho, but if carefully arranged Western Washington and the Portland area are possibilities.

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- The Spiritual Gifts of Parenting
- Finding Religious Faith as a Unitarian Universalist
- Savor the Sweet: Chocolate and Fruit Communion
- How Much is Enough?
- What's For Dinner? Stumbling through the Dilemmas of Ethical Eating
- Living in Gratitude: The Way to Happiness
- Standing on the Side of Love: What does it Mean to Stand?

POSSIBLE WORKSHOPS:

Exploring How We Raising Children Grows Us Spiritually.

Asking Theologically Questions: What do We Really Believe?

SPECIAL SERVICES PERFORMED: I am available to do weddings, union services, memorials, and funerals.

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: Marcia Stanard is a recently fellowshipped UU Minister, and currently serves as the part time Consulting Minister at Wy'east UU Congregation in Portland, Oregon. Marcia has served as a Director of Religious Education and has taught Religious Education classes at all age levels, including as a youth advisor & chaperone for a youth pilgrimage to Hungary and Romania. She enjoys preaching around the Pacific Northwest. Marcia's theater training and warm presence make her sermons enjoyable to hear. She lives in Portland, Oregon with her daughters.

AVAILABILITY: Contact me for availability. I am willing to travel in Oregon, Washington and Idaho with mileage paid.

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- The Power of Story- A powerful sermon on how we can reframe those stories that matter to us.
- Making Room: An Advent or New Year's sermon about transition.
- Coming Out About Church
- Got Grace?
- Re-Presenting God
- Standing On Hallowed Ground: Unitarian History in Transylvania
- Can You Hear Me Now?: Thoughts on Calling

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TITLES:

- Finding Your Bliss: Developing a Spiritual Practice

I am available for special services, including weddings, memorials and child dedications. Please contact me for availability.

**Rev. Barbara Stevens
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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: Barbara Stevens serves as the chaplain at Providence Portland Medical Center's residential addictions unit. For three years, she was the consulting minister for Vashon Island Unitarian Fellowship in Washington. 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:

- The Prodigal Son: Healing from Addiction
- The Tuatha de Danaan and Radical Hospitality
- The Spirituality of Kindness
- 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
- 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
- The Place of Evil in a Good World

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 35 years, Karen is a Reiki Master and is certified in other healing therapies. Karen is in her ninth year as a full-time chaplain at Seattle Children's Hospital and is 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:

- **Forged by Fire—**How do we as Unitarian Universalists stay grounded in our belief in the inherent worth and dignity of everyone while standing up to the injustices we witness on a daily basis?
- **All Shall Be Well—**Throughout our lives, we are faced with challenges, struggles, and heartache; yet somehow we survive and even thrive. Resiliency is an amazing gift if we come by it naturally, but if we don't, it is well worth cultivating.
- **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 PERFORMED:

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

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*For the church year September 2011 through June 2012, I will be interning at the Quimper UU Fellowship in Port Townsend. The church address is 2333 San Juan Avenue, Port Townsend, Washington, 98368
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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: Debra Thorne has been a creative artist and spiritual struggler for the better part of four decades. An actor, instructor and student of theology, on a winding path towards the Unitarian ministry, Debra has facilitated workshops in creativity, spirituality and heart-communication across Canada. She has served seven years as a Lay Chaplain at the Unitarian Church of Vancouver, B.C. and continues her practice as a spiritual director. This next year she will be interning at the Quimper Fellowship in Port Townsend.

GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: the northern part of the PNWD

AVAILABILITY: One Sunday each month

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- Rebellious Gratitude (Keeping the heart open in dangerous times)
- A Church in the Trees: Transcendentalism in the Pacific Northwest
- Portals To Love (Mysticism in everyday life)
- Into the Alley- Stories about fear and courage.
- Engaging Faith
- Possible Workshops:
- Practicing Gratitude
- Engaging Faith
- Speaking from the Heart

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: The Rev. Connie Yost is the Affiliated Community Minister of the UU Congregation of Salem, Oregon. She is employed as a Chaplain at Salem Hospital. She is a trained Spiritual Director and has a private Spiritual Direction practice and facilitates spirituality groups. Connie has served in ministry as the founder of a program for at-risk youth, Hospice chaplain, and Administrator and Board member of the UU Society for Community Ministries (UUSCM). Currently, she is the UUSCM Coordinator for the Pacific Northwest District.

Connie 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 east Los Angeles County.

Connie received her Master of Divinity degree in 2003 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:

- Hope and Healing: Stories from the Frontlines of UU Community Ministry
- Grace from the Garden -- Story of the Earthworks Community Farm and the transformative power of community
- Holding What Gives You Life -- Reflections on spirituality and spiritual practices
- Plan B – all about change
- The Face of Democracy
- The Earth is Our Mother
- The Thing with Feathers -- Reflections on hope
- Sick and Tired -- Lessons from the Civil Rights movement
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POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TITLES:

- Introduction to Spiritual Direction and six traditional spiritual practices tailored for UUs
- How to be a healing presence (pastoral ministry for lay persons)
- End of life planning: death and dying
- Dementia and caregiving
- Grief and loss
- Business Plans for Church and Nonprofit Projects
- How to Start a Community Garden or Urban Farm Project; Community building

SPECIAL SERVICES PERFORMED:

- Weddings, services of union, and memorials
- Spiritual direction
- Spiritual retreats

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY: Judy Zimmerman is a candidate for the Unitarian Universalist ministry. She serves as coordinator of Oregon Unitarian Universalist Voices for Justice, a statewide legislative advocacy network. Before pursuing ministry she worked as a labor organizer, hospice volunteer, and was chair of the worship and pastoral care teams at her home church. Judy is a part-time seminarian at Meadville-Lombard Theological School. While finishing ministerial preparation she teaches classes in psychology, conflict management, communication skills, human sexuality, and women's studies at community college.

GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATIONS: None.

AVAILABILITY: Flexible.

POSSIBLE SERMON TITLES:

- Before Words (on the first of our six sources)
- Remembrance and Resistance (Universalism, military service, and pacifism)
- Welcome Anger
- Inner Landscapes (how geography shapes the spirit)
- Accepting All Offers (a Buddhist perspective on grace)
- Honoring Embodiment
- Sacred Sexuality
- Relationship as Crucible
- Breathing Smog (on oppression)
- Speaking Peace (compassionate communication as spiritual practice)
- Ticket to Eudaemonia (finding authentic happiness)
- The Beauty of Imperfection

POSSIBLE WORKSHOP TITLES:

- Compassionate Communication: Skills for Living in Right Relation
- Human Relations Skills Training for Leaders
- Beginning a Meditation Practice
- Topics in Adult Sexuality: Life beyond OWL (let's discuss)

SPECIAL SERVICES:

- Memorials, Services of Union 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.

Full UUMA Guidelines for the Conduct of Ministry - <http://www.uuma.org/?page=guidelines>.

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