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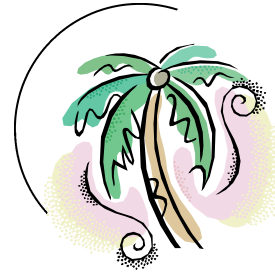
## 2008 Ministry Days

### Dates to Note:

- March 3: Early Registration Opens
- April 1: Educational Grant Deadline
- April 30: Early Registration Closes
- June 1: Pre-Registration Closes

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# 2008 Ministry Days

June 23-25, 2008

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

MINISTRY DAYS 2008: finding a home for our community

As you probably know, in order to be as inclusive as possible in the placement of our Ministry Days, the UUMA Exec decided to pursue a location that would not require presentation of government-issued identification.

What may not be obvious to many is that our 700 person gathering is an awkward size: too big to be housed in many hotels, houses of worship, and even educational facilities, but too small to use even the smaller convention centers. Plus, since we would not be coupling housing with our meetings costs would rise considerably.

So, it is with delight that I share with you that we have found a home for our UUMA community for Ministry Days 2008 - the Signature Grand, a catering facility in Davie, Florida, a section of greater Fort Lauderdale.

The facility will accommodate our Plenary and Worship sessions, plus provide us with ample breakout rooms, a separate dining area, and a dedicated meditation space. In addition, wide corridors and comfortable informal gathering areas abound in their building. Our Fort Lauderdale area UU colleagues praise the Signature Grand for its service and food. We will be the only group using their facilities that day and all the spaces are barrier-free, so we can really feel at home.

The Signature Grand is about 8 miles and 15 minutes from the Convention Center area; we will be providing morning and evening shuttle buses between the Hyatt Regency Pier 66, the Embassy Suites, and the Signature Grand (as well as special transportation from all of the UUA hotels for those with special mobility needs.)

It is located in an area without many easily available options for outside meals, so we have included both breakfast and lunch for both days in our all-inclusive registration fee. All meals will be served buffet style so you can make your own choices to match your dietary preferences or needs. Vegan and vegetarian choices will be included at all meals.

Since Ministry Days is not tied to any specific Convention Center area hotel, you should feel free to make housing reservations for wherever you wish.

So, welcome to Ministry Days 2008 - come on home to your collegial community.

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# Ministry Days 2008

## Location:

### Monday, June 23 Registration and Reception:

**The Hyatt Regency Pier 66**  
2301 S.E. 17th Street; Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 33316  
<http://www.pier66.hyatt.com>

### Tuesday & Wednesday, June 24-25:

**The Signature Grand**  
6900 State Road 84; Davie, FL 33317  
<http://www.thesignaturegrand.com/grand>



## Tentative Schedule

### Monday, June 23: The Hyatt Regency Pier 66

4:00-8:00 PM Registration and Reception

## Singers of the Living Tradition

Ian W. Riddell, Director  
J. Ruben Piirainen, Piano

Choir for the 25/50 Year Worship Service (Wednesday 8:30AM)  
And the Service of the Living Tradition (Thursday 8:00-9:30 PM)

### All Are Welcome!

UUMA Members, Aspirants and Candidates,  
LREDA members, UUMN members, spouses and partners.



### Rehearsal: Tuesday, June 24

6:00—7:30 p.m. (A light snack will be served.)

Ian W. Riddell is Director of Music Ministry at James Reeb UU Congregation in Madison, WI.  
J. Ruben Piirainen is Music Director at UU Church West in Brookfield, WI.

The Executive Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association  
Cordially invites all ministerial aspirants and candidates to the

## ANNUAL STUDENT BREAKFAST

Thursday June 25, 2008 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.

- Location to be announced -

To reserve your free ticket contact the UUMA Office by June 12, 2008  
Tickets are available for Spouses and Partners at a cost of \$15.

## Pre-GA Child Care through the GA Office

Registration for Children's Programs opens March 1, 2008. Registrations received after April 30 will be subject to a **\$100** late fee. No Children's Programs registrations will be accepted after May 31, 2008. **Advance registration is required for all Children's Programs and space is limited.**

- **Pre-GA:** Supervision is available for children (age 6 months-10) on the Tuesday and Wednesday prior to GA. The number and ages of the participants determine the specific program and activities. Lunch is provided.
- **Young Fun** is a full-time overnight program for youth ages 8 through 14. Participants may begin on Tuesday or Wednesday. Young Fun concludes on Monday before lunch. All children must be registered full-time for Young Fun; there are no daily rates available. However, you may make arrangements with Children's Programs staff to coordinate late arrivals or early departures to accommodate your travel schedule or your child's special needs.

For more information and rates visit: [www.uua.org/ga/reg.html#childrates](http://www.uua.org/ga/reg.html#childrates)



# 2008 Nominating Slate

The Nominating Committee Submits the following Candidates for election at the June 2008 UUMA Annual Meeting:

Arrangements: Helen Carroll

Chapter Connections: to be announced

Treasurer: Marni Harmony

Berry Street Essay Committee: Kathryn Rohde

Nominating Committee: Martin Woulfe  
Leslie Takahashi Morris  
Sean Parker Dennison

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Nominating Committee Members:

Daniel S. O'Connell, Peter Morales,  
Rosemary B. McNatt, Betty Stapleford, Liz Lerner

From the UUMA Bylaws:

## ARTICLE IX - NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND ELECTIONS

Section 3: All nominations of the Nominating Committee shall be submitted to the President at least 90 days prior to the date of the membership meeting. At least 75 days prior to the membership meeting, the President shall submit the names of all nominees to the membership, along with the bylaw provisions for nomination by petition.

Section 4: Nominations by petitions shall be made by a signed petition of ten or more voting members. Petitions shall indicate the office sought and must be submitted to the President not less than 45 days prior to the annual meeting, along with indication by the candidate of his/her willingness to accept nomination.

## Tentative Schedule cont.

### Tuesday, June 24: Signature Grand: 6900 State Road 84; Davie, FL

- 6:45 AM Shuttle service between Hotels and Signature Grand begins. (peak service 6:45-8:30am & 6:00-7:30pm, off-peak service 8:30am-6:00pm)
- 7:00 AM Registration Continues
- 7:00-8:15 AM Breakfast
- 8:30-9:00 AM Worship
- 9:00 AM CENTER Presentation: "Living Between Two Narratives" with the Rev. Dr. Walter Brueggeman
- 10:00 AM Coffee break
- Noon Buffet Lunch
- 1:30 PM Workshops (2:45 PM beverage break)
- 4:30 PM Worship
- 5:00-6:00 PM Bill Sinkford
- 6:00-7:30 PM Singers of the Living Tradition rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Last shuttles leave for hotel

### Wednesday, June 25: Signature Grand: 6900 State Road 84; Davie, FL

- 6:45 AM Shuttle service between Hotel and Signature Grand begins. (peak service 6:45-8:30am & 3:00-5:30pm, off-peak service 8:30am-3:00pm)
- 7:00-8:15 AM Breakfast
- 8:30-10:00 AM Worship 25/50 Year Honorees:  
25<sup>th</sup> — Elizabeth Strong 50<sup>th</sup> — Khoren Arisian
- 10:00 AM Coffee break
- 10:30 AM UUMA Annual Meeting; UUMPs Annual Meeting
- Noon Buffet Lunch
- 1:30-3:00 PM Collegial Conversations  
Topics — Strengthening Chapters; Youth Ministry; Strengthening UUMA Commitment to AROAM; Excellence in Ministry; Governance as Theology; UUMA Guidelines; Civil Liberties and GA in Fort Lauderdale; Issues for Retirement; Multi Staff Ministry; The Complexity of Wearing Many Ministry Hats.
- 3:00 PM Beverage break
- 3:30-5:00 PM Ministerial Conference at Berry Street:  
Lecture by the Rev. Christine C. Robinson
- 5:30 PM Last shuttles leave for hotel

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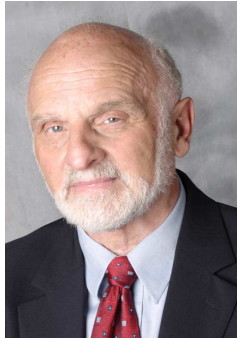




## CENTER DAY 2008

### Living Between Two Narratives

Reverend Dr. Walter Brueggeman  
Respondent: Reverend Alice Blair Wesley



Narrative and covenant are important grounding for religious faith and understanding. Even those of us who are distant from the narratives of Jewish and Christian Scripture dip into them for vision and insight, especially concerning our own UU concept of covenant. Many of us find ways to use the narratives of our Unitarian and Universalist history to throw light on present day challenges.

The Rev. Dr. Walter Brueggemann is a major scholar and educator on the scope and complexity of Old Testament Scripture. In his teaching, he brings vast knowledge of world philosophy and literature to the service of Biblical interpretation, and he focuses on the power of Biblical narrative as it illuminates social situation in the past and in the present. He says, "Biblical faith narrates reality around a passion for covenant. But within the Bible itself there is an alternative narrative that is preoccupied with security and control. These narratives operate in acute tension within the Bible. In this presentation I will consider that same contestation between narratives as it continues in our own societal setting. The invitation of faith is to live in that tension and make alternative decisions that concern the future of the world."

Dr. Brueggeman was the Milliam Marcellus McPheeters Professor of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur Georgia until his retirement in 2003. He also had a long tenure as a professor at Eden Theological Seminary in Webster Groves, Missouri, and he is an ordained United Church of Christ (UCC) minister. He has two sons and four grandchildren.

Among the many books he has written are the volumes in the well-respected Interpretation Biblical Commentary Series on Genesis and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel, the major repositories of narrative in the Old Testament. Brueggemann writes for the whole range of audiences: scholars, clergy, and lay people. He is also a contributing editor for Sojourners and for Christian Century. He has lectured widely in the United States, in Europe, and in Israel, but this CENTER Day will be the first time that he will be speaking specifically with Unitarian Universalist religious leaders, and he is looking forward to this opportunity.

## Ministry Days 2008

### Educational Grants

Educational Grants are available to UUMA Members to assist with the cost of Ministry Days Registration. Educational Grants are available from UUMA to cover thirty Ministry Days registration fees. Preference will be given to those who have not been able to attend Ministry Days in recent years. Criteria for distributing these funds are financial need, the last attendance and first come, first served.

#### Submission Deadline: April 1, 2008

To apply for a grant, send an email with the below information to Sarah Lammert at [vicepresident@uuma.org](mailto:vicepresident@uuma.org) or fill out an application at [www.uuma.org](http://www.uuma.org).

- Your Name, Email, and Address.
- The Date of Last Ministry Days you attended.
- Please also answer the following questions:  
Have you received an Educational Grant before? If yes, when.  
How much do you estimate your Ministry Days costs to be?  
Do you have other sources from which you can receive funding? If yes, explain.  
Any further information about your experience.

#### More Information:

1. Educational Grant recipients do not receive cash assistance, but rather a waiver of the registration cost. If you are applying for a grant **DO NOT send money** with your registration form.
2. Grant recipients must send in a registration form listing workshop preferences. Do not send money, but rather indicate "Educational Grant" in the comments section (online) or payment section (paper). **IMPORTANT** - If you do not fill out a registration form you will not be registered for workshops or have a nametag.
3. If a grant recipient decides to not attend Ministry Days they should notify Sarah Lammert as soon as possible so that the grant can be given to another applicant.
4. All grant requests and recipients are treated as confidential.



## CENTER DAY 2008

### Workshops

exploring spiritual development in community.

#### 9. Panel Discussion on Mentoring

Organizers: Rev. Maddie Sifantus, Rev. Carol Huston

A panel of colleagues will share stories and ideas about the collegial mentoring process as it has been used and as it might be used in the future. In small groups we will look for ways to improve the skills we need for mentoring. We will brainstorm how the system of finding and keeping mentors can be improved and how retired ministers, community ministers, ministers of religious education and others can be more active in this important process.

#### 10. Put Your Mask On First

Presenters: Rev. Ken Brown, Rev. Nannene Gowdy, Rev. Susan Suchocki Brown

Disaster strikes. What does a religious leader do? How can we best help? How can we help ourselves and others navigate the stages to recovery, as well as how do we avoid the pitfalls? Unless you live in a bubble, you may need this information any day.

The Unitarian Universalist Trauma Response Team members have covered the aftermath of many traumatic situations in the past 5 years. The workshop will cover the lessons learned as a result of these crises.

#### 11. Worship That Works

Presenters: Rev. Kathleen Rolenz, Rev. Wayne Arnason

Kathleen Rolenz and Wayne Arnason published a book on worship theory and practice this year intended for a broad audience of ministers and lay worship leaders. This workshop has two parts: first, an overview of the key elements of worship theory and practice the book contains, with opportunities for participants to offer alternative views or missing elements; second, ideas and discussion about how the book can be useful as a foundation for worship associates or worship committee training, as a complement or as a foil to your own worship leadership style and culture. People choosing this workshop who have their own outlines of worship associate training programs are invited to bring them to share.

Kathleen Rolenz and Wayne Arnason are parish co-ministers of West Shore UU Church near Cleveland. Kathleen is president of the OMD UUMA chapter. Wayne is chair of the Ministerial Fellowship Committee.

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### Workshops

In response to our colleagues increasing requests for workshop opportunities that provide greater depth and increased time for processing, all CENTER workshops this year are "double sessions" with a scheduled break at midpoint. Also in response to our colleagues, the workshops this year are focused on **Mentoring, Tools for Mentoring, and Professional Development.**

#### 1. Living Between Two Narratives

Presenter: Rev. Walter Brueggeman

Further conversations with our featured speaker

#### 2. Anti-Racism & our UUA: an Unflinching History

Presenters: Rev. Chip Roush, Dr. Leon Spencer, Rev. Leslie Takahashi-Morris

This workshop presents a brief history of Anti-Racism in our UUA, 1992-2005, and details its most significant successes, missteps and challenges. Presented from a wide variety of viewpoints, the material demonstrates the difficulty of engaging in this emotionally volatile work—and shows the promise of moving forward, with the lessons we've learned so far. The workshop (based on a forthcoming Skinner House book) aims to clear up the myths and misconceptions about our UUA's Anti-Racism initiatives. We believe our colleagues will be better able to lead in this work, if they have a more complete understanding of our ongoing efforts.

Chip Roush is Senior Minister in Traverse City, Michigan; Leslie Takahashi-Morris is Co-Minister in Charlottesville, Virginia; Spencer won the 2007 Award for Distinguished Service to Unitarian Universalism.

#### 3. Appreciative Inquiry: Seeing the Congregation through a Different Lens

Presenter: Rev. Barbara Child

Do the lay leaders of your congregation tend to organize their work by identifying problems and then figuring out how to solve them? Appreciative Inquiry offers a different approach to congregational life, one that carries forward the best of the past and changes the themes of important congregational conversations. If you think it's time for a new look at congregational identity, for recommitting (or committing) to the congregation's mission, for renewing and re-energizing vision, or for navigating some other transition in congregational life, Appreciative Inquiry has an invigorating way to offer you.

An Accredited Interim Minister, Barbara Child has been trained in Appreciative Inquiry by Robert Voyle, Clergy Leadership Institute, and Diana Whitney, Corporation for Positive Change.

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### 4. Archetype of the Spirit

Presenter: Rev. Peter Tufts Richardson

If ministers are to be spiritual leaders we need to be growing ourselves. Framing a model for spiritual growth in the history of human religion, its symbols and myths of emergence, grounds the model in human experience. Exploring Archetype of the Spirit integrates spiritual practices, mystic awareness, ethical pursuit and spiritual freedom in a model of human wholeness. The Archetype, Four Spiritualities, and psychological type (the MBTI), are correlated in time and space in a process of self-recognition for progress along the way.

Peter Tufts Richardson is author of *The Boston Religion*, *Exploring UU Identity*, *Four Spiritualities*, *Growing Your Spirituality*, and *Archetype of the Spirit*. His web site: [www.redbarnrockland.com](http://www.redbarnrockland.com)

### 5. Change In Your Congregation, How Identity and Numbers Matter

Presenter: Rev. Keith Kron

Welcoming Congregation work is harder to do with one gay person than zero. Congregations with ministers of color may be less likely to do anti-racism work than those that don't—or they do it for the wrong reasons. People working for change usually focus on the wrong audience—those opposed to them instead of those that say they are with them. In this workshop, we will focus on how change happens in our congregations and how one's identity as a minister affects this change. While the focus will be on anti-oppression work, the learning can apply to many different areas.

Rev. Keith Kron is the Director of the Office of BGLT Concerns for the UUA, coordinator of Beyond Categorical Thinking and an anti-racism trainer.

### 6. Compassionate Communication Consciousness for Congregations: Loving the Jackal in You and Your Congregation

Presenters: Rev. LoraKim Joyner and Rev. Deborah Holder

This workshop will offer an experiential workshop using nonviolent communication (NVC) techniques to grow peace in our ministries and spiritual lives. By employing concrete steps to grow and implement our understanding of our first principle that sees all beings as worthy, we attempt to answer the age old question: how can we be joyful when blame language is freely howling in you and your con-

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gregations? Exercises will highlight a consciousness of compassion that can be used as a spiritual practice and in conflict, pastoral care, mediation, self-care, and congregational meetings.

LoraKim Joyner, D.V.M., is minister at the UU Fellowship Gainesville, a candidate NVC Certified Trainer, chair of the Compassionate Communication Working Group for the Peacemaking CSAI, and a member of the CSAI Steering Team. Deborah Holder is the president Society of Community Ministries, coordinator of the Urban Disciples, a consultant for the Mountain Desert District Justice Ministries, chair of the MDD Justice Ministries, and the MDD NVC Consultant.

### 7. Healthy Partnerships: Minister as Coach

Presenters: Rev. Dan Hotchkiss and Rev. Nancy O. Arnold

Coaching is the ancient practice of mentoring. The coach as guide, partner, and consultant helps to clarify goals and set an action plan to achieve them. Coaching is designed to help individuals and groups achieve their full potential. Drawing on the personal experience of the presenters, this workshop will demonstrate how a coaching relationship can benefit clergy. The coaching model can be useful personally, in our work toward becoming an anti-racist Association, and in other aspects of ministry, by developing action steps to which we are held accountable. Coaching techniques for use with colleagues and congregations will be presented.

Dan Hotchkiss, senior consultant for the Alban Institute, and Nancy O. Arnold have almost 40 years combined experience serving UU congregations. Both are professional coaches.

### 8. Non-Anxious Presence as a Spiritual Practice

Presenter: Rev. Cathleen Burneo

The power and positive impact of non-anxious presence are well known. One genuinely non-anxious person can shift the energy of a room. But how do we center ourselves in authentic non-anxious presence in the face of the ongoing stream of needs and projections directed our way in ministry? Drawing on a blend of Buddhist practice, Non-Violent Communication, Family Systems Theory and The Work (the teachings of Byron Katie) this workshop will present an accessible process as well as concrete practice in working with these moments of greatest challenge as spiritual practice opportunities.

Rev. Burneo's ministry of UU spiritual direction encompasses both a private practice serving individuals and life partners and an outreach ministry





# 2008 Ministry Days Registration Form

On-line Registration is also available at [www.uuma.org](http://www.uuma.org)  
Please pay close attention to registration deadlines.  
Financial incentives are available for early registration.

## MAILING ADDRESS:

One form per person — Duplicate as necessary — Please print clearly.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province/State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address : \_\_\_\_\_

Day Time Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Tell us how you would like your name badge to read:

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

City, State : \_\_\_\_\_

Group Membership:  UUMA\*  UUMPs  UURMAPA  Ministerial Aspirant

\* To attend Ministry Days you must be a UUMA Member in good standing.  
Please contact the UUMA office to make sure your membership is up to date.

### CENTER DAY WORKSHOP CHOICE :

Workshop Selection (1:30—4:14): \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Will not attend any workshop \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I would be interested in volunteering! (Registration, UUMA Booth, etc)

I plan to add my voice to the Service of the Living Tradition Choir.

## Accessibility Needs:

The UUMA is committed to making Ministry Days a comfortable place for all. If there is something we can do in preparation to meet your needs please let us know. Use the back of this page to inform us of any needs you may have. (Please include requests for hearing or visual assistance.)

## Registration Fee Schedule:

Fee includes access to Monday evening reception, all events for the registered period, breakfast and lunch for days registered, morning and afternoon breaks for days registered, shuttle bus transportation from Convention Center area to Ministry Days site.

| Category                                                     | Postmarked<br>by April 30 | Postmarked<br>May 1—June 1* | On-site<br>Registration† |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. UUMA Member Full Registration                             | \$150                     | \$165                       | \$180                    |
| 2. UUMA Member Tuesday Only                                  | \$100                     | \$110                       | \$120                    |
| 3. UUMA Member Wednesday Only                                | \$100                     | \$110                       | \$120                    |
| 4. UUMPs Full Registration                                   | \$150                     | \$165                       | \$180                    |
| 5. UUMPs Annual Meeting Only                                 | \$20                      | \$20                        | \$20                     |
| 6A. Retired; 6B. Aspirant/Candidate<br>6C. Salary < \$20,000 | \$125                     | \$125                       | N/A                      |

**\* NO Registrations postmarked after June 1, 2008 will be accepted in the office.**  
**† No food will be provided for those who register on-site.**

## Amount Enclosed:

Registration Fee (Please Indicate Category #): \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Education Fund Donation (for 2008) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Payment Method:

Enclosed is a check the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (payable to *UU Ministers Association*)

Charge my  MasterCard  Visa  Discover  AMEX the above amount.

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Canadians paying by check pay in Canadian dollars. By credit card, Canadians are charged the US equivalent of the fees in Canadian dollars.

Mail or Fax this completed registration form with payment to:

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