



Unitarian Universalist

Retired Ministers and Partners Association

Notes for Area Coordinators

The primary goal of UURMaPA is to connect with and care for our retired ministers and partners; you are that link! Area Coordinators serve approximately 40 states or regions, covering the US and Canada. Thank you!

The job you have agreed to is to reach out to the UURMaPA members in your Area and to facilitate contact among them. Your primary task is to be available by initiating contact at least twice each year.

If your area is small and compact, we hope that you will help to organize social gatherings in your area from time to time. If distances between members are large and getting together is difficult, there may be opportunities to have persons living near each other get together. You may help initiate these contacts. Ask others in your Area to help in contacting and in organizing events.

You don't have to do this work alone!

- The Caring Network Chair is always available for help.
- Information about UURMaPA and its activities is available at www.uurmapa.org.
- The UURMaPA Directory lists all the Area Coordinators for you to contact for ideas and consultations.
- Subscribing to UURMaPA's list-serve, UURMaPA-careteam@lists.uua.org, will give you more help.

Who are the people in your caring area? The Membership Directory is on the UURMaPA website (www.uurmapa.org). You will need a username and password.

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The work you agree to do is vital to our retired colleagues and their partners. You are their link to others in their area. Here are some questions you may wish to ask them:

- How are folks in your area doing emotionally? Financially?
- Do they have news to share through Elderberries?
- Is their contact information correct (i.e., address, phone, email)?
- Do they want to provide emergency contact information (i.e., family member(s))?
- Are they receiving *Elderberries*? UUWorld?
- Are there questions or concerns that the UURMaPA Board or the UUA Ministries & Faith Development staff could help with?

Contacts before major holidays are important. One Area Coordinator writes notes to everyone, asking of their welfare and passing along news and new retirees in the area. Another sends news of her area to everyone in her area four times a year. Others follow up on members whom we've lost information on. *Remember to ask permission to pass along any news you may hear!*

These are your most important tasks:

Send any changes in contact information to the UURMaPA Membership Chair, listed in the UURMaPA Directory.

Help a UURMaPAN in financial hardship by contacting the UUA Office of Church Staff Finances (617-948-6421). If you have questions, contact the UURMaPA Caring Network Chair.

If a member has died, contact the Caring Network Chair or Membership Chair as well as other UURMaPAN's in your area.

You are the mainstay of UURMaPA and the work you do is vital to our colleagues, their partners and to the Unitarian Universalist movement.

THANK YOU!