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From Your President

Dear Friends:

Your UURMAPA executive Committee is going to be sitting down in March to make some long range plans for your organization. Right now UURMAPA sponsors five conferences in various parts of the country that offer opportunity for members to get together. We have a caring Network of thirty or so people who try to keep up with our growing and shrinking constituency—people retire, people die. The outlook for the future is that the retired segment will grow.

Some of us have retired quite comfortably with the promise of enough money for now and in the future—if we don't live too long and nothing happens to our health and the economy stays robust. The future is unknowable but when you aren't working anymore, earning money, anything that changes has major impact on your funds. I'm not whining but I miss those big stock market gains of the last five years. This has been a year of shrinkage of the old exchequer. A significant portion of us don't have such good retirements due to bad luck, divorces, illness, debt, death, accidents and coming in to the ministry as a second career.

I see the role of UURMAPA as looking after the needs of our ministers and their partners, as a group. We need to advocate for those needs in any situation where our future welfare could be effected. But we are a diverse group of individuals and individualists. I don't find many of us to be complainers and whiners. Critics, yes. But we need to know who is in need and what we can do to help. There are funds available for the relief of ministers. UURMAPA does not control these funds but we have input to decisions about their use and disbursement.

Right now everyone who is a retired UU minister and his/her partner are considered members of the organization. We send you Elderberries, try to keep up with your residence, may call you on the phone as a friendly visit and invite you to various conferences. Our membership is on four continents.

We are presently funded by member contributions (if you've been meaning to send some money do it now) a grant from the New York Universalist Convention, and the UUA. Our budget is about \$15,000. I've been President for six months and I am just discovering most of this and find it interesting.

Let us hear from you. Write me, call me and e-mail me—or any of the members of your board.

Ed Harris

UURMAPA Workshop at GA

Our workshop, "Fear of Retirement", is currently scheduled on Friday June 22 from 4:45 to 6:00 PM.

In Memoriam

The Reverend Dr. George H. Williams, Hollis Professor of Divinity Emeritus at Harvard Divinity School died October 6, 2000. Surviving Partner: Marjorie Derr Williams, Cadbury Commons, 66 Sherman Street, Cambridge, MA 02140

The Reverend Dr. Harry C. Meserve died November 8, 2000. Surviving Partner: Katharine M. B. Meserve, P. O. Box 1077, Southwest Harbor, ME 04679-1077

Marie Jenkins Keil died April 1, 2000. Deceased Partner: The Reverend William P. Jenkins (she had remarried and is survived by her second husband). Her daughter is: Anne J. Perry, 35 Deer Creek Road, Pittsford, NY 14534-4152.

The Reverend George and Ann Marshfield died (Ann August 6, George August 8). Laurel Marshfield, whose address we do not have, is their only child.

Helen Marley died October 21, 2000. Deceased Partner: The Reverend Harold Marley. Her next of kin is her granddaughter, Kitty Marley Dalton 207 Morningside Drive, Carrboro, NC 27510.

The Reverend Horace (Hank) Colpitts died January 18, 2001. Surviving Partner: Lorraine I. Colpitts, 1270 Fifth Avenue, Apt. 8-G, New York, NY 10029

The Reverend Dr. Richard S. Hasty died November 25, 2000. Surviving Partner, Richard T. Lincoln HCR 73, Box 725, Alton Bay, NH 03810-9711 and his former wife Susan Hasty, 99A Neal Street, Portland, Maine 04102.

The Reverend Virginia Stephens died November 22, 2000. Her daughter is Ms. Sarah Callbeck, 1425 Elk Way, Bear, DE 19701.

Richard W. Knost died January 27, 2001. Deceased Partner Rosalie Knost. He is survived by two sons, both ministers, Peter N. Knost and Jan V. Knost. Jan is at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Clearwater, 2470 Nursery Road, Clearwater, FL 33764-2720.

Mail from ***William Robbins*** has been returned marked "Deceased." Can anyone supply us with more information?

What we call the beginning is often the end
And to make an end is to make a beginning.
The end is where we start from ...
—T. S. Eliot in *Little Gidding*

From Ralph Miro—Church Staff Finances

Financial aid funds administered by the Dept. of Ministry, the Society for Ministerial Relief, and the Massachusetts Congregational Charitable Society are readily available to retired clergy or surviving families in financial need. The MCCS can award grants only to widows or ministers who served congregations in Massachusetts or Maine. The others are not geographically limited.

The extraordinarily high cost of gas and heating oil for furnaces has caused us great concern for retired ministers and survivors on fixed income. The UUA is making grants of \$300 to \$500 available to be sure no one lacks adequate heat this winter.

I hope no one who really needs this assistance will be reluctant to reply. Countless persons have called upon our UU ministers—and their families—for every form of support, guidance, comfort and wisdom. We urge those who have been so generous to others to now let us be sure that they are not in difficulty because of these high costs. Do contact me if you need help.

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Ralph Miro
UUA Office of Church Staff Finances

The Caring Network

The Caring Network contact person for the northern half of The Joseph Priestley District will be Joe Wesley of Allentown, PA and Bellevue, WA. Joe and his wife, Alice, travel between their two homes spending 3 months in each and a lot of time up in the air between. Thanks Joe for accepting this position.

The Caring Network welcomes Jan Evans-Tiller of Ithaca, NY as its newest contact person. Jan replaces Libbie Stoddard in networking with retirees in the U.S. side of the St. Lawrence District. A big hug to Libbie and another one for Jan. UURMAPA sincerely appreciates you.

New lists have been mailed to all the Network Contact People and there were surprises in a number of districts as some 30 newly retired ministers and partners have been added to URMAPA since the 2000-2001 directory was published. (See additions elsewhere in this newsletter.)

Doe Lockwood

Regional Conferences . . . You are welcome at any or all of them!

Pan-South Conference, Asheville, North Carolina, April 5-8

Three nights at a nearby motel, seven or eight meals, stimulating speakers and sharing—all that is covered by \$165 per person (double occupancy)—taxes and tips are included! Single room supplement is \$81. Commuter rates are available. Adjustments can be made for part-time attendance. Extended stays before and after the Conference are available at the same rates. All meetings are at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Asheville. You are responsible for one—or perhaps two—meals at local restaurants.

Some Conference topics and speakers include the following:

“Strengthening Ministerial Family Life,” Maureen Killoran and Peter Hyatt

“Progress in Regard to Covenanting,” Clark Olson

“Adin Ballou and the Origins of Non-Violence,” Jim Hunt

“Civil Rights and Southern Challenges,” Monroe Gilmour

“Building Bridges: A Symposium on Racial Harmony,” Jackie Simms

Preachers at the two Sunday morning services: Larry Hamby and Herbert Adams

Registration Deadline March 1

To Register: Send a check payable to “UURMAPA Pan South Conference” to Bob MacPherson, Treasurer, P.O. Box 9573, Asheville, NC 28815.

More information? Call Bob or Ann MacPherson, (828) 298-5085.

Western Conference - May 7 (afternoon)-May 10 (lunch), 2001

The conference will be in the Vallombrosa Center in Menlo Park (in the San Francisco Bay area, near Palo Alto and Stanford University). Ted Webb will give the keynote address. Odysseys will be presented by John Nichols Booth and Laile Bartlett. Other presenters will be: Jack Mendelsohn on “UU Epiphany at Selma”; Jack Kent on his book, *Psychological Origins of the Resurrection Myth*; Bill Houff on “When Business Turns to Spirituality”; and a panel consisting of Rosemary Matson, Ken Helms, and Eva Gilmartin on “Unraveling Our Patriarchal Legacy.”

Conference fee, room, and board is \$315 for a single room or \$292.50 per person for a double. Commuter registrations are \$42 per day (lunch only) or \$67 per day (three meals). For more details and registration forms contact Delta D. Ockert, Treasurer, 2001 UURMAPA West Conference, 4311 Vasend Court NE, Salem, OR 97305-4703.

World Congress of Faiths

The World Congress of Faiths, theme for the year 2001 is: “Religions in Dialogue: From Conflict to Trust.” There are many stimulating conferences all over the world. For information: Richard Boeke, World Congress of Faiths, 16 St. Mary's Gardens, Chesworth Lane, Horsham RH12 1 JP, U.K —e-mail r.boeke@virgin.net.

We Publish

Though most parish histories appeal mainly to members of the congregation being chronicled, this one may be of more than parochial interest, due to its fine design and broad historical sweep, describing Unitarianism's (and Universalism's) beginnings and development down to the present time.

Charles Grady, Minister Emeritus of the First Parish UU Church in Arlington, Mass., is the author of *Arlington's First Parish: A History, 1732-1990*. It is a hardcover, 312-page illustrated volume, and is available from the First Parish Alliance, 630 Massachusetts Ave., Arlington MA 02476, for \$25. plus \$5 shipping and handling.

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Helen Moore has just had her husband Stewart's book published: *The Slow Tide of Nightfall* by Stewart Moore. The book consists of 12 fiction short stories on the theme of father-son relationships. Stewart left some money to have them published in book form—143 pp., \$10.65 including shipping (same price in U.S. or Canadian dollars, may cost more to ship to U.S.) Available from Helen Moore, 1285 Talbot Road, Windsor, ON Canada N9H 1A5.

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Ann Howe, partner of Charles Howe announces that Prentice-Hall has published two of her textbooks: *Engaging Children In Science*, 3rd ed., and *Case Studies in Elementary Science: Learning from Teachers*. As for Charles himself, he has written a full-length article for *The Journal of UU History* on "David Eaton's All Souls' Ministry." It appears in the most recent issue, Vol. XXVII.

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Vi Kochendoerfer's new autobiographical work, *Growing Up in Minnesota in the Twenties*, takes us back to small town life in the Twenties. Her experiences range from school days, to the death of her father, to the depression, to service in the WAACs and the American Red Cross during World War II, to her ministry. Order from the Winona County Historical Society, 160 Johnson Street, Winona, MN 55987—\$9.95 plus \$3 for shipping and handling.

## And Get Married

Congratulations to Clarke Wells and Barbara Carlson who were married on November 27, 2000. Their address is 1213 Hearthstone Court, Bloomington, IN 47401.

## New Retirees . . . add to your directory

*These came to us sans zip codes and partners' names. We're passing on what we have— Ed*

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Dale E. Arnink  
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Stanley Aronson  
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Stamford CT  
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Patricia Bowen  
26H Piscassic #307  
Newmarket, NH

Judith Deutsch  
41 Concord Rd.  
Sudbury MA  
978.443.8609

Neal W. Ferris  
24 Woodridge Rd.  
Durham NH  
603.868.1521

F. Davis Fisher  
RR 1, Box 280  
Lovell ME 04051  
207 925 1034

Charles A. Gaines  
125 Audubon Dr.  
Acton MA  
978.263.1336

W. Bradford Greeley  
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New Castle NH  
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# The Nominating Committee

*Elizabeth Anastos is incorrectly listed as Chair of the Nominating Committee in the new UURMAPA Directory. It should be Charity Rowley. —Ed*

Your nominating committee seeks your suggestions for elections in May of 2001. We elect the following officers in odd numbered years: President, Vice President, Caring Network Chair, one Member-at-large, and Chair of the Nominating Committee.

Many of those already in office will continue. All except the President are limited to serving two full terms on UURMAPA's board and/or six consecutive years. The President may serve beyond the four year limit in his/her position.

Please send suggestions for these positions to Charity Rowley (chair) at [uurowley@aol.com](mailto:uurowley@aol.com) (snail mail 519 West Park Road, Iowa City, IA 52246) or 319-351-7972 or Eugene Navias at [EBNavias@aol.com](mailto:EBNavias@aol.com) or (617) 436-2128. You will be receiving ballots in May.

Ann MacPherson of Asheville, NC, site of the Appalachian Spring Conference in April, has agreed to join the Nominating Committee. She joins Charity Rowley, Chair, and Eugene Navias of Boston.

*Charity Rowley*

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