

Gordon Gibson Wins our CREATIVE SAGEING Award

Annually, UURMaPA bestows its Creative Sageing Award “in recognition of outstanding service and creativity in pursuing new ventures after retirement and building on one’s experience in creative ways.” This year’s recipient doesn’t seem to have much use for the word retirement and continues to enrich us all by his tireless work on our history. The selection committee consisted of Marni Harmony, Makanah Morris and Ellen Brandenburg. Their decision was unanimous: **Rev. Dr. Gordon Gibson.**

Ellen particularly remembers his leadership on pilgrimages to civil rights sites in the South. She also mentioned the other leadership work with the Living Legacy Project that he’s assumed since his retirement has been particularly impressive. Makanah Morris recalls how essential his ministerial presence was to the Knoxville are members, when a gunman opened fire one Sunday. His calming which followed was very healing for all ages in the congregation.

Gordon has been organizing and leading pilgrimages to civil rights experience of living in Mississippi from 1969-1984 when he was the received the UUA Presidential Award for Volunteer Service after racial justice at its core. Upon receiving that honor, Gordon said, circle of people who saw value in an idea my wife, Judy, and I began developing and implementing as I neared retirement. The Living Legacy Project has improved and extended what we had begun, and I have seen our civil rights pilgrimages and the recent Selma conference challenge, change, and empower people. There is something in the process of coming face-to-face with the people, places, and stories of the civil rights movement that has changed more lives than all 50 years of my sermons.”



UURMaPA President Jim Eller presents
Gordon Gibson with the 2017
CREATIVE SAGEING award

Anyone who has heard him speak in any venue knows that Gordon Gibson understands the value of a good story. Gordon has lived his life learning and sharing the stories of others so that, through their example, the good and the not-so-good, we all can be stronger, better, more loving people. At Gordon’s core is a passion for us all to appreciate the gifts in one another and to leave the world a kinder, gentler place.

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From your Editor

This is my first edition of *Elderberries*, and I must admit editing this is a formidable task! Yet, UURMaPA has come to mean a great deal in my retirement, so I willingly accepted the task. It's impossible to achieve the excellence our former Editor, now President Judy Welles, achieved in her years on the job, but it's my goal to maintain her superior standard.

I had production help from a church friend because it's apparent that one person can't create this newsletter alone. It's true that most ministers are good writers, and I've always been struck by the high caliber, sensitive quality of the obituaries in *Elderberries*. We have the exceptional talents of Jay Atkinson and Roger Rochester (as well as their volunteers) to thank for writing them. I found that even if I didn't know the departed minister or partner, I always wished that I had known them after I read their obituaries.

This issue is skimpy on G.A. news because there were too few submissions. I wasn't there this year, nor were many of our UURMaPA officers. I can only print what I'm given, and I encourage all of you to let me know what's going on in your lives. Art Severance is the newly elected Connections Chair, and I urge you to take advantage of this caring component of UURMaPA. Write me directly! I'm always eager to hear from you and any of your bright ideas. Speaking of that, check out our fundraising trip to England in this issue of *Elderberries*! This newsletter keeps us connected across the years and miles. I'll look forward to hearing from y'all at nancee1944@gmail.com.

Nancee Campbell, *Elderberries* Editor



The UURMaPA Winter Conference will be held at the Franciscan Conference Center in warm, sunny Tampa, Florida. Our keynote speaker will be the wonderful Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker. We deliberately chose the dates and location to make it easy for any of you who might be attending the UUMA Institute to join us at UURMaPA immediately following the Institute. (Did we mention that beaches are less than an hour away in one direction and the joys of Orlando theme parks are about an hour in another direction?)

More news and a registration form will be in the fall edition of *Elderberries*.

A Word from your President

“The Best-Laid Plans”

“... Gang aft agley, an' lea'e us nought but grief an' pain, for promised joy” according to poet Robert Burns, apologizing to a mouse whose nest he had disturbed while plowing.

Indeed. This photo was taken on our front porch on election day, 2016. Convinced that the country was about to elect its first woman President, I proudly dressed in my preaching pantsuit (tight around the waist, but wearable if I didn't breathe much), my “Nasty Woman” t-shirt and awaited the happy results. Oh dear, that election didn't turn out the way I had expected, and we are now living in a world “agley” (awry) for sure.



Likewise, when I agreed to assume the Presidency of UURMaPA months and months ago, I had no idea that on April 20 I would undergo an emergency appendectomy that turned into eight hours of cancer surgery and the removal of not only my appendix, but much of my large intestine as well. No one expects to be diagnosed with cancer — my plans were definitely otherwise: attend General Assembly and participate in the various programs involving UURMaPA, including the Service of the Living Tradition; attend the various UURMaPA conferences; conduct the monthly Board meetings by video-conference; do All The Things. I will likely do these things anyway, except that I was unable to attend G.A. (Big thanks to Jim Eller, who stepped forward as I stepped back, and ended up carrying the full burden of official UURMaPA responsibilities, as Marni Harmony was also unable to attend at the last minute.)

My surgeon said I could take on the UURMaPA Presidency. I explained to him that I take my commitments seriously; I have a strong work ethic; and furthermore, this was a job I wanted to do. But I was concerned that the after-effects of such a big surgery and the side-effects of chemotherapy would render me unable to take up this responsibility. “What should I do?” I asked him in mid-May. “I think you should do what makes you happy,” he replied. “If it will make you happy to take up this assignment, then you should do it. You can always back out later if you find that it's too much. And if we aren't treating you so that you can do the things that make you happy, then what's the point of all this?”

So here I am after all. When my husband Duane and I retired from our co-ministry in 2011, I had no intention of going anywhere near UURMaPA in my retirement. “A bunch of boring old folks” was how I characterized UURMaPA's in my mind. But there was a need for a newsletter editor, and I thought it would be fun to learn desktop publishing, so I said yes and found myself not only editing *Elderberries*, but serving on the best Board I've ever seen. I learned about UURMaPA's commitment to advocate for retired UU ministers and their families, and to be a virtual gathering place for retired friends and colleagues. I saw us receive generous grant support for several new ventures. I attended conferences and made new friends. Now I can hardly imagine my life without UURMaPA in it.

No grief and pain here, but unpromised joy. I'm so glad I veered away from my plan to ignore UURMaPA, especially since more and more of the new retirees are friends and colleagues already dear to my heart.

When I ended every Sunday service, I extinguished the chalice flame and said “Please take this flame into your own hearts and go out and light up the world with it. Because you are the light of the world.” You still are...

Blessings,

Judy Welles, President

Guess who was at the UURMaPA lunch at G.A.? How many of your friends can you name?



New Board Member-at-Large Cathie Severance

*He drew a circle to shut me out - Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.
But Love and I had the wit to win: We drew a circle that took him in!*

“Outwitted” by Edwin Markham

My early years were spent on a dairy farm in Bristol, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. My dad was a farmer who saw God in nature and life around him. My mom was raised Irish Catholic but was a liberal Christian, with an incredibly positive outlook on life. She was a member of a Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, and I was in 4-H, Girl Scouts, and the Grange.

In Junior high I read the magazines that came to our house, and when something caught my attention, I would cut it out and put it in my wallet. This poem was one of the first ones put in my wallet. It was always reading that inspired me to help make the world a better place.

Professionally I was an Interventionist working with troubled children with different abilities and learning styles. I taught children from pre-school through high school in a variety of situations and settings. I considered myself a “Professional Parent”. In June 2016, I retired after 45 years in the classroom.

Art and I have three daughters who are truly making the world a better place. Having finally arrived in Texas for our retirement, I will continue to sew and quilt, read, listen to music and hope that someday Art will go country dancing with me. We like to go "antiquing" and we take turns being the "voice of reason." I have always been involved in church and believe in kindness and helping others.

A Word from the UUMA

Dear Retired Colleagues,

My name is Melissa Carvill Ziemer and I am the current Acting Executive Director of the UUMA. A big part of my work this past year was overseeing a pilot of the new **Ministerial Formation Network (MFN)**. The MFN promises discernment support, supplemental education and collegiality to all eligible aspirant and candidates for our ministry no matter where they live. Thanks to generous grant support, we are able to offer this program to participants at no cost. For a fuller description of the program, please visit <http://www.uuma.org/page/mfn>



Scan with your
smart phone to visit
the web site.



In collaboration with the UUA, we are preparing to implement this new program continentally. **Please consider this a warm invitation to share your wisdom and considerable experience in nurturing the next generation of Unitarian Universalist ministers.** There are several ways that you can assist in the formation of Aspirants and Candidates for Unitarian Universalist ministry. To learn more about the volunteer roles for ministers, please visit the MFN page <http://www.uuma.org/page/mfn>, scroll down to "How do I become a leader in the MFN?" and click on a position. Briefly, the roles are:

MFN Liaison: *This is our most pressing need. Applications are due July 31.*

The MFN Liaison will help administer chapter groups of the Ministerial Formation Network. Liaisons will assist with recruiting and supporting leaders, connecting newly eligible aspirants and candidates to the program, and ensuring the MFN is fully implemented in their chapter. Including planning and leading a retreat, we estimate this position to require 5-10 hours per month, on average. There is an honorarium for this position.

Discernment Group Leader: *Sign Ups are due August 7.*

MFN Discernment Group leaders will function as vocational advisors, discernment guides, and role models to the aspirants and candidates in their group. They will lead their groups in spiritual reflection, model and encourage collegiality, and offer referrals for further support to participants in their group.

Vocational Advising: *Sign Ups are due August 7.*

MFN Vocational Advisors will offer individual discernment support for up to two aspirants and candidates. They will listen carefully, ask good questions, encourage spiritual growth and model collegiality for the individual with whom they work. Vocational Advisors may offer referrals for further support for their advisee.

Webinar Presenter: *Sign Ups are due September 1.*

MFN Webinar Presenters will prepare a specified amount of content on a topic of their choice, selected from our list of curricula topics. Each webinar will be repeated once or twice in order to accommodate varying time zones and schedules.

We will be selecting MFN Liaisons early in August and Discernment Group Leaders and Vocational Advisors in mid-August. We will select Webinar Presenters by the early September. All leaders in the program will be asked to attend an on-line orientation in September. Because of the unexpected transition in UUMA leadership, we are running a bit behind schedule so there may be some wiggle room if you read this newsletter after the deadline to apply or sign up. If you have any questions, or would like to learn more, please let me know at executivedirector@uuma.org

In faith,

Melissa Carvill-Ziemer, Acting Executive Director

UURMaPA Fall Conference

La Salette Retreat Center Attleboro, MA

October 2-5, 2017

Our 2017 theme is *Strengthening Our Souls in These Troubled Times*. Laurel Hallman, our keynote presenter, will be leading us in a spiritual retreat focusing on how we, as retired ministers and partners, may live with depth and significance in these challenging times. In addition to her keynote, Laurel will lead us in an exploration of spiritual practices to deepen our lives and strengthen our souls.

Laurel decided early in her ministry that her avocation would be spiritual practice and the exploration of spiritual deepening for Unitarian Universalists. She participated in courses at the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Leadership for more than 20 years, and with Rev. Harry Scholefield, she developed a video and curriculum called *Living by Heart*, using poetry as a mantra for meditation. Laurel retired in June (for the second time) from an interim Ministry at the UU Fellowship of Falmouth, MA. Prior to her first retirement, she was the senior minister of the First Unitarian Church of Dallas for 22 years. In 2016, she received the Distinguished Service Award from the UUA.

Pioneering UU community minister and 2013 Berry Street presenter **Rev. Donald Robinson** will present the Odyssey. In 1991, Don founded a community center called *Beacon House* in the notoriously violent and drug-infested neighborhood of Washington, DC known as Edgewood. *Beacon House* is a nonprofit, community-based organization that provides tutoring, mentoring, cultural, athletic, recreation, and nutrition programs to at-risk, low-income children. Don retired this year, just as *Beacon House* celebrated its 25th anniversary. He has an amazing story to tell.



We are also in conversation with our new UUA President, **Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray**, about speaking with us during our conference.

We'll provide workshops, trips in the area and plenty of time to share with old friends and new. The cost is \$250 per person, including lodging for 3 nights, meals, snacks & beverages and the whole program. **Our registration deadline is September 8.** Use the form on page 11 in this *Elderberries* or the one on our web site, and mail it with your check to **John Manwell at 407 Russell Street, Apt. 806, Gaithersburg, MD.** For more information contact **Phyllis Hubbell** (phubbell@uuma.org. 410-916-6680.) Scholarship help is available.

New UURMaPA Members

Elizabeth Miller
Beth Williams
Pat Herdklotz
Georganne Greene
Melanie
Morel-Ensminger

*Security is mostly superstition.
Avoiding danger is no safer
in the long run than outright exposure.
Life is either a daring adventure,
or nothing.*

Helen Keller

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Gordon is genuinely interested in others, and his beloved wife Judy claims that he "... has always been other-people-focused. He seems constantly ready to reach out, ready to be helpful and supportive to people around him. His favorite situations are when we get involved in interesting conversations, ideally over good food. I cannot think of a time when he retreated into a personal funk! I believe that his choice of ministry was absolutely the right direction for him."

In retirement, Judy and Gordon live in Knoxville, Tennessee, where Gordon is writing a book about Southern Unitarian Universalists in the civil rights era.

NOTE: The SAGEING Award Committee wishes we could name both Gordon and Judy for this award. But given that Judy is on the UURMaPA Board where she serves as our most amazing secretary, we felt it was probably not appropriate.

But we want everyone to know that in our hearts this award goes to both Gordon and Judy. And we want to mention that in 2016, the Knoxville Urban League did it right. They bestowed that *Whitney Young Lifetime Achievement Award*, the most prestigious of all Urban League Awards, on both Gordon and Judy.



Gordon and Judy Gibson

NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE
For Recently Retired Ministers: UURMaPA's Peer Group Connections via ZOOM

Each year, as a new group of ministers retires, we invite those who are interested in becoming part of a Peer Group. A sign-up sheet is circulated at the UURMaPA luncheon at GA, and this notice appears in *Elderberries* inviting your participation. Peer groups offer fresh relationships and accountability in this new season of our lives. The groups function much like a covenant group that sets its own content. The groups meet for an hour and a half once a month with the structure of a check-in, followed by discussion of issues and concerns that emerge from the group itself. There are expectations around good group process and communication. We ask for a commitment for one year, with an option to continue longer. While each group begins with a facilitator, we have found that facilitation easily rotates once group

members begin to know each other better. We use ZOOM so that we're able to see each others' faces. One new UURMaPA member described retirement from UU ministry as "a precious entity all its own" and her peer group as "a close band of trustworthy travelers" who are discovering what it is to shed the mantle of ministry. You can find the complete article in the Spring 2016 issue of *Elderberries* ('A new small congregation'). I hope to add a new peer group beginning in September. If you weren't able to sign up at the UURMaPA luncheon at GA and you'd like to be in a group, email me immediately so you don't lose out on this opportunity!

~ *Diane Miller* (diane_miller@comcast.net)

In Memoriam

Longer and more detailed versions of all obituaries can be found on the UURMaPA web site at:

<http://www.uurmapa.org/obituaries.html>. No password is necessary to access that page.



TERRY M. BURKE (1953–2015)



The Reverend Terry Burke—beloved parish minister, devoted husband and father, world traveler, and community servant—died on 15 August 2015, aged 61.

Much of Terry’s travels focused on personal spirituality, justice activism, and religious study. He visited Central America in the 1980’s, studied Orthodox churches and their icons in St. Petersburg, Istanbul, the Sinai, and Venice, walked the Camino in 2012 with his daughter Amelia, and went twice to Jerusalem to meet with religious peace workers.

Over 31 years in his one and only parish settlement (1983-2014) at the First Church in Jamaica Plain (UU), the Rev. Mr. Burke “revitalized” the church from a mostly elderly membership of twelve people to its recent and significantly younger constituency of 100+ adults and a children’s enrollment of 22.

Terry Mark Burke was born in Flint, Michigan, on 12 November 1953 to Jack and Virginia Burke. He discovered the UU congregation in Flint, drawn in his teens by a shared opposition to the Vietnam War. After earning a B.A. and M.Div. at Harvard, Mr. Burke was ordained by Manhattan’s Fourth Universalist Church, where, in an internship, he “fell in love with parish ministry.”

Terry’s friend and former roommate, acclaimed journalist Chris Hedges, eulogized Terry’s shared ministry with his wife Ellen:

“Terry and Ellen—she played the organ and handled the music—have given 31 years of their lives to this church. . . . The remarkable intertwining of [their lives] to create a thing of beauty, a thing we cannot see or touch but can only feel and sense, is what ministry is about. If there is a more meaningful way to spend a life I do not know it.”

Terry is survived by his wife Ellen McGuire, his brother Tim, and three daughters, Willow, Amelia, and Lucyanna. A memorial service was held at his Jamaica Plain church. Notes of condolence may be sent to Ellen McGuire, 16 Rosecliff St, Roslindale, MA. 02131-3525.



GERALDINE EDDY (1932 - 2017)



Geraldine Eddy, 84, the wife of Reverend Robert M. Eddy, passed away April 22, 2017. Though she had survived many life-threatening medical emergencies, she always found a way to regain her vitality, and remained active all her life. She and Bob had taken a 13 mile bike ride two days before her death.

Born October 9, 1932, in Montgomery, Alabama, Gerry earned a B.A. in 1952 from Wesleyan College. She later earned an MA in library science from the University of Michigan. She was a school librarian in several places, retiring in 1993, after 20 years in Aurora, Colorado.

In 1954 Gerry married Robert Eddy, who was studying at Drew Seminary. In 1956, they moved to North Creek, NY, where Bob served the Methodist Church. Bob became a Unitarian Universalist minister in 1963 and he moved his family, which now included three children, to churches in Farmington, MI; Schenectady, NY; and Denver, CO. After Gerry retired, Bob's interim ministries took them to Indianapolis, Indiana; Adelaide, Australia; Denver, CO; and Pensacola, FL. In 2001 they returned to Pensacola.

They traveled extensively, including one 14 month trip around the world and four years living full-time in an RV. Biking had a special place in Gerry's heart. She and Bob took rides in 49 of the 50 United States, Canada, Europe, and even a couple days in Tibet. In her later years, Gerry immersed herself in Buddhism, attending retreats around the country, and a weekly English language meditation services at the Dieu De Vietnamese Temple in Pensacola.

Gerry is survived by husband Robert M. Eddy of Pensacola, FL; daughter Lee Eddy of Seattle, WA; daughter Pam Eddy and son-in-law Shawn Reynolds of Bloomington, IN; son Miles Eddy of Bloomington, IN and grandchild McCarry Reynolds of Santa Cruz, CA.

For a fuller story, visit www.BobAndGerryEddy.com.



THE REVEREND CHRISTINE HILLMAN (1949 - 2015)

Christine was a student, teacher, mentor, lover of learning, religious educator, chaplain, preacher, feminist, Facebook frequenter, Canadian curling enthusiast, social justice promoter, and “a colleague’s colleague”—died peacefully from colon cancer on 7 August 2015 in Royal Oak, Michigan; she was 65.

Christine was curious, studious, and truly learned; conscientious, with a soul that ached at injustice; courageous and empathetic, having been schooled in the heartbreak of her own losses; kind, encouraging, and generous of heart and mind. The Rev. Richard Nugent declared, “Ministry was in . . . [her] blood years before her ordination.”

Christine Edith Morr, born in Kokomo, Indiana, 29 September 1949, was the eldest child of Melba and Eugene Morr. Initially drawn to nursing, Christine discovered she was meant to teach. Following marriage to Arthur Hillman, and the arrival of their children, Christine brought her passion as an educator to motherhood, raising three “teacher’s kids.” As a UU religious educator she led Renaissance Modules, was a trainer for the “Cakes for the Queen of Heaven” theology curriculum, and served on the RE Committee of the UUA’s Michigan District. She also worked as a chaplain and adjunct professor before earning her M.Div. in 1999 at age 50. Thereafter, as a parish minister, Christine served the UU Church of Olinda (Ruthven, Ontario) from 2001 until her death. She served on the Board of Trustees of the Canadian Unitarian Council, and she chaired the Council’s Theological Education Funds Committee.

Christine is survived by her husband, Arthur Hillman, daughters Courtney, Lee, and Blythe Wood; granddaughters, Kaylee and Anaka Wood; sisters, Anne Morr and Susan Bienz; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held at Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, Southfield, Michigan and the UU Church of Olinda, Ruthven, Ontario.

As readers will notice, we are still running very far behind in producing obituaries for our ministerial colleagues. Crafting obituaries that honor our departed members with appropriate completeness, dignity, sensitivity, and grace of expression is a time-intensive process while also, or maybe because of, being a labor of love. Thus, we have quite a backlog. I express my great thanks for two volunteer colleagues, Jim Grant and Colleen McDonald, who have contributed valuable assistance to the obits in this Elderberries issue. But we could use much more help. Thus, if you are so inclined, I invite and encourage your assistance in this work.

Jay Atkinson, Obituary Editor

TERENCE SHERIDAN (1935 – 2014)



Terence Sheridan, 78, widower of Reverend Laurel Sheridan, passed away September 6, 2014 in Tucson AZ.

As a young man Terry was inspired by an uncle. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, rising to receive top secret clearance, and becoming a courier between Quantico and DC. He later joined the Coast Guard and served until being honorably discharged with 22 years of service. He was a long time member of the American Legion.

He was educated at Roger Williams University and University of Rhode Island, and spent many years teaching English Literature and Grammar at State Colleges, Jr. Colleges, and other schools. He was a student of Shakespeare, whom he frequently quoted, and a published poet. He was also noted as a water color artist, and was a devoted bridge and cribbage player.

Terry was married several times, but his last and longest marriage was to Laurel, whom he met when they both attended a group therapy session in Providence RI. She was an RN who had felt a call to ministry. Terry supported her through her theological education and accompanied her as she served congregations in Vermont, Maine, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts. He continued to teach when he could find a position, and participated in congregational life as well – singing in the choirs and helping with property maintenance. Laurel retired after suffering a stroke in 1998, and they moved to Tucson. She passed away on May 15, 2008.

Terry is survived by his son, Kevin J. Sheridan and wife Joanne of Smithfield RI; his step children, Julie Romero and husband Bob of Kingston RI, Alison Sakariason of Tucson AZ, and Holly Sakariason and wife Bethie Stoller of Yuma AZ; his sister, Katherine Sheridan and brother, William Sheridan and wife Mary, all of North Providence RI.

A Good Idea for our Times!

I'm losing my mind!

I mean that literally. About 18 months ago an MRI indicated that my brain has shrunk more than expected for my age. The diagnosis: Minor Cognitive Impairment, on the gradual downward slope toward Alzheimer's.

The Rev. Paul Howe L'Herrou

When I first learned this, I felt overwhelmed, but, at this point, I am feeling relatively comfortable and embracing joy within this new phase of my life. My wife/care partner, Sylvia Howe, has been very supportive and we have taken full advantage of the helpful programs of the Alzheimer's Association. I have even appreciated my neurologist's macabre humor, saying the good news is that, with my apparently slow progression and at my age (turning 80 this year), I may not live long enough to experience the full effects of this disease.

Sylvia and I are aware of and have been in contact with a few UURMaPA members who

are also facing dementia-related issues for themselves or their loved ones. We would like to explore setting up some sort of networking-mutual support-sharing. If you or your partner are or have been affected, either directly or indirectly, by Alzheimer's, Lewy Body, Vascular, or other dementia, and you are interested in participating in some form of mutual support, please contact me (pauillerrou@gmail.com) or Sylvia (sylhowe42@gmail.com). Let us know what form of communication would work best for you, so that we can make the interdependent web a tangible reality in our lives.

UURMaPA Fall Conference REGISTRATION Form
La Salette Center, Attleboro, MA.
October 2 - 5, 2017

Please register me/us for the UURMaPA Fall Conference in Attleboro, MA. Enclosed is \$250.00/person. This fee covers the program, a single room (bath shared with another single room) for 3 nights, 9 meals, social hour refreshments, and general expenses. The fee for conference attendees NOT staying at the La Salette Center overnight is \$125.00 per person.

Name/s: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please indicate any special needs, dietary or otherwise (see note below about shower grab bars):

Full registration fee: \$250/person \$ _____

Commuter registration fee: \$125/person \$ _____

Additional Contribution to help others attend \$ _____

This form & check payable to "UURMaPA" enclosed in the amount of \$ _____

REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK must be received by September 8th.

Mail this form and your check to: **John Manwell, 407 Russell Ave., Apt. 806, Gaithersburg, MD 20877.** Confirmation of your reservation and directions to the La Salette Center will be sent to you upon receipt of your registration form and check.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: Determine the amount of assistance that you need in order to attend the conference. Be sure to include costs for travel, caregiver for a dependent partner, etc. in addition to the registration fee in your request.

Contact Joel Weaver, treasurer. E-mail: weaver_je@hotmail.com or call 610/558-2323.

Note: La Salette Center's toilets and showers in the sleeping quarters are not wheelchair accessible; however, it is only a few steps from the sleeping room to the toilet. There are wheelchair accessible toilets on the first floor and there is an elevator for access to the sleeping floors and chapel.

Questions? Concerns? Special Requests? Feel free to contact **John Manwell.**

E-mail: jmanwell@uuma.org. Cell Phone 571/223-6604

Thanks to YOUR generosity, UURMaPA has donated five grab bars (10 people's worth!) for the showers at La Salette. Please indicate (above) if you need one of those showers.

In case of cancellation, UURMaPA will do our best to refund as much of the fee as possible. Some costs may be nonrefundable. If your place is filled from a waiting list, a full refund may be made.



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