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1	13:99	Worship Arts Lay Ministry	How to determine your congregation's wishes for worship services and to energize a committee (lay ministry) to create such programs, using members' and minister's skills.	Patricia Kridler	newsprint, markers, easel, and masking tape		Patricia Kridler	Patricia	UUC of Minnetonka	4085 Sibley Avenue Deephaven, MN 55391	officeadmin@mith.org	Attn Pat K	952-449-4802	
2	14:00	Campaign for a Commercial Free Childhood	The Campaign for a Commercial Free Childhood (CCFC) has taken root in the Quad Cities. Members of our social outreach committee would like to tell their story of how our grassroots effort joined forces with the national organization, CCFC, to pilot an education and advocacy effort locally. We will share our print and PowerPoint information and explain how your congregation could also have a local chapter of the CCFC. We envision this as a significant component of our PSD social justice efforts.	Kathy Bowman and Joyce Wiley	PowerPoint presentation space for 30 people		Kathy Bowman	Kathy	Davenport Unitarian Church	3707 Eastern Avenue Davenport, IA 52807-1398	Kbowman18@aol.com	joycewiley@mchsi.com	563-359-6106 (Kathy) 309-797-5669 (Joyce)	563-359-0816 (Kathy) 309-786-2580 (Joyce)
3a	14:01	Get Out the Binoculars! (The Future is in Sight)	What will our congregations be like in 2025? Join members of the PSD board to hear some "letters from the future," then create your own letter about your congregation.	Mary Amundsen and PSD board members			Mary Amundsen	Mary	Rochester, MN	2901 Bambi Court SW Rochester, MN 55902	mhamundsen@aol.com		507-285-1297	
3b	14:01	Letters From Our Future	Join the PSD board as we envision the possible future of Unitarian Universalism in the Midwest. This visioning exercise will not only help us chart the course for our district, but provide an excellent tool for congregational planning.	PSD board, Rev. Nancy Haley, Rev. Brian Eslinger	flip chart	Note: need to reconcile duplicate submission from Mary Amundsen	Rev. Brian Eslinger	Brian	Iowa City and Ames	721 Arizona Ave. Ames, IA 50014	eslinger@isunet.net		515-292-8209	515-292-5960
4	14:02	Hands-On Spirituality	One of the most universal symbols of hope and courage is the "peace crane." Come and hear the story of this powerful symbol, then learn to fold an origami crane. Each participant will leave the workshop with instructions on how to make a crane (for future folding), a sheet of ideas for intergenerational activities using the crane, and a talisman of hope in the form of a hanging crane. Limit 30 participants.	Cheryll Wallace and Lori Allen	tables and chairs for participants. Limit 30 people per workshop, 6 people per table (5-6 tables total)	Applicant requests that this workshop be repeated – back to back – in the <i>same space</i> , so that more people can take advantage of this opportunity and to accommodate slower participants and diverse learning styles; possibly do a "head" workshop, then a "hands-on" workshop.	Cheryll Wallace	Cheryll	First Unitarian Church of Omaha	3114 Harney Street Omaha, NE 68131	cwall4735@aol.com	LoriKnudsenAllen@aol.com	402-341-4728 (Cheryll) 319-391-7070 (Lori)	402-345-3039 (Cheryll)
5	14:03	UUA 101: How Our Association Serves All of Us	Ever wondered exactly how your congregation benefits from supporting our Unitarian Universalist Association? Here's your chance to learn! We'll outline the myriad ways the UUA serves its member congregations. We'll also explain how it's organized, staffed, and funded. John Blevins, PSD's UUA trustee, will briefly summarize UUA's anti-oppression initiatives.	Liz Weber, UUA Annual Program Fund Chair for Prairie Star District, and John Blevins, UUA Trustee from Prairie Star District	overhead transparency projector and spare bulb; flip chart and easel		Liz Weber	Liz	Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Ames	3616 Ross Road Ames, IA 50014	elizweber@msn.com	jblevins@uua.org	515-292-1203	816-363-7984

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6	14:04	Theological Diversity: Contention or Convergence?	Two Iowa ministers, the Rev. Brian Eslinger, a member of HUUmanists, and the Rev. Roger Butts, a member of the UU Christian Fellowship, discuss areas of agreement, divergence, and convergence as they understand Unitarian Universalism. They celebrate their mutual respect and the movement that enables each to covenant with the other in ways transformative and renewing.	Rev. Brian Eslinger and Rev. Roger Butts			Roger Butts	Roger	Unitarian Church	3707 Eastern Avenue Davenport, IA 52803	roger.butts@mchsi.com	eslinger@isunet.net	563-324-4044 (Roger)	563-359-0816 (Roger)
7	14:05	Web Templates for Congregations That Promote Growth	Congregations needing a Web site – or needing a better Web site – will enjoy seeing the results of a project to develop Web sites that promote congregational growth. This project created a set of templates to be used by various levels of congregations to create or enhance their Web sites. The templates are available for free or at minimal cost to congregations and can be installed with minimal technical expertise. This project was partially funded by the UU Funding Program and was sponsored by the First Unitarian Society Technology Task Force.	Mark Gibbons and Diana Allen	wireless internet connection, projector and screen for laptop	Best to contact Diana at office phone	Diana Allen	Diana	First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis	900 Mount Curve Avenue Minneapolis, MN 55403	membership@firstunitariansociety.org	mq1984@sbc.com	952-546-1603 (Diana) 952-836-0765 (Mark)	612-377-6608 x. 104 (Diana) 715-531-1330 (Mark)
8	14:06	A Summit on Families	How do congregations reach out to families? How does the congregation account for different family forms represented by families in the congregation? How does the scheduling of activities of the congregation reflect the busy and often complex calendar of families? Come participate in a panel discussion about the future of families within our faith that asks these questions and many more.	Rev. Philip Lund and Dawn Cooley	table with several chairs in front of room (E: multiple mics?)	Panel participants will be announced at a later date.	Philip Lund	Phil	PSD Office	Prairie Star District – UUA 122 West Franklin Ave., Suite 303 Minneapolis, MN 55404	plund@psduua.org	dawn@webuua.com	612-230-3274 (Phil) 612-824-8962 (Dawn)	
9	14:07	Tools for Peacemakers	As organizations grow and change, conflict happens. Learn basic tools for peacemaking within yourself, your family and your congregation.	Rev. Ted Tollefson	VCR player and monitor		Ted Tollefson	Ted	Northfield UU Fellowship	Box 130 Frontenac, MN 55026	mvtosti@earthlink.net (?)		651-345-5488	612-423-0641
10	14:08	Building a Church Community Through Congregational Singing	This interactive workshop will focus on how important it is for the congregation to participate in the church's music—particularly hymn singing. Come make a joyful noise together!	Sonja Johnston (and others)	a piano if possible		Sonja Johnston	Sonja	Minnesota Valley UU Fellowship	13421 Xerxes Avenue South Burnsville, MN 55337	music@mnvalleyuu.org		952-894-2759	
11	14:09	Diversity's Challenge: Conflict and Right Relations	It isn't easy being diverse UUs! In this workshop we'll learn about ways to build communities that truly appreciate differences, what's often behind typical congregational conflicts, and how to work through some specific conflicts. We'll also remind ourselves to celebrate the spiritual and intellectual growth opportunities provided by our diversity. <i>Presented by members of the Prairie Star District Conflict Engagement/ Right Relations Consulting Team: Sharon Blevins, Cheri Cody, Brian Eslinger, Dale Handeen, Nancy Heege and/or Phil Lund.</i>	Prairie Star Conflict Engagement/ Right Relations Consulting Team: Sharon Blevins, Cheri Cody, Brian Eslinger, Dale Handeen, Nancy Heege, Phil Lund	flip chart	(Can we tell you later who the lead presenters will be?)	Sharon Blevins	Sharon	All Souls UU Church, Kansas City, MO	5559 Crestwood Drive Kansas City, MO 64110	sharonblevins@pobox.com		816-363-7984	

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12	14:10	Inviting the Creative Spirit into Worship	The arts can inspire a deep connecting, sensory experience, enhancing meaningful worship. Music, dance, drama and visual arts can also be the focal point of the Sunday morning program, as they demonstrate the diverse expressions of spirit in us. Whether participating or observing, there is reciprocal engagement beyond the spoke word. This interactive workshop will help you foster the creative energy within your congregation and access district and national resources.	Deb Kline	large open floor space for whole group movement; electrical outlet for CD player (perhaps a room not adjacent to other workshops due to potential sound bleed); the usual presentation table and participant chairs (that can be moved to the side to accommodate the open floor space).		Deb Kline	Deb	UU Fellowship of Ames	128 8 th St. Nevada, IA 50201	deb@debkline.com		(515) 32-5580	
13	14:11	Diversity Fosters Strong Lay Leadership	Does your congregation think it is easier to just have one or two leaders running everything? Do the same people keep doing the same volunteer jobs over and over until they get burned out? Get a hands-on sneak peek at what MidWest Leadership School (MWLS) can do for leaders in your congregation Join two former MWLS staff persons who will demonstrate how MWLS can strengthen your lay leadership and promote the health of your congregation.	Deb Kline and Marsha Diggs	standard set up.		Deb Kline	Deb	UU Fellowship of Ames & First Unitarian of Wichita	128 8 th St. Nevada, IA 50201	deb@debkline.com	mamamarsha@cox.net	(515) 32-5580 (Deb) (316) 678-6424 (Marsha)	
14	14:12	Learning Nonviolent Communication	Nonviolent Communication, also called Compassionate Communication, teaches an empathetic process of communication to help people talk and listen to each other during conflicts. It also enables individuals to give empathy to themselves when needed. After each practice session I attend, I leave with a sense of hope that I will be able to heed my feelings and values, and those of others, by honoring differences and common needs. Using the principles in Nonviolent Communication, you can improve the quality of your relationships, and in the process, you can change the world.	Margaret Kinney	no special needs or space requirements	After reading the book, <i>Nonviolent Communication: A Language of Compassion</i> , by Marshall Rosenberg, Ph.D., I attended a weekend-long introduction to the process. In the past year, I have attended weekly practice sessions, where we give empathy to others in the group, or receive empathy if we need it. I have been amazed at the clarity and peace this process brings to my life. It has, in the short time I've been using it, improved my relationships with people I'd previously given up on. I live about one mile from the conference host church, Unity Church - Unitarian in Saint Paul. I have a guest bedroom and would be happy to put up one or two people during the conference.	Margaret Kinney	Margaret	Dakota UU Church, Burnsville, MN	315 Ryan Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55102	MKSpiritart@aol.com		651-225-4962	

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15	14:13	Common Fire: A Metaphor for Social Justice	We have moved a long way from the city square serving as a source of "common fire" to light the flames of need in individual homes. However, we still need a common fire of justice. The Prairie Star Social Justice Network is building that common fire and passion through a variety of efforts that include a newsletter, Web site, workshops, and developing fund sources for common priorities. Come join us as we share and discuss "giving life the shape of justice."	Tom LoGuidice, PSD social justice coordinator	none		Tom LoGuidice	Tom	UU Fellowship, Dubuque, IA	700 N. Court, Platteville, WI 53818	loquidit@uwplatt.edu		608-348-3497	608-732-3498
16	14:14	Planning Small-Group/Lay-Led Worship Services	Small, lay-led services are an excellent alternative to a more formal Sunday service in many congregations. Members of the Worship Associates team from First Universalist will discuss the planning and development of our Midweek Worship Services as well as other lay-led services. Resource lists, tips for brainstorming topics, methods for increasing attendance and participant involvement, and ideas for soliciting congregational input will all be discussed.	Worships Associates, First Universalist Church, Minneapolis	easel with paper and markers	The Worship Associates team has led and assisted with worship services at First Universalist for over eight years. We are a group of church members with a strong interest in worship, styles of worship, and spirituality. We lead weekly services (fall and spring) during the church year, participate in Sunday services, and lead Sunday services during July.	Nanette Peterson	Nanette	First Universalist Church, Minneapolis	1421 Hartford Ave., Saint Paul, MN 55116	Nanettep@usmac.net		651-695-8689	651-312-8560
17	14:15	The Hope and Courage of Restorative Justice	The purpose of the restorative justice ministry team at Unity Church is to pursue social justice by engaging team members, the congregation, and the broader community in healing conversations and activities. Learn more about restorative justice as a concept and about the diverse ways it is practiced by the community outreach group.	Jamie Seeley Kreisman and others	flip chart	The envelope's return address was Maury Williams, 240 Western Ave. So., St. Paul, MN 55102	Jamie Seeley Kreisman	Jamie	Unity Church-Unitarian	1144 Iowa Avenue West, Saint Paul, MN 55108	jkreisman@isd.net		651-488-9274	651-222-7005
18	14:16	Oral History: Capturing the Real Story on Tape	Oral history is one of the most exciting tools available for collecting and preserving history. In this workshop, James E. Fogerty will describe oral history – what it is and how to use it to record family and community history – with comments on the legal realities, ethics, and equipment necessary to do the job. Here's your chance to get some tips to do oral history with members of your congregation. Fogerty conducts workshops across the country and has directed oral history projects documenting politics, business, the environment, agriculture, and the Minnesota resort industry.	James E. Fogerty, Minnesota Historical Society		If Jim Fogerty is coming to do this workshop free of charge, will he be required to register/ His workshop at our "Light on the Prairie" conference a few years ago was a huge success and, we thought, worth repeating.	Carol Jackson	Carol	PSD Office	10110 Lee Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55347	Jacks096@tc.umn.edu		952-829-0287	952-928-1672
19	14:17	The Sixth Component of a Balanced Youth Program	The UUA's Youth Office has added a sixth component to the list of five essentials (Worship, Community Building, Social Action, Learning, and Leadership) necessary for a balanced youth program in a Unitarian Universalist congregation: Youth/Adult Relations. Come learn more about what this means for the youth and youth advisors in your congregation.	Becca Pournoor		Phil Lund coordinated this application	Phillip Lund	Phil	Unity Church-Unitarian/PSD Office	122 W. Franklin Ave., Suite 303, Minneapolis, MN 55404	plund@psduua.org			612-230-3274
20	14:18	Sharing Best Practices	Come join representatives from congregations in Northfield, Minnesota; Iowa City; and Saint Paul as we share best practices for small, medium, and large congregations.	Phillip Lund and panel		Phil Lund coordinated this application	Phillip Lund	Phil	Prairie Star District	122 W. Franklin Ave., Suite 303, Minneapolis, MN 55404	plund@psduua.org			612-230-3274

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21	14:19	Youth/Adult Fishbowl	ERIC: I'm traveling right now and don't have access to the description of this workshop from two previous annual meetings, but it's the same as before. If you want to offer it again, I'll get the appropriate wording to you. Thanks.	PSD Youth Adult Committee		Phil Lund coordinated this application	Phillip Lund	Phil	Prairie Star District	122 W. Franklin Ave., Suite 303, Minneapolis, MN 55404	plund@psduu.a.org			612-230-3274
22	14:20	A Vital Force for Spirituality and Social Justice	How can a UU congregation live at the intersection of social justice and spiritual development? Unity Church-Unitarian in St. Paul launched a thoughtful ministry team structure several years ago that addresses this and other outreach questions. Through a process of action and reflection, these teams provide meaningful and effective opportunities for congregants to participate in community service, education and advocacy. Join Unity Community Outreach team leaders and members as they share their spiritual development and outreach experiences in these small ministry communities.	Patricia Haff and the Community Outreach Ministry teams, Unity Church-Unitarian	chairs placed in circle for presentation		Patricia Haff	Pat	Unity Church-Unitarian	732 Holly Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55104	pat@unityunitarian.org		651-698-4090	651-228-1456
23	14:21	Labyrinth Walking Meditation	<p>There is a tradition at the conferences that a labyrinth is offered as a walking meditation for people. If you wish to have a labyrinth at the conference, the First Universalist of Minneapolis Labyrinth Team is willing to host the event. Usually, the labyrinth is presented all day on Saturday.</p> <p>There are three sizes of labyrinths available: 36 feet, 28 feet, and 18 feet.</p> <p>Ann Hobbs is the Labyrinth Team Chair and is the best person to contact: earth.mom@comcast.net or 763-546-3337.</p> <p>If you would like to plan for this experience, we can send you a descriptive flyer with an image of the labyrinth.</p>	First Universalist of Minneapolis Labyrinth Team			Ann Hobbs	Ann	First Universalist of Minneapolis		Earth.mom@comcast.net	Barbarakellett@stonetreeuuu.org	763-546-3337 (Ann)	
24	14:22	Something About Compensation	Dear Planning Group: I am the compensation consultant for the northern half of PSD. I have done workshops on compensation before at the annual conference, and they have been well received. There are things to talk about: new guidelines came out in 2003, effective 1/2004, and the UUA is trying to move congregations from a total cost of ministry approach to salary and benefits. I'm not, however, going to try and make this fit into the theme. If you want me to present, we can try and come up with a catchy title and description, but decide first if you want the topic presented. Thanks. – Karen Wille	Karen Wille			Karen Wille	Karen	First Universalist Church	4701 Meadow Road, Edina, MN 55424-1232	kwille@briggs.com		952-924-0700	612-977-8415
25	14:23	Beauty Then and Now	This workshop will be an artistic, experiential, and interdisciplinary look at the concept of Beauty and its presence in our worship lives, religious education, and outreach efforts. Participants will be introduced to some philosophical and theological ideas about Beauty and will consider some current cultural and counter-cultural representations. Participants are invited to bring something representative of Beauty in their lives to share with the group.	Bill Neely, Hallman Ministerial Intern			Bill Neely	Bill	Unity Church-Unitarian	732 Holly Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55104	billn@unityunitarian.org		651-224-2512	651-228-1456

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26	14:24	Frederick May Eliot: Shaping UU History	This workshop will feature Unity Church staff member Briana Melom's recent documentary on the ministry of Frederick May Eliot and his impact on both Unity Church and the wider denomination. Eliot was minister of Unity Church from 1917-1937 and president of the American Unitarian Association from 1937 – 1958, just prior to the merger of the Unitarianism and Universalism which he helped to shape. The documentary includes interviews with Unity Church members, ministers and UUA historian Rev. Stephan Jonasson, and features photos, music and audio from throughout the history of the church. Discussion will take place following the film.	Briana Melom			Briana Mellom	Briana	Unity Church-Unitarian	732 Holly Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55104	briana@unityunitarian.org		612-823-4354	651-228-1456
27	14:25	One Journey Toward Wholeness	Unity Church's Anti-Racism Team has been together for two years. In this workshop, members of the Team will explore with participants their strategic plan for addressing institutional racism at Unity Church. This will be an interactive workshop that encourages people to share from their church's experiences.	Unity Church's Anti-Racism Team			Pat Haff	Pat	Unity Church-Unitarian	732 Holly Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55104	pat@unityunitarian.org			651-228-1456