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Dear Ministers, Directors of Religious Education, Newsletter Editors, and Prairie Star District Leaders:

Enclosed you will find an application to present a workshop at the 2005 Prairie Star District Annual Conference, April 8-10, in Saint Paul, Minnesota, hosted by Unity Church – Unitarian. The theme will be "Unity in Diversity: Source of Hope and Courage."

We invite you to consider the opportunity to present a workshop that speaks to the future of Unitarian Universalism with hope and courage. In a world divided by issues of religion, war and politics, UUs have something to offer: our unity in diversity. We are confident you will come up with creative, informative, stimulating and humbling ideas for workshop topics relevant to UUs in Prairie Star District. Please feel free to make copies of this workshop application to distribute within your congregation, announce the opportunity at Sunday services and in your congregation's September newsletter, and post the annual conference flyer on your bulletin board!

To be able to fund our annual conference at a reasonable cost to participants, it is essential that all attendees pay their fair share. We offer this opportunity to all leaders in Prairie Star District, expecting that workshop presenters will want to participate fully in the conference, complete the conference registration form and pay the appropriate registration fee. Also, exhibitors will be expected to pay a fee based on the hotel contract. Your cooperation in this is greatly appreciated.

Please note that the deadline for returning workshop applications is <u>September 27, 2004</u>. Workshop applications should be sent to Eric Severson, either by email or postal mail, at the address listed on the application. The committee will be selecting the workshops shortly after that date and cannot guarantee space for admissions received after that date. We look forward to hearing from you with your workshop ideas. See you in Saint Paul, April 8-10, 2005!

Best regards,

The Annual Conference Program Planning Group

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