

Kathryn Bowman
18 Wildwood Trail
Bettendorf, IA 52722

12/13/2005

Dear Kathy:

On behalf of the Prairie Star District Annual Conference Program Planning Working Group, I am pleased to inform you that your application for the workshop "**Faith Without Certainty: UU Theology**" has been accepted. It will be a welcome element in our conference theme, "*UU.con: Giving Life the Shape of Justice.*"

The 2006 conference, sponsored by First Unitarian Society, Iowa City, will take place at the Sheraton hotel in Iowa City, Iowa, April 28-30, 2006. I encourage you to make lodging arrangements as soon as possible.

Your workshop is tentatively schedule for **Saturday, April 29, 2006, in slot A.** It will be described in the conference brochure as:

Participants will gain an understanding of the contents of Paul Rasor's new book in UU theology, Faith Without Certainty. They will participate in a discussion based on the introduction to his book. Following this, they will receive a leader's guide to facilitating a discussion of this book in an adult religious education class and suggestions for use of this giude in their own congregations.

(We reserve the right to edit for spelling, grammar, content, and length.)

Workshop leader(s) will be listed as **Kathryn Bowman.**

You requested **no special equipment or needs.**

Your home congregation is **Davenport Unitarian.** If we need to contact you, we may reach you at **563-359-6106**, or by e-mail at **kbowman18@aol.com.**

If any of this information is not correct, please contact me as soon as possible. You may reach me by e-mail at **uuseverson@prodigy.net** or by leaving a message at my home phone, **608-785-1274.**

Please remember: We hope you will take part fully in the weekend's activities; *acceptance of your workshop is contingent on full payment of your conference registration fee. If not paid, your workshop may be canceled.*

We look forward to seeing you in Iowa City in April!

Thank you,

Eric Severson

Prairie Star District Annual Conference
Program Planning Working Group

Nancy Heege

12/13/2005

Dear Nancy:

On behalf of the Prairie Star District Annual Conference Program Planning Working Group, I am pleased to inform you that your application for the workshop "**Prairie Star District: Here to Serve You**" has been accepted. It will be a welcome element in our conference theme, "*UU.con: Giving Life the Shape of Justice.*"

The 2006 conference, sponsored by First Unitarian Society, Iowa City, will take place at the Sheraton hotel in Iowa City, Iowa, April 28-30, 2006. I encourage you to make lodging arrangements as soon as possible.

Your workshop is tentatively schedule for **Saturday, April 29, 2006, in slot B**. It will be described in the conference brochure as:

If you have a gripe, a wish, or an accolade, we'd like to hear from YOU! The District is evaluating the services we offer to ensure alignment with congregations' needs. Please join us for a lively discussion of current and future needed services. Nancy Heege, District Executive; Kathy Bowman and Libby Starling, District Board members

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Workshop leader(s) will be listed as Nancy Heege, District Executive; Kathy Bowman and Libby Starling, District Board members.

You requested **no special equipment or needs**.

Your home congregation is **PSD**. If we need to contact you, we may reach you at 612-230-3273, or by e-mail at nheege@psduua.org.

If any of this information is not correct, please contact me as soon as possible. You may reach me by e-mail at uuseverson@prodigy.net or by leaving a message at my home phone, **608-785-1274**.

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Thank you,

Eric Severson
Prairie Star District Annual Conference

Program Planning Working Group

Rev. Laurie Bushbaum
4249 Linden Hills Blvd.
Minneapolis, MN 554110

12/13/2005

Dear Laurie:

On behalf of the Prairie Star District Annual Conference Program Planning Working Group, I am pleased to inform you that your applications for the workshops "**Through the Windows of Our Souls: Our Images of UU Faith**" and "**Treasures in Our Pockets: The How and Why of Intergenerational Worship**" have been accepted. They will be welcome elements in our conference theme, "*UU.con: Giving Life the Shape of Justice.*"

The 2006 conference, sponsored by First Unitarian Society, Iowa City, will take place at the Sheraton hotel in Iowa City, Iowa, April 28-30, 2006. I encourage you to make lodging arrangements as soon as possible.

Your workshops are tentatively schedule for **Saturday, April 29, 2006, in slots B and C.** They will be described in the conference brochure as:

Come join artist/minister Rev. Laurie Bushbaum to create a piece of community artwork that will be available to UU churches in the district. Anyone can participate!

and

Church is one of the last places in our culture where we can regularly be a multigenerational community. Worship nurtures souls. So how can we be all together in worship? Come and practice.

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Workshop leader(s) will be listed as **Rev. Laurie Bushbaum.**

You requested **a flat working space on floors, and a few large tables.**

Your home congregation is **???**. If we need to contact you, we may reach you at **612-929-6908**, or by e-mail at **RevLBushbaum@visi.com.**

If any of this information is not correct, please contact me as soon as possible. You may reach me by e-mail at **uuseverson@prodigy.net** or by leaving a message at my home phone, **608-785-1274.**

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We look forward to seeing you in Iowa City in April!

Thank you,

Eric Severson
Prairie Star District Annual Conference
Program Planning Working Group

Mary R. Sawyer
3425 Woodland St.
Ames, IA 50014

12/13/2005

Dear Mary:

On behalf of the Prairie Star District Annual Conference Program Planning Working Group, I am pleased to inform you that your application for the workshop "**Where Does Christianity Fit?**" has been accepted. It will be a welcome element in our conference theme, "*UU.con: Giving Life the Shape of Justice.*"

The 2006 conference, sponsored by First Unitarian Society, Iowa City, will take place at the Sheraton hotel in Iowa City, Iowa, April 28-30, 2006. I encourage you to make lodging arrangements as soon as possible.

Your workshop is tentatively schedule for **Saturday, April 29, 2006, in slot B.** It will be described in the conference brochure as:

It's a given that we all reject fundamentalist Christianity. But what about liberal/ progressive/ feminist/ liberationist expressions of Christianity? This workshop will explore what resources Unitarians can draw from in Christianity to enhance our spirituality and to help us live out Unitarian principles. Additionally, it will offer a reminder that as we seek to create inclusive communities, we want not to exclude those who continue to have an affinity with the teachings of Jesus.

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Workshop leader(s) will be listed as **Mary R. Sawyer.**

You requested **no special equipment or needs.**

Your home congregation is **UU Fellowship of Ames.** If we need to contact you, we may reach you at **515-292-6960**, or by e-mail at **sawyer@iastate.edu.**

If any of this information is not correct, please contact me as soon as possible. You may reach me by e-mail at **uuseverson@prodigy.net** or by leaving a message at my home phone, **608-785-1274.**

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We look forward to seeing you in Iowa City in April!

Thank you,

Eric Severson

Prairie Star District Annual Conference
Program Planning Working Group

Benette Sherman
2108 Friley
Ames, IA 50014

12/13/2005

Dear Benette:

On behalf of the Prairie Star District Annual Conference Program Planning Working Group, I am pleased to inform you that your application for the workshop "**Nurturing your professional religious educator means nurturing your community!**" has been accepted. It will be a welcome element in our conference theme, "*UU.con: Giving Life the Shape of Justice.*"

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Your workshop is tentatively schedule for **Saturday, April 29, 2006, in slot B.** It will be described in the conference brochure as:

Various members of LREDA (Liberal Religious Educators Association) will present information on how to nurture your professional religious educator (DREs, youth directors, volunteer staff) so they can continue to nurture your faith community. LREDA members will speak about covenanting, the credentialing program, professional development, Good Officers and more. If your congregaion wants a high-quality and meaningful lifespan faith formation program, then providing the support, encouragement and nurturance of the professional religious educator is necessary.

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Workshop leader(s) will be listed as **Benette Sherman and Other LREDA Officers.**

You requested **a table, flip chart and markers.**

Your home congregation is **UU Fellowship of Ames (and Wayzata, Rochester, Minneapolis).** If we need to contact you, we may reach you at **515-441-0501** and **515-292-5960**, or by e-mail at **benettesherman@mchsi.com.**

If any of this information is not correct, please contact me as soon as possible. You may reach me by e-mail at **uuseverson@prodigy.net** or by leaving a message at my home phone, **608-785-1274.**

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Thank you,

Eric Severson
Prairie Star District Annual Conference
Program Planning Working Group

Jaime Meyer
4847 Portland Ave. South
Minneapolis, MN 55417

Chris Bremer
6001 Ewing Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55410

12/13/2005

Dear Jaime and Chris:

On behalf of the Prairie Star District Annual Conference Program Planning Working Group, I am pleased to inform you that your application for the workshop "**Drumming the Soul Awake**" has been accepted. It will be a welcome element in our conference theme, "*UU.con: Giving Life the Shape of Justice.*"

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Your workshop is tentatively schedule for **Saturday, April 29, 2006, in slot A.** It will be described in the conference brochure as:

This workshop employs 15% lecture and 85% experiential learning to offer powerful insight into the ancient traditions of drumming in community as a spiritual practice, way of earth-centered worship, and healing using the community as a container. Drawing from Celtic and northern European shamanic healing traditions, the workshop will also provide practical advice about how to introduce drumming into your church community at various levels, from simple to complex. The copresenters have led two monthly drumming groups at First Universalist Church in Minneapolis for five years. Drums and rattles are provided.

(We reserve the right to edit for spelling, grammar, content, and length.)

Workshop leader(s) will be listed as **Jaime Meyer and Chris Bremer.**

You requested **a room with a circle of up to 35 chairs.**

Your home congregation is **First Universalist, Mpls.** If we need to contact you, we may reach you at **763-913-2197** and **952-926-8542**, or by e-mail at **strandmeyer@msn.com** and **bremer101@yahoo.com.**

If any of this information is not correct, please contact me as soon as possible. You may reach me by e-mail at **uuseverson@prodigy.net** or by leaving a message at my home phone, **608-785-1274.**

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Thank you,

Eric Severson
Prairie Star District Annual Conference
Program Planning Working Group

Rev. Don Rollins
12333 155th Ave.
Hanska, MN 56041

12/13/2005

Dear Don:

On behalf of the Prairie Star District Annual Conference Program Planning Working Group, I am pleased to inform you that your application for the workshop "**We're Gonna have to Sing Our Way Through This!**" has been accepted. It will be a welcome element in our conference theme, "*UU.con: Giving Life the Shape of Justice.*"

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Your workshop is tentatively schedule for **Saturday, April 29, 2006, in slot C.** It will be described in the conference brochure as:

Sometimes it appears as though UUs resist truly singable music. This is a chance to learn and sing some songs that can lift our hearts and feed our souls.

(We reserve the right to edit for spelling, grammar, content, and length.)

Workshop leader(s) will be listed as **Rev. Don Rollins.**

You requested **a whiteboard or newsprint and markers; a sound system if the room is large or acoustically challenged.**

Your home congregation is **Nora UU Church.** If we need to contact you, we may reach you at **507-276-8464** and **507-439-6240**, or by e-mail at **drollins@sleepyeyetel.net.**

If any of this information is not correct, please contact me as soon as possible. You may reach me by e-mail at **uuseverson@prodigy.net** or by leaving a message at my home phone, **608-785-1274.**

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Thank you,

Eric Severson

Prairie Star District Annual Conference
Program Planning Working Group

Lowell Hanson
2276 5th St.
White Bear Lake, MN 55110

Jerry Lakso
280 Edgecumbe Dr.
Mahtomedi, MN 55115

12/13/2005

Dear Lowell and Jerry:

On behalf of the Prairie Star District Annual Conference Program Planning Working Group, I am pleased to inform you that your application for the workshop "**Bringing Our History to Life**" has been accepted. It will be a welcome element in our conference theme, "*UU.con: Giving Life the Shape of Justice.*"

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Your workshop is tentatively schedule for **Saturday, April 29, 2006, in slot A.** It will be described in the conference brochure as:

A first showing of two new Heritage Committee history DVDs, a preview of two fall 2007 one-day video production workshops, and identifying important history stories to be dramatized. Jerry Lakso and Steve Goranson, both professional video producers, will give the preview presentation.

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Workshop leader(s) will be listed as **Lowell Hanson and Jerry Lakso.**

You requested **a digital projector and screen.**

Your home congregation is **White Bear UU and Heritage & Archives Committee (and White Bear UU and H&A Video Team).** If we need to contact you, we may reach you at **651-426-8764** and **777-3742**, or by e-mail at **ldhanson@comcast.net** and **lklakso@comcast.net.**

If any of this information is not correct, please contact me as soon as possible. You may reach me by e-mail at **uuseverson@prodigy.net** or by leaving a message at my home phone, **608-785-1274.**

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Thank you,

Eric Severson
Prairie Star District Annual Conference
Program Planning Working Group

Forrest Swall
1718 E. 1117 Rd.
Lawrence, KS 66049

Rev. Michael Nelson
P.O. Box 910
Manhattan, KS 66505

12/13/2005

Dear Forrest and Michael:

On behalf of the Prairie Star District Annual Conference Program Planning Working Group, I am pleased to inform you that your application for the workshop "**Welcoming Congregations, Praise and Challenges**" has been accepted. It will be a welcome element in our conference theme, "*UU.con: Giving Life the Shape of Justice.*"

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Your workshop is tentatively schedule for **Saturday, April 29, 2006, in slot B.** It will be described in the conference brochure as:

We will assess the status of the Welcoming Congregational movement in PSD, recognize congregations that have achieved official Welcoming Congregation status, offer tips for success to those in the process, and discuss ways to keep the program vital and refreshed as we move forward

(We reserve the right to edit for spelling, grammar, content, and length.)

Workshop leader(s) will be listed as **Forrest Swall and Rev. Michael Nelson.**

You requested **no special equipment or needs.**

Your home congregation is **Lawrence (KS) UU Fellowship and UU Fellowship of Manhattan (KS).** If we need to contact you, we may reach you at **785-843-6319, 785-765-3650 and 785-537-2349** or by e-mail at **flowell@sbcglobal.net.**

If any of this information is not correct, please contact me as soon as possible. You may reach me by e-mail at **uuseverson@prodigy.net** or by leaving a message at my home phone, **608-785-1274.**

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Thank you,

Eric Severson
Prairie Star District Annual Conference
Program Planning Working Group

Tom Lo Guidice
700 North Court
Platteville, WI 53818

12/13/2005

Dear Tom:

On behalf of the Prairie Star District Annual Conference Program Planning Working Group, I am pleased to inform you that your application for the workshop "**Nurturing Social Justice in PSD Congregations**" has been accepted. It will be a welcome element in our conference theme, "*UU.con: Giving Life the Shape of Justice.*"

The 2006 conference, sponsored by First Unitarian Society, Iowa City, will take place at the Sheraton hotel in Iowa City, Iowa, April 28-30, 2006. I encourage you to make lodging arrangements as soon as possible.

Your workshop is tentatively schedule for **Saturday, April 29, 2006, in slot A.** It will be described in the conference brochure as:

Social Justice has moved from "heroes and shereos" to a systematic approach to change. Members of the PSD Social Justice Network report on alliances, clusters, cbcos, steering committees, and national efforts (e.g. UUSC, UJEC) that organize the congregations of the 8 PSD states for social action.

(We reserve the right to edit for spelling, grammar, content, and length.)

Workshop leader(s) will be listed as **Tom Lo Guidice, Vicki Pratt, Caron Wells, Bob Ciernia, Betsy Allis, and Jo Haberman.**

You requested **no special equipment or needs.**

Your home congregation is **Church of the Larger Fellowship, Second Unitarian in Omaha, Kansas City All Souls, Northfield, First Universalist (?), and First Unitarian (?).** If we need to contact you, we may reach you at **608-348-3497** and **563-564-9714**, or by e-mail at **loguidit@uwplatt.edu.**

If any of this information is not correct, please contact me as soon as possible. You may reach me by e-mail at **uuseverson@prodigy.net** or by leaving a message at my home phone, **608-785-1274.**

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Thank you,

Eric Severson

Prairie Star District Annual Conference
Program Planning Working Group

Graham Kreicker
1124 Williamsburg Place
Lawrence, KS 66049-3731

Rev. Lisa Schwartz
4774 SW 21st Street
Topeka, KS 66604

12/13/2005

Dear Graham and Lisa:

On behalf of the Prairie Star District Annual Conference Program Planning Working Group, I am pleased to inform you that your application for the workshop "**What's the Score with SCORE?**" has been accepted. It will be a welcome element in our conference theme, "*UU.con: Giving Life the Shape of Justice.*"

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Your workshop is tentatively schedule for **Saturday, April 29, 2006, in slot C.** It will be described in the conference brochure as:

Update on the continuing operation of the Southern Cluster Outreach & Extension (SCORE) lay/clergy partnership for growth and a preview of plans for the coming year
(We reserve the right to edit for spelling, grammar, content, and length.)

Workshop leader(s) will be listed as **Graham Kreicker and Rev. Lisa Schwartz.**

You requested **no special equipment or needs.**

Your home congregation is **Lawrence (KS) Unitarian Fellowship and UU Fellowship of Topeka.** If we need to contact you, we may reach you at **785-842-2332** and **785-272-9233**, or by e-mail at **Kreicker@sunflower.com** and **minister@uuftorg.**

If any of this information is not correct, please contact me as soon as possible. You may reach me by e-mail at **uuseverson@prodigy.net** or by leaving a message at my home phone, **608-785-1274.**

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We look forward to seeing you in Iowa City in April!

Thank you,

Eric Severson

Prairie Star District Annual Conference
Program Planning Working Group

Meredith Schonfeld-Hicks
1320 18th St NW suite 300B
Washington, DC 20036

12/13/2005

Dear Meredith:

On behalf of the Prairie Star District Annual Conference Program Planning Working Group, I am pleased to inform you that your application for the workshop "**Inspired Faith, Effective Action**" has been accepted. It will be a welcome element in our conference theme, "*UU.con: Giving Life the Shape of Justice.*"

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Your workshop is tentatively schedule for **Saturday, April 29, 2006, in slot C.** It will be described in the conference brochure as:

Learn how UUs can do social justice work effectively and strategically to influence culture and policy in a way that is grounded in our religious values, is accountable to the community and is rewarding for those involved. The workshop will cover our theological foundation for social justice, accountability, building relationships, strategic planning, effective advocacy and celebrating our accomplishments.

(We reserve the right to edit for spelling, grammar, content, and length.)

Workshop leader(s) will be listed as **Meredith Schonfeld-Hicks.**

You requested **a room that could be rearranged based on the number of participants.**

Your home congregation is **UUA Washington Office for Advocacy, (raised in the First Universalist Church of Minneapolis).** If we need to contact you, we may reach you at **612-716-1032** and **202-296-4672,** or by e-mail at **mschonfeldhicks@uua.org.**

If any of this information is not correct, please contact me as soon as possible. You may reach me by e-mail at **uuseverson@prodigy.net** or by leaving a message at my home phone, **608-785-1274.**

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We look forward to seeing you in Iowa City in April!

Thank you,

Eric Severson

Prairie Star District Annual Conference
Program Planning Working Group

Anita Jeck
10302 N. 51 Ct.
Omaha, NE 68152

Laura Shennum
8725 Granville Parkway
Omaha, NE 68128

12/13/2005

Dear Anita and Laura:

On behalf of the Prairie Star District Annual Conference Program Planning Working Group, I am pleased to inform you that your application for the workshop "**The Ministry Model of Committee Structure**" has been accepted. It will be a welcome element in our conference theme, "*UU.con: Giving Life the Shape of Justice.*"

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Your workshop is tentatively schedule for **Saturday, April 29, 2006, in slot A.** It will be described in the conference brochure as:

The Ministry model is another way to structure church committees to work in ministerial teams to fulfill a common vision and develop leadership. The purpose of this workshop is to explore this model of shared ministry as utilized in the Religious Growth & Learning Ministries Committee (alias Religious Education) of Second Unitarian Church of Omaha; and to consider how it might be adapted to other committees and congregations to promote growth and leadership.

(We reserve the right to edit for spelling, grammar, content, and length.)

Workshop leader(s) will be listed as **Anita Jeck and Laura Shennum.**

You requested **no special equipment or needs.**

Your home congregation is **Second Unitarian, Omaha.** If we need to contact you, we may reach you at **402-572-7520** and **402-339-1193**, or by e-mail at **ajeck1@yahoo.com** and **lshennum@yahoo.com.**

If any of this information is not correct, please contact me as soon as possible. You may reach me by e-mail at **uuseverson@prodigy.net** or by leaving a message at my home phone, **608-785-1274.**

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Thank you,

Eric Severson
Prairie Star District Annual Conference
Program Planning Working Group

Tom Rylett and Tandi Rogers Koerger

12/13/2005

Dear Tom and Tandi:

On behalf of the Prairie Star District Annual Conference Program Planning Working Group, I am pleased to inform you that your application for the workshop "**Prairie Star District Gathering on Ministry To and With Youth**" has been accepted. It will be a welcome element in our conference theme, "*UU.con: Giving Life the Shape of Justice.*"

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Your workshop is tentatively schedule for **Saturday, April 29, 2006, in slots A, B, and C.** It will be described in the conference brochure as:

Join in the conversation as youth and adults from around the district discuss what Prairie Star is doing well and could share with the rest of the Association; explore additional opportunities for youth; envision a vibrant youth ministry in our district; identify resources needed to achieve this; and commit to action and follow-through." We'll need to inform participants that they need to commit to all three workshop if they want to take full advantage of the opportunity to shape the future of youth ministry in Prairie Star and the UUA.

(We reserve the right to edit for spelling, grammar, content, and length.)

Workshop leader(s) will be listed as **Tom Rylett and Tandi Rogers Koerger.**

You requested **no special equipment or needs.**

If any of this information is not correct, please contact me as soon as possible. You may reach me by e-mail at ***uuseverson@prodigy.net*** or by leaving a message at my home phone, **608-785-1274.**

We look forward to seeing you in Iowa City in April!

Thank you,

Eric Severson

Prairie Star District Annual Conference
Program Planning Working Group

CC: Phil Lund

Dawn Cooley
549 30th St.
West Des Moines, IA 50265

12/13/2005

Dear Dawn:

On behalf of the Prairie Star District Annual Conference Program Planning Working Group, I am pleased to inform you that your application for the workshop "**Connecting Congregations Through Resource Sharing**" has been accepted. It will be a welcome element in our conference theme, "*UU.con: Giving Life the Shape of Justice.*"

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Your workshop is tentatively schedule for **Saturday, April 29, 2006, in slot A.** It will be described in the conference brochure as:

Stonetree Congregational Resources is a practical application of the best of inter-congregational communication: you refer people who have benefited your congregation, whether through speaking, music, or other skills such as conflict management, so that their skills can be shared with other UU congregations, as well as finding resources referred from other UUs that could benefit your congregation. Come learn how to maximize your use of the new version of Stonetree to gain the most benefits for minimal effort!

(We reserve the right to edit for spelling, grammar, content, and length.)

Workshop leader(s) will be listed as **Dawn Cooley.**

You requested **wireless Internet access, tables and a screen.**

Your home congregation is **UU Fellowship of Ames, IA.** If we need to contact you, we may reach you at **515-222-1182** and **515-292-5960**, or by e-mail at **dawncooley@gmail.com.**

If any of this information is not correct, please contact me as soon as possible. You may reach me by e-mail at **uuseverson@prodigy.net** or by leaving a message at my home phone, **608-785-1274.**

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Thank you,

Eric Severson

Prairie Star District Annual Conference
Program Planning Working Group

Carolyn MacDonald
5412 Locust St
Kansas City, MO 64110

Mike McKelley
3643 Charlotte
Kansas City, MO 64109

12/13/2005

Dear Carolyn and Mike:

On behalf of the Prairie Star District Annual Conference Program Planning Working Group, I am pleased to inform you that your application for the workshop "**Films, Faith, and Fellowship**" has been accepted. It will be a welcome element in our conference theme, "*JU.con: Giving Life the Shape of Justice.*"

The 2006 conference, sponsored by First Unitarian Society, Iowa City, will take place at the Sheraton hotel in Iowa City, Iowa, April 28-30, 2006. I encourage you to make lodging arrangements as soon as possible.

Your workshop is tentatively schedule for **Saturday, April 29, 2006, in slot C.** It will be described in the conference brochure as:

The presenters will share ideas about starting and running a film series, drawing from their positive experiences with a weekly documentary film series at All Souls UU Church in Kansas City. They will discuss the selection of films, including sources, screening rights and fees; the connection to social justice work; and opportunities for outreach to other community individuals and groups.

(We reserve the right to edit for spelling, grammar, content, and length.)

Workshop leader(s) will be listed as **Carolyn MacDonald and Mike McKelley.**

You requested **no special equipment or needs.**

Your home congregation is **All Souls UU Church, KCMO.** If we need to contact you, we may reach you at **816-363-7645, 816-363-7646, 816-210-6453, and 816-210-6454,** or by e-mail at **ctmacdonaldkc@aol.com** and **mmckelley@kc.rr.com.**

If any of this information is not correct, please contact me as soon as possible. You may reach me by e-mail at **uuseverson@prodigy.net** or by leaving a message at my home phone, **608-785-1274.**

Please remember: We hope you will take part fully in the weekend's activities; *acceptance of your workshop is contingent on full payment of your conference registration fee. If not paid, your workshop may be canceled.*

We look forward to seeing you in Iowa City in April!

Thank you,

Eric Severson
Prairie Star District Annual Conference
Program Planning Working Group

Pamela Vincent
3917 Heritage Hills Dr
Bloomington, MN 55437

Kelli Clement
5253 28th Ave S
Minneapolis, MN 55417

12/13/2005

Dear Pamela and Kelli:

On behalf of the Prairie Star District Annual Conference Program Planning Working Group, I am pleased to inform you that your application for the workshop "**Faith and Action: Discussing Reproductive Choice**" has been accepted. It will be a welcome element in our conference theme, "*UU.con: Giving Life the Shape of Justice.*"

The 2006 conference, sponsored by First Unitarian Society, Iowa City, will take place at the Sheraton hotel in Iowa City, Iowa, April 28-30, 2006. I encourage you to make lodging arrangements as soon as possible.

Your workshop is tentatively schedule for **Saturday, April 29, 2006, in slot C.** It will be described in the conference brochure as:

This workshop introduces participants to the pilot curriculum developed by the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice. Developed specifically for Unitarian Universalists, the program provides a four-part curriculum designed to bring more light and less heat to a potentially divisive topic. The presenters have been trained to teach this curriculum and have taught it at First Universalist in Minneapolis.

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Workshop leader(s) will be listed as **Pamela Vincent and Kelli Clement.**

You requested **no special equipment or needs.**

Your home congregation is **First Universalist Church, Mpls.** If we need to contact you, we may reach you at **952-885-0461, 952-888-6675, and 612-724-6123,** or by e-mail at **pbvincent@mn.rr.com,** and **kclement@mn.rr.com.**

If any of this information is not correct, please contact me as soon as possible. You may reach me by e-mail at **uuseverson@prodigy.net** or by leaving a message at my home phone, **608-785-1274.**

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Thank you,

Eric Severson
Prairie Star District Annual Conference
Program Planning Working Group

Rev. Dr. Laurel Hallman

12/13/2005

Dear Dr. Hallman:

On behalf of the Prairie Star District Annual Conference Program Planning Working Group, I am pleased to inform you that your application for the workshop “**(Followup to Keynote Address)**” has been accepted. It will be a welcome element in our conference theme, “*UU.con: Giving Life the Shape of Justice.*”

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Your workshop is tentatively schedule for **Saturday, April 29, 2006, in slot A.** It will be described in the conference brochure as:

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Workshop leader(s) will be listed as **Rev. Dr. Laurel Hallman.**

You requested **no special equipment or needs.**

If any of this information is not correct, please contact me as soon as possible. You may reach me by e-mail at ***uuseverson@prodigy.net*** or by leaving a message at my home phone, **608-785-1274.**

We look forward to seeing you in Iowa City in April!

Thank you,

Eric Severson

Prairie Star District Annual Conference
Program Planning Working Group

Bill Doherty

12/13/2005

Dear Mr. Doherty:

On behalf of the Prairie Star District Annual Conference Program Planning Working Group, I am pleased to inform you that your application for the workshop "The Family Chalice Project" has been accepted. It will be a welcome element in our conference theme, "*UU.con: Giving Life the Shape of Justice.*"

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Your workshop is tentatively schedule for **Saturday, April 29, 2006, in slot A.** It will be described in the conference brochure as:

Learn about two innovative ways to go deeper into our faith tradition: Spiritual Pressure Point groups for parents and other adults, and a family meal ritual that tells the creation stories of Unitarian Universalism and pulls us into the questions these stories pose today.

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Workshop leader(s) will be listed as **Bill Doherty.**

You requested **no special equipment or needs.**

If any of this information is not correct, please contact me as soon as possible. You may reach me by e-mail at ***uuseverson@prodigy.net*** or by leaving a message at my home phone, **608-785-1274.**

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Thank you,

Eric Severson

Prairie Star District Annual Conference
Program Planning Working Group

Cheryll Wallace

Lori Allen

12/13/2005

Dear Cheryll and Lori:

On behalf of the Prairie Star District Annual Conference Program Planning Working Group, I am pleased to inform you that your application for the workshop "**You Can Say That Again – Finding Peace through the use of a Mantra**" has been accepted. It will be a welcome element in our conference theme, "*UU.con: Giving Life the Shape of Justice.*"

The 2006 conference, sponsored by First Unitarian Society, Iowa City, will take place at the Sheraton hotel in Iowa City, Iowa, April 28-30, 2006. I encourage you to make lodging arrangements as soon as possible.

Your workshop is tentatively schedule for **Saturday, April 29, 2006, in slot B.** It will be described in the conference brochure as:

This workshop is an introduction to the mantra, simple repetitive words, used for centuries to bring peace and balance in the midst of chaos or calm. Along with an introduction to time-honored mantras, participants will create a symbol that is a reminder of these sacred words. Prairie Star Religious Educators Lori Allen and Cheryll Wallace will facilitate.

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Workshop leader(s) will be listed as Lori Allen and Cheryll Wallace.

You requested multiple round or rectangular tables for 4-6 people to sit around, plus two tables for your materials and a chair for each of you to sit at.

Your home congregations are First Unitarian in Omaha and the Unitarian Church in Lincoln. If we need to contact you, we may reach you by e-mail at CWall4735@aol.com and lorisandersonallen@hotmail.com.

If any of this information is not correct, please contact me as soon as possible. You may reach me by e-mail at **uuseverson@prodigy.net** or by leaving a message at my home phone, **608-785-1274.**

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Thank you,

Eric Severson

Prairie Star District Annual Conference
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All Souls in KC

12/13/2005

Dear Sharon:

On behalf of the Prairie Star District Annual Conference Program Planning Working Group, I am pleased to inform you that your application for the workshop "Paths Toward Racial and Cultural Inclusiveness" has been accepted. It will be a welcome element in our conference theme, "*UU.con: Giving Life the Shape of Justice.*"

The 2006 conference, sponsored by First Unitarian Society, Iowa City, will take place at the Sheraton hotel in Iowa City, Iowa, April 28-30, 2006. I encourage you to make lodging arrangements as soon as possible.

Your workshop is tentatively schedule for **Saturday, April 29, 2006, in slot A.** It will be described in the conference brochure as:

Sure, we all want diversity, but how is it we can invite and involve people different from ourselves? What makes the difference between real inclusiveness and window-dressing? Come participate in a sampling of the efforts to walk the talk at All Souls in Kansas City and learn about a range of programming and activities designed to lead the congregation toward becoming a mosaic of many colors. Led by Sharon Blevins, Connie Brown, Art Collins, Rae Ann DeVargas, Jim Eller, Janet Moss and/or Mitra Rahnema.

(We reserve the right to edit for spelling, grammar, content, and length.)

Workshop leader(s) will be listed as Sharon Blevins, Connie Brown, Art Collins, Rae Ann DeVargas, Jim Eller, Janet Moss and/or Mitra Rahnema.

You requested **no special equipment or needs.**

Your home congregation is **All Souls in Kansas City.** If we need to contact you, we may reach you at or by e-mail at **sharonblevins@pobox.com.**

If any of this information is not correct, please contact me as soon as possible. You may reach me by e-mail at **uuseverson@prodigy.net** or by leaving a message at my home phone, **608-785-1274.**

Please remember: We hope you will take part fully in the weekend's activities; acceptance of your workshop is contingent on full payment of your conference registration fee. If not paid, your workshop may be canceled.

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Thank you,

Eric Severson

Prairie Star District Annual Conference
Program Planning Working Group

Jennifer Thomas
4744 Thomas Ave S
Minneapolis, MN 55410

12/13/2005

Dear Jennifer:

On behalf of the Prairie Star District Annual Conference Program Planning Working Group, I am pleased to inform you that your application for the workshop "**Protecting Voting Rights (the cornerstone of UU and American democratic principles)**" has been accepted. It will be a welcome element in our conference theme, "*UU.con: Giving Life the Shape of Justice.*"

The 2006 conference, sponsored by First Unitarian Society, Iowa City, will take place at the Sheraton hotel in Iowa City, Iowa, April 28-30, 2006. I encourage you to make lodging arrangements as soon as possible.

Your workshop is tentatively schedule for **Saturday, April 29, 2006, in slot B.** It will be described in the conference brochure as:

The integrity of our elections has been seriously eroding for many years, such that now a majority of Americans do not trust the outcome of some elections. In 2006, at least 80% of voters will have their vote tabulated by one of several types of machines with documented and significant security vulnerabilities. Protecting our access to voting and securing our voting process, so we can have confidence that the results reflect the will of the people, is the first essential step we must achieve before we can realize gains on any progressive issues from the environment, to peace, to reproductive rights, to civil liberties. This issue relates directly to our UU Principles. Generations of women and people of color fought too long and hard to earn the right to vote; it is the duty of this generation to protect it. UUs can and must be leaders on this critical issue of justice.

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Workshop leader(s) will be listed as **Jennifer Thomas and ???.**

You requested **a DVD player, to include a short video and discussion.**

Your home congregation is **First Universalist Church.** If we need to contact you, we may reach you at **612-920-4246, 612-386-5724, 612-825-3322, and 612-306-0807,** or by e-mail at **jjthomas@skypoint.com** and **cjkjohnson@peoplepc.com.**

If any of this information is not correct, please contact me as soon as possible. You may reach me by e-mail at **uuseverson@prodigy.net** or by leaving a message at my home phone, **608-785-1274.**

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Thank you,

Eric Severson

Prairie Star District Annual Conference

Program Planning Working Group

Betsy Allis
2847 E. Lake Isles Pkw
Mpls, MN 55408

12/13/2005

Dear Betsy:

On behalf of the Prairie Star District Annual Conference Program Planning Working Group, I am pleased to inform you that your application for the workshop "**The Great Turning to Earth Community or The Great Unraveling?**" has been accepted. It will be a welcome element in our conference theme, "*UU.con: Giving Life the Shape of Justice.*"

The 2006 conference, sponsored by First Unitarian Society, Iowa City, will take place at the Sheraton hotel in Iowa City, Iowa, April 28-30, 2006. I encourage you to make lodging arrangements as soon as possible.

Your workshop is tentatively schedule for **Saturday, April 29, 2006, in slot C.** It will be described in the conference brochure as:

This workshop presents the ideas of David Korten, author of *The Great Turning: From Empire to Earth Community* and co-founder of *Yes! Magazine*. Learn how UUs can be part of the shift away from the dominator model under which we have lived for 5,000 years and toward Earth Community. Learn and discuss Korten's comprehensive plan for changing the direction of society and how UUs can play a powerful role in this shift. The workshop will include a viewing of David's amazing power point presentation that he delivered at GA 2006 and continues to be the centerpiece of his public lectures around the country. Workshop facilitator, Betsy Allis, worked with David and other board members of UUs for a Just Economic Community (UUJEC) last summer to design this workshop to support UUJEC's 2006-07 Great Turning Dialogues.

(We reserve the right to edit for spelling, grammar, content, and length.)

Workshop leader(s) will be listed as **Betsy Allis and (a young person from First Universalist Church).**

You requested **a CD projector (you may be able to bring your own).**

Your home congregation is **First Universalist Church.** If we need to contact you, we may reach you at **612-871-6946** and **612-871-6946** or by e-mail at **erallis@aol.com.**

If any of this information is not correct, please contact me as soon as possible. You may reach me by e-mail at **uuseverson@prodigy.net** or by leaving a message at my home phone, **608-785-1274.**

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Thank you,

Eric Severson
Prairie Star District Annual Conference
Program Planning Working Group

Lorraine Grant-Nash
3427 N Cherry Street
Kansas City, MO 64116

12/13/2005

Dear Lorraine:

On behalf of the Prairie Star District Annual Conference Program Planning Working Group, I am pleased to inform you that your application for the workshop "**Developing and Integrating a Parish Nursing Program**" has been accepted. It will be a welcome element in our conference theme, "*UU.con: Giving Life the Shape of Justice.*"

The 2006 conference, sponsored by First Unitarian Society, Iowa City, will take place at the Sheraton hotel in Iowa City, Iowa, April 28-30, 2006. I encourage you to make lodging arrangements as soon as possible.

Your workshop is tentatively schedule for **Saturday, April 29, 2006, in slot B.** It will be described in the conference brochure as:

The nurses at All Soul's UU in Kansas City have developed a Parish nursing program over the past year. There have been many successes and many road blocks along the way. If you are interested in developing this kind of program, this presentation is a must.

(We reserve the right to edit for spelling, grammar, content, and length.)

Workshop leader(s) will be listed as **Lorraine Grant-Nash and ???.**

You requested **a setup for a Power Point presentation.**

Your home congregation is **All Soul's, KC.** If we need to contact you, we may reach you at **816-413-0519** and **816-509-7888**, or by e-mail at **lgrantnash@kc.rr.com.**

If any of this information is not correct, please contact me as soon as possible. You may reach me by e-mail at **uuseverson@prodigy.net** or by leaving a message at my home phone, **608-785-1274.**

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Thank you,

Eric Severson

Prairie Star District Annual Conference
Program Planning Working Group

Catie Chi Olson
806 W. Minnehaha Parkway
Minneapolis, MN 2134

Rev. Sofia Craethnenn
25 Beacon Street
Boston, MA 2134

12/13/2005

Dear Catie Chi Olson, Rev. Sofia Craethnenn:

On behalf of the Prairie Star District Annual Conference Program Planning Working Group, I am sorry to acknowledge your withdrawal of the application for the workshop “**Welcoming People of Color into Your Congregation.**” I do appreciate your letting me know of another commitment. I hope you will consider submitting your workshop idea again next year.

Thank you and best wishes,

Eric Severson

Prairie Star District Annual Conference
Program Planning Working Group