

August 16, 2009

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

Attached you will find an application to present a workshop at the 2010 Prairie Star District Annual Conference. We hope you or others in your UU community will consider this opportunity; feel free to post this letter and application, publish in your newsletter, and make Sunday morning announcements. The workshop application deadline is **Monday, September 28, 2009.**

We are planning a conference that will promote a multigenerational UU experience. Our goal is to include attendees of all ages to foster leadership development and grow our UU community. We are reaching out to include first time conference attendees, young families, children, youth, and adults. Our featured speakers and new conference structure promise to engage us in multigenerational conversations. In addition, there will be resources for new and seasoned leaders, art and musical events, the democratic process of the annual business meeting, awards and celebration of voices, hearts and minds, young and old together.

Date: April 23-25, 2010 Host: Davenport Unitarian Church, Iowa Theme: Roots and Wings: Weaving Multigenerational Dreams Keynote Speakers: Jan Fitzgerald and Judy Sasser, LREDA Judy Lecture: Dr Mark Hicks, Meadville Lombard Theological School

It is our expectation that workshop presenters will participate fully in the conference, complete the registration materials, and pay the appropriate registration fee. Exhibitors also are expected to pay an exhibit fee based on the hotel contract. Your cooperation in this is greatly appreciated as it helps keep the conference affordable for all attendees.

Workshop applications should be sent to Stan Nichol, either by email or postal mail, at the address listed on the application by **September 28.** The Annual Conference Program Planning Committee will consider all applications and make a final decision shortly after that date. We look forward to receiving your workshop application and hope you will join us in Davenport.

Sincerely,

The Annual Conference Program Planning Committee

Gina Dugan and Stan Nichol, Co-Chairs Laura Shennum Rev Lisa Friedman Robin Taylor