Application for Workshop Presentation

PSD Annual Conference 2011, April 8-10, Des Moines, Iowa

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| Conference Theme: "*It Matters What We Believe," Sophia Lyon Fahs, From “Singing the Living Tradition"* |
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Our conference theme comes from a favorite reading in our hymnal, “It Matters What We Believe” (#657) by a beloved UU religious educator, Sophia Lyon Fahs. It begins, “Some beliefs are like walled gardens. They encourage exclusiveness and the feeling of being especially privileged. Other beliefs are expansive and lead the way into wider and deeper sympathies.” What kind of believers are we? We are our best selves when we achieve understanding and empathy. We are at our worst when we can only proclaim what we are against. How do we challenge ourselves to be our best, while avoiding the trap of being exclusive ourselves?

Come and explore this theme with us by presenting a workshop at the Prairie Star Annual Meeting. How do we articulate our individual beliefs? How do we help our children form their own moral compass? And how do we, as a church, take a public stand on ethical issues?

The application deadline is **Monday, September 27, 2010** and they will be reviewed by the end of October. Keep in mind, workshop slots are limited in number. Preference will be given to sessions that reflect the conference theme and provide for balance in the overall offerings.

Upon confirmation of workshop acceptance, all workshop presenters are invited to participate fully in the PSD Annual Conference and expected to register and pay the appropriate conference fee.