

<p>Annual Conference Program Committee Minutes</p> <p>January 23, 2010 Meeting 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.</p> <p>MN Valley UU Fellowship 10715 Zenith Ave S Bloomington MN 55431 http://www.mnvalleyuu.org</p>	<p>Program Committee: Gina Dugan and Stan Nichol, Co-Chairs Rev. Lisa Friedman, Mike Schwab, Robin Taylor</p> <p>PSD Program Council: Sam Wormley, Working Group Coordinator</p> <p>PSD District Office: Nancy Heege, Sarah Greene</p>	<p>Friday Night Keynote Speaker Representative: Jan Fitzgerald (present during a.m. portion)</p>	<p>Next Meeting: Sat, May 8</p> <p>Location: MN Valley UU Fellowship, Bloomington MN</p> <p>Time: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Potluck lunch</p>
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The Annual Conference Program Committee chooses the Annual Conference theme, arranges for Keynote and Judy Lecture speakers, arranges and organizes workshop presenters, and provides support for (and guidance to) the Local Arrangements Committee of the hosting congregation.

<p>2010 Conference: April 23-25, 2010 Location: Radisson Hotel & River Center, Davenport IA Theme: Roots and Wings: Weaving Multigenerational Dreams Keynote Speaker: LREDA Team of Judy Sasser, Jan Fitzgerald, Lori Allen, Sherry Warren Judy Lecture: Dr. Mark Hicks</p>	<p>2011 Conference: Date April 8-10, 2011 Location: Holiday Inn, Des Moines IA Theme: It Matters What We Believe Keynote Speaker: Rev Dr Kendyl Gibbons, confirmed Judy Lecture: not confirmed</p>	<p>2012 Conference: Date April 13-15, 2012 Location: White Bear UU Church, MN (host) Theme: Keynote Speaker: Judy Lecture:</p>
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AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION
Welcome & Approval of Minutes	Jan Fitzgerald introduced us to the MN Valley UU Fellowship. Gina gave a brief description of the Annual Conference Program Committee. The minutes from the October 2009 meeting were approved.
District Update--Nancy Heege and Sarah Greene	<p>Ben Stallings, Dick Shelton, and Sarah Greene have spent two months updating the conference web page. The information for the 2010 conference is 30 pages long (formerly 6 pages). There is an index that you can click on to get the information you need.</p> <p>Nancy reported that PSD is working with Central and Heartland Districts doing online workshops. This year, Rev Lisa Presley (Heartland District) and Rev Ian Evison (Central Midwest District) will be attending PSD annual conference. Rev Evison plans the program for the Central Midwest District conference. Rev Presley will be doing a workshop on small congregations.</p> <p>PSD Bylaws specify that the business meeting must be part of the conference. This coupled with the size of the PSD district contribute to making the annual conference more complex than other districts. Most other districts are much simpler with some only one day long. The exception would be the SW district which lasts a week and is held at a resort camp. There is a project sponsored by the UUA to look at GA. Some of the changes being discussed could impact District meetings as well. Nancy will send the committee links which discuss the changes.</p>

<p>Program Coordinator Update – Sam Wormley</p>	<p>Sam discussed the different groups that contribute to the Annual Conference including PSD Staff, Awards, Annual Conference Program, Local Arrangements, Site Selection, and Archives Committees. The Annual Conference Program Committee is the most involved and time consuming and works with a different Local Arrangements Committee each year.</p> <p>Duluth LAC contributed money to the Davenport LAC for participation with the Annual Conference Program Committee planning process.</p> <p>This year has seen a tremendous amount of E-mail communication.</p>
<p>2010 Conference Update - Gina Dugan</p>	<p>Cheryl Wallace will bring the GA chalice to the Annual Conference. We will need a large candle for the chalice. Each year the host GA District may use the chalice.</p> <p>The Annual Conference Program Committee will need to come up with a back-up speaker for Dr. Mark Hicks and his workshop A. Gina suggest that John McCutcheon, if he is willing, be moved to cover workshop A in the event that Mark Hicks could not attend. After some discussion, we will ask Jill Schwendeman from White Bear Lake to be our first backup Judy lecturer and Phil Lund as the second backup.</p> <p>LAC will need to cover lodging for Friday and Saturday nights for Dr. Hicks. Dr. Hicks will be doing a pre-conference workshop and taking part in the LREDA conference. Reimbursement for driving is 50¢ per mile (most likely Dr. Hicks will be driving). The budget approved by the board indicated that \$500 of the \$1,000 speaking fee would come from LREDA and the other half from LAC conference budget. Some members of the LAC and the Annual Conference Committee remember Phil Lund indicating some money from his budget could be used. Nancy will check with Phil Lund.</p> <p>Nancy will open the conference and introduce the Board. LAC will provide an MC. Sam will introduce the LREDA Team. Laura will introduce Mark Hicks.</p> <p>Barb will work on room arrangements.</p> <p>LREDA will need two projectors for Friday night. This information was passed on to Davenport.</p> <p>Sam will check into getting a projector from Ames.</p> <p>Nancy asked Jan to check copyright issues.</p> <p>LAC will cover hotel rooms for 3 people for 2 nights and no mileage reimbursement. This was OK with Jan.</p>

<p>Program Committee Roles for 2010</p> <p>Rev Lisa Friedman term ends 6/30/2010 Laura Shennum term ends 6/30/2011 Gina & Stan term ends 6/30/2011 Robin Taylor term ends 6/30/2012 Mike Schwab term ends 6/30/2012 (unavailable May-Oct)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minister liaison - Lisa ▪ Minutes - Sam will do the minutes in the future ▪ Budget coordinator - Sam/Stan ▪ Publicity coordinator - Robin will handle the publicity and work with Ben Stallings. This position discusses the theme with the LAC. ▪ Speaker coordinator - Gina ▪ Workshop coordinator - Stan/Robin. For next year Ben/Sarah will enhance the technology to make it more automated. If Ben could put the workshop application on line, it would help with the detail/data entry that the current workshop coordinator has been doing. Most of the information that comes in now is "cut and pasted " from an E-mail application . For the 2010 conference, there were 2 written applications and around 20 electronic applications. Nancy suggested that a May electronic mailing as a heads-up for the August workshop solicitation. Also a 1/2 page to be inserted into the conference packet was discussed. Also with the conference evaluation, have a workshop announcement with a link to the workshop application. Stan Nichol will send Sarah the 2011 workshop application. ▪ Youth coordinator & DRE liaison - Laura? ▪ Planning guide coordinator - Laura/Gina ▪ Chair-elect - needed. Gina and Stan will be coming off the committee in June 2011. ▪ Mike will be gone for 4-5 months and not back until the end of September/early October.
<p>LREDA presentation</p>	<p>Jan discussed the theme, "When Worship Soars," for the LREDA keynote section. There are four LREDA members planning with Jan as the point person. The other three members are Lori Allen, Judy Sasser, and Sherry Warren. It will be an intergenerational service with stories, song, and movement. Children will be asked to participate. Sam will work with Jan and do the introduction.</p>
<p>2011 Conference Planning – Gina Dugan and Stan Nichol</p>	<p>Theme : All liked Robin's suggested topic from the Hymnal (p. 657), "It Matters What We Believe." We would like the conference to continue to be multigenerational. Mike suggested that the whole reading be put into the workshop application. Nancy will check with the UUA re copyright issues.</p> <p>Keynote speaker: Rev. Dr. Brian Eslinger, who will be a member of the Des Moines congregation in 2011, will be asked to be the Keynote speaker. He may be the point person to involve PSD ministers in the Friday night keynote address. Rev Lisa Friedman will inquire at the next Minister's Meeting what role PSD ministers would like to have in the annual conference. \$1250 would be the maximum amount for the keynote address-\$500 for speaker fees and \$750 for travel and hotel registration. Sam or Gina will talk to Brian.</p> <p>Judy Lecturer: Rev Kendyl Gibbons is the first choice and Jean Crow is the second. Lisa will talk to Kendyl.</p>
<p>Potluck Lunch</p>	
<p>2012 Conference Planning - Gina Dugan & Stan Nichol</p>	<p>Location - Twin Cities, WBUUC</p> <p>Where will be conference be in 5 years in terms of growth, cost, venues, and in coordination with GA changes.</p> <p>How can this conference best serve the district?</p> <p>9,000 members in PSD. 300-350 attend the conference.</p> <p>Main issues: New LAC committee every year, lack of continuity on the local level from year to year, and burden on LAC.</p>

Next Meeting:

May 8 - MN Valley UU Fellowship,
Bloomington MN

Stan to inquire about meeting venues in southern MN or northern IA, (college in Owatonna) or MN Valley UU Fellowship in Bloomington. Sam, Stan and Gina will meet with Des Moines LAC separately, others welcome to attend.