



The Mission of UUAMP is to develop and support the ministry of membership through professional development and collaboration.

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Book Discussion Offerings

Fusion: Turning First-Time Guests into Fully-Engaged Members of Your Church

by Nelson Searcy

April 15, 2015; 2:00 p.m. EST

Creating an environment that both embraces our newcomers and excites them enough to return does not happen by chance. We must be prepared to be effective stewards of those God brings us. Why should the Church not be the epitome of service at its best, as modeled by the greatest server of all time? *Fusion* offers a step-by-step, biblically grounded, tested, and proven plan for establishing a relationship with newcomers that ultimately prompts them to become fully developing members of our congregations. This innovative, practical guide is full of how-to information, testimonials from the recently assimilated and from participating church leaders, examples of the assimilation materials used, and check points to make sure the reader is on track. Engaging, informative, and immediately applicable, here is help for setting newcomers on the path toward true life transformation and spiritual maturity.

Sign up [here](#).

Innovative Learning Circles

All of you know about the great ministry happening in our congregations. As Membership Professionals, you also know that many programs of our churches often land in our job descriptions. Could you use support? Would you benefit from a group where you could take turns sharing a case study – a story, or a specific incident, or an issue you are working on – and then asking for the kind of feedback that would help you? The UUAMP Board participated in this kind of group last year and the wisdom, compassion, and wondering questions we each received from the group transformed each and every one of us.

If you haven't heard of Innovative Learning Circles, please check out a blog post from the Rev. Tandi Rogers at <http://growinguu.blogs.uua.org/organizational-maturity/innovative-learning-circles/>

We'd like to help start an Innovative Learning Circle for others in UUAMP. I put the word out last month and so far, 5 people are interested. We have room for 2 or 3 more people. If you would like more information, please contact Kathy Porter at Kathy.porter@uumilwaukee.org.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The ANNUAL MEETING of the
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION

Portland
Oregon

JUNE 24-28, 2015



UUAMP is Busy at GA!

Tuesday Night Casual Dinner

The night before our Professional Day, UUAMP members get together for dinner at a local restaurant to get to know each other and chat socially.

Exhibit Hall Booth

One of the best things about GA every year is the UUAMP booth in the Exhibit Hall. Whenever the Hall is open, there is likely someone at the UUAMP booth. It is a great opportunity to talk with people about UUAMP, but even more than that, it is a place to hang out and share ideas. We often have a planned topic or program, but no matter what time it was, ideas and support were being shared.

UUAMP Reception

Every year we have hosted a reception for UUAMP members and members of other professional groups so that we can learn from each other and explore ways we can collaborate.

GA Program: This year UUAMP is leading or co-leading three GA Programs.

UUAMP Professional Day

**Wednesday, June 24; 8:00 - 4:30
Includes Breakfast and Lunch**

The goals of this year's Professional Day is for us to leave inspired, rejuvenated and with new ideas for our daily work. We will also share an in depth update on the Certification Program and start exploring ways of developing the program. More information along with registration information will come in a separate email soon.

What I love about going to GA:

- Meeting others doing the same work as me
- Bringing home pages of notes of ideas and resources
- Being around thousands of UU's trying to make a difference in the world
- Meeting UUA Staff Members and sharing the good news of UUAMP
- Becoming friends with my colleagues
- Coming home newly inspired for my job

Regional/District Gatherings

Many of us will be attending our regional/district gatherings this spring, and we would love to plan a special time for us to gather together.

If you are planning on attending the MidAmerica Regional Assembly, contact Corie Jason at cjason@uulansing.org.

If you are planning on attending another District or Regional Assembly, contact Kim Hayden at khayden@uuneighborhooduu.org. She will connect those from the same area together so you can plan it out.



Welcome to our newest members

**Caron Armstrong
Elizabeth Bukey
Kelly Greene
Peter Bowden
Amanda Conger
Isabel Larson**



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