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Expanding Resources	1. Chalice Lighters Grants for Congregations	11. Fired Up Stewardship
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Workshop Session 1:

- 1. Chalice Lighters Grants for Congregations:** Designed for small and mid-sized congregations, this workshop will demonstrate how to take advantage of Chalice Lighter grants and grow the number of Chalice Lighters and Chalice Keepers, the JPD Endowment Fund for Growth. It will take you step by step through the process of applying for a CL grant and developing your timetable and long range plans. *Presenters: John Gubbings, Cedar Lane UU Church and Joan Priest, JPD Development Director*
- 2. Let's Talk About It: Living Our Covenant in a Sexually Healthy Way:** One of the most sacred aspects of covenantal community is to provide space that is safe, physically and emotionally, to grow in faith. Hear testimony from youth about the value of OWL and the difference it has made in their lives. Updated curriculum being released by the UUA and provide promotional materials. We will introduce a new "sexual health assessment" tool available for congregations, including a sample of the assessment questions and tips for making the most of this new tool. *Presenter: Pat Infante, CERG Faith Development Consultant*
- 3. Planning for Congregational Growth During a Ministerial Sabbatical:** Ministers craft their sabbaticals to foster spiritual growth such that they return refreshed and renewed. Congregations have the responsibility to continue their spiritual growth, even when the minister isn't watching. During a ministerial sabbatical, a congregation can (1) slip into a pseudo-vacation mode, (2) hold steady during the minister's absence, or (3) take ownership of their own congregation, grow spiritually as they learn to minister to each other, and welcome a renewed, refreshed minister back to a stronger, more vital congregation. Which option do you prefer? *Presenter: Marilyn Huff, UU Church of Delaware County*
- 4. The Difficulty of Being Just: Including People with Disabilities in Congregational Life:** Being in right relationship with people who have disabilities is more than etiquette. It requires that we treat others fairly; that we ensure that everyone has the same opportunities, resources, and rewards. This workshop will examine attitudes and practices toward people with disabilities and will offer strategies for greater acceptance and inclusion. *Presenter: Mark Bernstein, CERG Growth Development Consultant*
- 5. Living Our Values: Yoga As a Spiritual Practice:** UU Morning Yoga with Gael Chiarella Alba ERYT. Enjoy a mindbody practice that welcomes the day and brings a gentle awakening to body, mind and breath. Offer yourself some loving attention with time to consciously unwind. Every day brings something new. Every movement is adapted to your level and desire. All are welcome to tune in and stretch out as we invite consciousness in the care of our own body and mind. In this way we begin at the center of ourselves as we prepare to reach out for others. *Presenter: Gael Chiarella Alba, WellSprings UU Congregation*
- 6. Building Community Across Generations and Cultures:** The Unitarian Universalist Association UU United Nations Office has a particular focus on creating and strengthening intergenerational structures and relationships to create a tight-knit, well informed congregational community. This workshop will offer methods and materials for developing an internationally minded, multigenerational community. *Presenter: Kamila Jacob, UU United Nations Office Envoy Coordinator*
- 7. Living In a Spiritual-But-Not-Religious World:** Recent surveys claim that those describing themselves as Spiritual-But-Not-Religious (SBNR) are the fastest growing religious group in the United States. In October 2012 the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life published a study showing a very rapid rise in the number of Americans who claim no religious affiliation (nones), a number now at an all-time high. Even the Pew researchers were surprised by the study. Who are these SBNRs and "nones"? What do they believe? What are they looking for in spiritual community? What does this development mean for Unitarian Universalism and the future of our UU outreach? *Presenter: Rev. Joan Van Becelaere, Ohio-Meadville District Executive*
- 8. A New Model of Faith Community for a New Generation:** We know we need new faith communities to reach new populations. But what will they look like and how will we build them? Join Rev. Erik Martinez Resly as he shares three core insights from his effort to create a multicultural movement of creative people gathering in neighborhood faith communities to fall in love with God through the arts. This workshop will integrate dynamic new media. *Presenter: Rev. Erik Martínez Resly, The Sanctuaries*
- 9. Awake Ministry:** The AWAKE Ministry has been developed primarily for younger families, couples or singles of color and the almost 20% of Americans who currently categorize their religious affiliation as "NONE". Although these people may not worship or feel engaged at the church where they were raised, they still have a need for community connection and to be affirmed, inspired and grounded so they can reach their full potential. Come discover this new ministry in Annapolis. *Presenter: Rev. John Crestwell, UU Church of Annapolis*
- 10. Reimagining Your Congregation for the 21st Century:** What does the future of Unitarian Universalism hold? How will your congregation fair in 50 years? Do we have a future? The answer is an emphatic Yes! YES! Join Rev. Fred Muir as he reimagines the story of our precious faith for the 21st century. Using his 2012 Berry Street Lecture, "From iChurch to Beloved Community" (and summarized in the Winter issue of *The World*), Fred urges us to retell our story in order to embrace the bright future we all want. Come and lend your voice to this vital conversation. *Presenter: Rev. Fred Muir, UU Church of Annapolis*

Workshop Session 2:

11. Fired Up Stewardship: Participants will look at Stewardship in a new light and explore ways to breathe life into their annual operating fund campaign. Using a multi-cultural lens and a multi-disciplinary approach, we will draw on differences in backgrounds and weave our stories into a strong tapestry of support for Unitarian Universalism.

Presenter: Joan Priest, JPD Director of Development

12. Best Practices in Faith Development and Governance: The presentation will build on the following reflective questions: What is effective governance and how does it contribute to congregational maturation in terms of vibrancy and diversity? What are some best practices as new Lifespan Educators join a congregation? How does strength in governance and/or spiritual development help to expand the essential ministries of the congregation? How do best practices help congregations grow as multicultural and multigenerational faith communities?

Presenter: Meredith Higgins, JPD Director for Adjunct Staff Programs

13. Moving from Mission to Action: Your congregation has crafted a mission statement...now what? Using a case study, this workshop will give tips and tools on how leaders can use mission to guide strategic planning and decision-making.

Presenter: Rev. Renee Ruchotzke, CERG Leadership Dev. Consultant

14. The New Jim Crow: Michelle Alexander's book has inspired people from the First Unitarian Church of Wilmington to join with an African American congregation to deepen relationships and create joint efforts to reform the criminal justice system in Delaware. We are getting more people involved in other congregations to deepen the social justice work. Come and share in our learning.

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Richard Speck, JPD District Executive

15. Find Your Body Spirit: Get in touch with the abundance of spiritual expression within you through voice, body, witness, and play. All ages, physical abilities and body shapes welcome. Come ready to move and to shed judgment. This brief workshop will simply give a taste of the wealth of wisdom alive in your being.

Presenter: Rev. Lisa Ward, UU Fellowship of Harford County

16. Living As a Multicultural Congregation: Diversity can take place in congregations of all sizes and in different locations. Davies Memorial instituted a plan for welcoming diversity and multicultural growth. This resulted in increased diversity and recognition of Davies as a Breakthrough congregation. What lessons and strategies were learned? How is Davies "living" as a multicultural congregation now? *Presenter: Rev. Natalie Fenimore, Davies Memorial UU Church*

17. Reaching Out to the 'Nones' – Starting and Nurturing a UU Humanist Group: Unitarian Universalists share common demographics with "Nones", although both remain diverse. This workshop will review their similarities and differences, and outline how cooperation between them is a "win-win" situation: "Nones" gain community (religion) and enhanced sense of wonder (spirituality); UUs gain public awareness, numbers, and enhanced social justice. *Presenter: Clifford Andrew, UU Humanist*

18. Poetry, Prose, and Passion: Reflections on Young Adult Engagement & Leadership in Growth: Young Adult (YA) members of the First Unitarian Church of Philadelphia will conduct a workshop that presents creative reflections on our diverse experiences as YAs within the congregation. We will present key events that engage the congregation, with particular focus on the importance of recognizing the creative abilities of YAs in achieving congregational growth and inclusion. Presenters will also discuss different community partnerships maintained by YAs that have encouraged multicultural learning and growth. Workshop participants will be invited to identify YA-related resources and opportunities that encourage multigenerational and multicultural reflection and engagement. *Presenter: Ranwa Hammamy, First Unitarian Church of Philadelphia*

19. Building a Multicultural World through Music: Our worship will evolve as we create a multicultural congregation. What are the things to look for in including multicultural music in the worship? What are pitfalls to avoid? This interactive workshop will share ideas for creating good worship that brings in the various musical cultures of America and the world.

Presenter: Melodie Feather, JPD Worship Arts Festival Coordinator

20. JPD Board Presidents' Conversations: Our Common Challenges: An opportunity for congregational presidents to meet each other and discuss issues of common concern. The content and structure of this workshop were designed by JPD presidents to ensure its relevancy to their immediate needs. Discussion will cover such common challenges as stewardship/fundraising, leadership development/succession, outreach to potential members, and gaining visibility in their local communities.

Presenter: Lillian Christman, JPD Board President