

GA 2009 Workshop Series for Small Congregations **Co-Sponsored by Five UUA Districts**

Small Congregations Part I Thursday 6/25 9am- 10:15 Salt Palace 255 A

“The joys and challenges of being small congregations”

Team leadership by District Staff Rev. Karen Brammer and others, and Ellen Germann-Melosh

We will learn and share what we understand about the strengths and challenges of being congregations whose numbers are small. We will also talk about the role of small congregations in the UUA.

Small Congregations Part II Thursday 6/25 10:45-12 Salt Palace 255 A

“Leadership and Management for Vitality ”

Team Leadership by District Staff, Reverends Karen Brammer, Richard Speck and Bill Zelazny, and author Ellen Germann-Melosh

Participate in an assessment of your leadership style and learn how different styles support congregational health. Assess the strengths of your congregation and its ability to meet change.

Small Congregations Part III Sat. 6/27 11am - 12:15pm Salt Palace 250DE

“Helping your small congregation respond to change”

Team Leadership by District Staff Reverends Karen Brammer and Joan Van Becelaere and author Ellen Germann-Melosh.

Change is inevitable. Your leadership can make all the difference to help the congregation choose well and adapt rather than react. We’ll use a systems approach to address particular scenarios in small congregations.

Small Congregations Part IV Saturday 5:15-6:30pm Salt Palace 255 A

“Conflict as an entry point for positive change”

Team Leadership by District Staff Rev. Karen Brammer and others, and author Ellen Germann-Melosh.

You will leave this workshop with creative ways of using conflict. Create a new story that describes a vibrant future for your congregation and our Unitarian Universalist Faith Community.

Panel: Sunday 11:00:00 am - 12:15:00 pm Salt Palace 255 E

“Growing Small Congregations” (transition from lay led to minister led congregations)

Ellen Germann-Melosh, co-author of [Big Ideas for Small Congregations](#) joins a panel of presidents and ministers of small congregations to explore the challenges to identity and process as well as the tensions between moving from the familiar and comfortable to new ways of being. Focus will be on the grief and loss, joy and gain associated with growth and change.