

TO MINISTERS AND BOARDS

Dear Congregational Leader,

Association Sunday, according to Unitarian Universalists everywhere, forged deeper connections among our whole family of Congregations. Many UUs report deep satisfaction in seeing the *Time* magazine ads that generosity on Association Sunday made possible.

Lydia Ferrante-Rosenberry, minister of our congregation in Lafayette, CO writes:

What would we do without our parent organization, the Unitarian Universalist Association...? What would the UUA do without us....? We are beautifully interwoven, and we need one another.... Glad we could take part in this.... This service was a good way for folks to feel proud of what we do, and want to be more connected.

I am deeply grateful to the many Unitarian Universalists who made time in their busy calendars to affirm our common bonds and purposes by conducting an Association Sunday. Over 640 congregations and religious organizations have contributed over \$1.2 million as of this writing (January 11, 2008) to strengthen our Association of Congregations and enable us to do what no single congregation can do alone.

Our next Association Sunday, scheduled for October 12, 2008, will focus on the theme of *Growth in Spirit*. Funds raised will support both lay theological education and excellence in ministry. Please sign up by sending an email to AssociationSunday@uua.org, or register online at <http://www.uua.org/giving/associationsunday/61484.shtml>.

I am confident that we will continue to grow in numbers, spirit, diversity, witness, and leadership in the days, and years, to come.

In faith,

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