



April 2009 Digest

Creating a Sustainable World One Congregation at a Time

Today, as we face major environmental justice challenges, we are called to reaffirm our Seventh Principle as Unitarian Universalists: respect for the interdependent web of *all* existence of which we are a part. And with your generous gifts, you enable your Association to administer programs like the [Green Sanctuary](#), providing your congregations with the framework and resources needed to move forward with this work.

“Participating in Green Sanctuary is a wonderful opportunity to experience the application of this intertwining work of environmentalism, spirituality, and justice,” shares Marilyn Castriotta, former Co-Chair of the Green Sanctuary committee at Arlington Street Church in Boston, Massachusetts. “Green Sanctuary serves as a model for cultivating small yet significant lifestyle choices and changes as individuals, as a faith community, and out in the world.”

[Read more](#) about Arlington Street Church and their commitment to sustainable living.

In honor of Earth Day 2009 on April 22nd, we invite you to [learn more](#) about the Green Sanctuary Program and how to get your congregation started.

[Donate now](#) to support Green Sanctuary and the UUA’s environmental justice work.

Stewardship Sermon Award Recipient Announced!

The [Annual Program Fund](#), the [Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association](#) and the [Liberal Religious Educators Association](#) are proud to honor the [2009 Stewardship Sermon Award](#) recipient: Rev. Erika Hewitt of the Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Goleta, California.

Rev. Hewitt’s sermon, entitled [The Answer I Wish I’d Given](#) effectively explores and promotes financial support of the Unitarian Universalist faith.

Building the World We Dream About

Through your participation in [Association Sunday 2009](#), scheduled for October 4th, you will be expand [Building the World We Dream About](#), a newly-developed [Tapestry of Faith](#) curriculum to enable Unitarian Universalist congregations to become more welcoming of racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity, and to dismantle racism in congregations and the larger community. [Read more](#).

[Sign up to participate](#) on October 4th! As of April 21, 2009, 206 congregations have already registered to help *Grow Our Faith* in Diversity. Or [donate now](#) to support the UUA’s *Growth in Diversity* work.

Toward the Goal of World Community

Mindful of both the world's brokenness and the potential for reconciliation, the UUA has a long history of commitment to energizing Unitarian Universalist congregations by facilitating their engagement in transformative international partnerships. Guided by this vision, President William G. Sinkford led a [Unitarian Universalist pilgrimage to Africa](#) in November 2008.

The lessons of this journey have inspired the UUA to strengthen its relationships with indigenous Unitarian and Unitarian Universalist groups in Africa. We have an exciting **opportunity to create partnerships between congregations in the United States and those in Kampala, Uganda and Lagos, Nigeria**. This is a crucial first step in building bridges and cultivating Right Relationship with our African partners.

We are seeking to raise \$10,000 before June 30 to move this project forward and enable the UUA International Office to create these two unique partnerships. [Read more.](#)

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(Data as of April 21, 2009.)

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