

AD HOC UPDATE



TOPICS FOR INQUIRY

The Ad Hoc Committee has narrowed its topics for investigation to:

- **MARKETING:**
Attracting and Retaining Members
- **BUILDING A CULTURE**
Of Valuing Each Other
- **STUDYING**
Successful Churches and Spiritual Organizations

APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY INTERVIEWS

The community interview process will begin next week. Members of the Ad Hoc Committee will use the interview script they have formulated together at this week's meeting.

Committee members will call members, friends, and ministry partners of the Congregation to ask to make an appointment for an interview. Interviews can be conducted on the phone or in person (but not online) and should take about an hour. Every person will be interviewed individually so if you and a partner are called, please know you'll be asked for two interview times.

WALL OF APPRECIATION

Summaries of interviews will be posted in the Chalice Center to create a Wall of UUCO Appreciation. (If you do not want your name associated with your posting, please tell your interviewer.) You'll be able to see these during Sunday morning Coffee Hour. Data gathered in interviews will be used in the Dream, Design & Do phases.

SAFE CONGREGATION TRAINING

The second phase of the Ad Hoc process will begin in August. Safe Congregation practices will be reviewed and re-instituted in preparation for the Dream, Design, & Do phases of the Appreciative Inquiry process.

CAREGIVER'S LUNCH

Tuesday, 5 June @ 12 n
Chalice Center



Please RSVP to Deanna @ 684-3942
by Monday, 4 June

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Owensboro

Rev. Dr. Claudia A. Ramisch, Minister
Claud Porter, Legal Counsel
JUNE 2012

GUEST PREACHERS for June & July Services while Rev. Ramisch is on Sabbatical:

03 June: Peggy Wilson [Lessons of a Reluctant Art Teacher]

10 June: Marilyn Duncan [Losing Things]

17 June: Claud Porter [Father's Day]

24 June: Linda Craig [Summer Solstice]

01 July: Ed Belfiglio [The Theology of Unitarian Universalists]

08 July: Rev. Cynthia Cain, Minister of UU of Lexington

15 July: Rev. Dawn Cooley, Minister of 1st Unitarian of Louisville

22 July: Rev. Esther Hurlburt, Community Minister, Richmond

29 July: Rev. Elwood Sturtevant, Minister of Thomas Jefferson Unitarian, Louisville

PASTORAL CARE CONCERNS: Deanna Estes @ 684-3942

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR DADS!

8th ANNUAL DENOUNCE TORTURE EVENTS

DENOUNCE TORTURE PRAYER VIGIL

Fr. Pat Connell, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, will be the guest preacher for our Prayer Vigil on Sunday, 24 June @ 7:15 pm in the Sanctuary. The service includes the Litany of Countries and the Amnesty International Twelve Point Plan for an end to Torture. Please join us in prayer and reflection on this social issue.

DENOUNCE TORTURE LECTURE

Sr. Cheryl Clemons, PhD, Theologian and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Brescia University will offer this year's free public lecture on Tuesday, 26 June at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Sr. Cheryl is a member of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph with a doctorate in Historical and Systematic Theology from the Catholic University.

26 June is the anniversary of entry into force of the UN Convention Against Torture and the Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment of Prisoners. (The UN resolution was entered into force in 1987.) Please join us to learn more about the issue.

SPIRITUAL MENTORING TO BE FEATURED

AT RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP AT HARTFORD SEMINARY

By the invitation of Dr. Lucinda Mosher, Rev. Ramisch and Rev. Linda Craig will be representing us at an international workshop at Hartford Seminary, Hartford CT, 3-8 June. The workshop allows ministers and interfaith leaders from around the world to meet each other face-to-face, share resources and strategies for fostering interfaith dialogue, learn more of the issues facing our respective communities, and develop leadership as we continue interfaith efforts for community health. Claudia and Linda will have the opportunity to share our Spiritual Mentoring Program with the group- and participate in the workshop, including visits to a Sikh Gurdwara and a Hindu Temple!

Hartford Seminary lives the work of interfaith dialogue consistently with a mission to, "Prepare students to understand and live in today's multi-faith world." It is home to three academic centers: Center for Faith in Practice, Hartford Institute for Religion Research, and Macdonald Center for the Study of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations. It offers Chaplaincies in Muslim and Multifaith Contexts. And this workshop is supported by a generous grant from the Buddhist Shinnyo-en Foundation. What a fun place for Unitarian Universalists to share our experience and to study!