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## A New Season



*Reflections from our LREDA President, Anne Bancroft*

Dear Colleagues:

First and foremost I want to thank the three individuals who are completing their three-year tenure on the LREDA Board: **Susan Archer**, who has served as President; **Kathy Silver**, who has been our Treasurer; and **Ginger Luke**, who has carried the Good Offices portfolio. Each has served with generosity and commitment to the work of religious educators, and we are most indebted to their efforts. I'm sure I represent the entire Board, and membership, in extending a heart-felt THANK YOU to each of them!

We are most fortunate that **Cathy Seggel** is continuing as Vice President, with the Fall Conference portfolio. I hope we see many of you in Albuquerque, in October, to witness the Rev. Rebecca Parker as theme-speaker, together with an incredible team of workshop presenters focusing on multigenerational opportunities in our congregations. Thanks to Cathy, we'll also have a chance to hear from our UUA Presidential candidates, the Rev. Laurel Hallman and the Rev. Peter Gonzales. Please check the LREDA web-site ([uus.org/lreda](http://uus.org/lreda)) for more information and registration, and join us! (scholarships available)

**Patti Withers** is also continuing on the Board, serving the Member Concerns portfolio. We

are most grateful to Patti for having shepherded the revisions of the LREDA Guidelines, which were approved at the June meeting in Fort Lauderdale. This was an herculean effort! Many thanks, Patti.

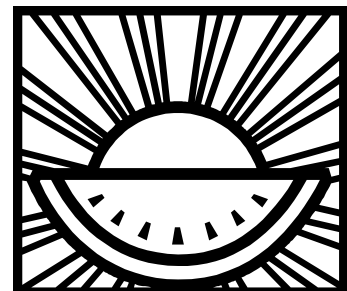
Our At-Large member, **Cindy Leitner**, as well as our Secretary, **Lori Allen**, are also serving the Board, for two more years each. While Lori maintains our critically important institutional memory, Cindy is responsible for LREDA's General Assembly planning. Many thanks for Cindy's efforts at the 2008 GA, where a particularly successful LREDA Workshop on classism, led by the Rev. Lynn Strauss, was filled beyond capacity. It was wonderful. Lynn's notes and bibliography are available on the LREDA site. We very much hope to continue this critical conversation at future LREDA events.

I'd like to welcome our new Board members: **Jennifer Halperin**, who joins us as Treasurer, and the **Rev. Millie Rochester**, who will assume the Good Offices position. Thank you, in advance, for your service to LREDA, for your time, your care and your good humor!

All that said, I am so grateful to have had a year as President-elect to shadow Susan's work, and to spend time with the Board as a whole. It gave me the chance to truly appreciate how much effort your LREDA Boards, and all the various LREDA volunteers, have contributed to this profession, and to each of our professional lives as religious

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## President's Column, continued

educators.

As I read our history in "Giving Birth to Ourselves," (be sure you read this – recently reprinted and available at [uua.org/lreda/shop](http://uua.org/lreda/shop)) it is clear that our Boards have made every effort to follow the advice of the eminently quotable hockey great, Wayne Gretzky, who quipped, "A good hockey player plays where the puck is. A great hockey player plays where the puck is going to be." (And no, unfortunately, I don't think he identifies as UU . . .) *This continues to be our task:* to keep our eyes on where we want LREDA to be, able to support and advocate for ourselves as professional religious educators in the ongoing and critical work of our Unitarian Universalist movement as it evolves in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The Rev. Nancy Crumbine reminds us of "the centrality of education in everything we do." May we be attentive to this reality as we move forward together, knowing in our bones how important our work is, and will continue to be.

Looking forward,

Anne Bancroft

## From Behind the Inbox

*Julie Lambert, LREDA Administrator*

First of all, I want to say a heartfelt thanks to all of you for your patience as I struggled to fill the shoes of the irreplaceable Shannon. It has not been easy, but we're making headway, and so far the world hasn't stopped turning.

This year should bring some exciting changes to our systems. Anne and I are scrutinizing everything about the way the office operates, from the website to registrations to packets, and after the first growing pains I think you'll appreciate the updated, streamlined LREDA.

You'll notice that this packet is lighter and smaller. It's printed on recycled paper, and some of the content has been moved online. We've omitted the Table of Contents, so I'll note here that the paid announcements in this packet (Starr King, Church of the Larger Fellowship and Skinner Books) do not imply any recommendation or endorsement on the part of the LREDA Board.

Please come say hello at Fall Conference—I love knowing the person behind the database entry!

Namasté,  
Julie

## Good Offices Board Member

*Millie Rochester, MRE*

*Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater, FL*

We are fortunate to have Millie Rochester, MRE, as our Board member with responsibility for Good Offices. Millie served as Director of Religious Education for the UU congregation in Salem, Oregon for twelve years, and attended Meadville Lombard Theological School, graduating in 003. She served as Interim Minister for Religious Education at First Unitarian Society in Chicago before moving to Florida, and is now Associate Minister for the Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater. She and her life partner, Roger, have been married for 37 years. They have four grown children and a beautiful granddaughter, who all live in Oregon.

## Treasurer's Note\$

*Jennifer Halperin, DRE, First Unitarian Church of Pittsburgh and Treasurer of LREDA*

Greetings to all! I am Jennifer Halperin, your new LREDA treasurer. I serve as Director of Ministries with Children and Youth at First Unitarian Church Pittsburgh, and am the second year Co-Chair of the Ohio-Meadville District Lifespan Faith Development Committee.

I am happy to say that the LREDA coffers have been passed to my stewardship in very good shape, thanks to the fiduciary responsibility of the Board and Committees and the outgoing Treasurer, Kathy Silver. On behalf of the Board I would like to thank everyone who has donated to the LREDA Endowment, to the Scholarship Fund, and to the Fahs Lecture Fund. Your generous contributions help make quality programming and resources more accessible to religious educators across the continent and beyond.

If you have expense reimbursements or bills to submit, please send them to me at: Jennifer Halperin, First Unitarian Church, 605 Morewood Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. I plan to write checks once a month (around the 15<sup>th</sup>), although I will send out large reimbursements sooner.

Please note that the LREDA fiscal year is from July 1<sup>st</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you and your congregations for renewing your membership promptly! I look forward to meeting you at Fall Conference!

## The Future(s) Is Now

*Betsy Darr, CRE-ML*

The RE Education Futures Committee appointed by the LREDA Board has now met twice to explore the needs for continuing education and for seminary/graduate education in Religious Education. We have come up with a set of goals for providing continuing education for all religious educators, as well as substantial grounding in religious education for all prospective ministers. We are well on our way to agreeing on objectives for each of these goals. It has been very stimulating to work on this project together, to observe how committed every member is to providing better education in RE.

Our next major step is to solicit input from the entire LREDA membership. We will shortly be posting a short (really!) on-line survey. We want to know what you want in the way of education, as well as how to best provide it so you can access it; and we want your input on any aspects of this topic that we may not have even thought of. Our hope is to have every member take this brief survey.

## Canadian Report

*Patti Withers, CRE-ML, LREDA-CUC Liaison*

Sylvia Bass West left her position of Director of Lifespan Learning for the CUC as of June 30, 2008. During her six years of work supporting this portfolio, new programs, systems and procedures were created by the DLL in consultation with other program staff, Lifespan Learning service consultants, youth advisory groups and others. We certainly celebrate her great work! Canada will remain involved with the UUA's Youth Ministry, RE Credentialing Program, and RE training opportunities (Renaissance Modules, OWL trainings, etc.).

## Mentor Training and In-service Offered at Fall Con

*Jean Wiant, DRE, UU Fellowship of Centre County, State College, PA, and Chair of the LREDA Committee on Mentoring*

Karen Lapidus has completed her term as chair of the committee, and Jean Wiant, CRE, is assuming that position for the coming year. The other members of the committee are Cathy Tauscher, Rev. Eva Ceskava, and Kathleen Carpenter, CRE. Members serve for four years, rotating from observer to secretary, to training coordinator, and finally chair. We celebrated Karen's completion of four years with the committee at General Assembly, and welcomed Kathleen as a new member.

We will meet again in November to review the results of the survey. Susan Archer, our LREDA Board liaison, has obtained funding for our meetings from the Panel on Theological Education and the Fund for Unitarian Universalism, which shows support from the denomination—very gratifying to us! We also are very pleased to have received a generous grant from the LREDA 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund. In November we plan also to begin discussions with other UU institutions and leaders about moving forward to implement the goals. It's a great team (Marge Corletti, Betsy Darr, Pat Ellenwood, Dick Gilbert, Robin Pugh, Susan Archer, Board liaison, and Barry Andrews, Chair) that enjoys working together. If you have input for us before or besides the survey, feel free to contact Barry (RevBMA@aol.com) or me ([betdar@aol.com](mailto:betdar@aol.com)).

*(For more information about this committee and its mandate/vision, see your Spring Newsletter)*

Sylvia writes: *Keeping LREDA informed of and engaged with Canadian RE professionals, and the issues relevant to this environment are key considerations. How we 'keep Canadians at the table' of our continental professional association is an important question. We had an excellent Annual Meeting workshop from Rev. Ginger Luke. It may be time for a Canadian LREDA chapter, or an intentional Canadian position on the Board.*

There will be a Mentor Training just before Fall Conference on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, led by Dr. Helen Bishop. This year, we are inviting those who are already mentors to come to the very last part of the mentor training on the morning of October 24<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Beth Williams and Gail Forsyth-Vail, Chair of the RECC, will present a mini-session on tools and resources, challenging and coaching mentees, and credentialing as formation.

**HOUSING:** Room reservations must be made directly with the Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town through a link on the Fall Conference page of the LREDA website. Our Rate Code is GRPB66. If you don't have internet, call toll free 866-505-7829. Our group rate is good until September 21.

**The airport shuttle** costs \$14 each way, reservations must be made at least 24 hrs. ahead through Sunspot Shuttles [sunspotshuttle.com](http://sunspotshuttle.com) or 866-505-4966.

**ROOMMATE SEARCHES:** The LREDA Administrator, Julie Lambert, will keep a list of those searching for roommates. If you'd like to be sent the list, email her at [LREDA@uua.org](mailto:LREDA@uua.org). To be added to the list, send an email to her containing your name; the dates of the nights for which you want a roommate; your state; your email and your phone number. Also, please notify her when you have found a roommate and wish to be removed from the list.

### Please Note- Important Deadlines:

**Scholarship Applications:**  
Aug. 21

**Earlybird Registration:**  
Sept. 10

**Final Registration:**  
Sept. 21



**Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker**

## 2008 LREDA FALL CONFERENCE

*October 24-27 Albuquerque, New Mexico*

**Building A Multigenerational Faith:  
Creating Wholeness In Our Congregations**

**Featured Presenters: UUA District staff & practitioners in the field**

This promises to be a precious opportunity to gather with colleagues for learning, deep reflection, networking, fellowship and fun! Highlights include:

### UUA Presidential Candidates Forum:

*Rev. Laurel Hallman & Rev. Peter Morales join us on Saturday afternoon.*

**2008 Honored Odyssey Presenter:** *Rev. Pat Hoertdoerfer*

Daily worship, Professional Interest Groups, Bookstore, UUSC & UUMN presence, small group sessions, and access to Albuquerque's indigenous people's cultural center and museum and the Acoma Pueblo region.

**Now is the time to encourage your colleagues to join LREDA and attend this important, lively Fall Conference!**

*LREDA welcomes lay and ordained religious professionals and volunteer congregational leaders to share in this collaborative, comprehensive educational experience. Scholarship application forms and childcare subsidy forms are available upon request. Reserve now by mail (registration information was sent to members in May) or on our website.*

### Fall Conference Brings Many Opportunities

*Cathy Seggel, DRE, First Unitarian Church of Providence, RI and LREDA Vice President*

As coordinator of fall conferences I have very good news. A dedicated, creative team of professionals has been working all year to develop an excellent, inspirational, balanced program for our gathering in New Mexico. I am grateful to Jesse Jaegar, Nancy Di Giovanni, Sue Sinnamon and Laura Spencer, with counsel from theme speaker, Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker, for their leadership in our preparation for the '08 conference. I am pleased to welcome our new Administrator, Julie Lambert, as she gracefully handles the many logistics of Fall Con and supports the work of LREDA. *Looking forward to seeing you all in Albuquerque!*

# LARGE Add-On Day '08

Following the conclusion of LREDA Fall Conference

## Challenges of Shared Ministry: Moving from Temporary to Permanent Solutions

With Rev. Robert Latham



*We will focus on some of the needs and challenges faced by religious educators serving large congregations and/or large religious education programs, as articulated at our LARGE '07 business meeting. However, all interested religious educators are welcome!*

You have identified three basic challenges that hinder successful staff leadership in the larger congregation:

- Staff become surrogates for congregants' own ministry commitment
- Staff empowerment turns into staff dependency
- Congregants fail to engage ministry in meaningful ways

These challenges are motivational in nature. When attempts at motivation go unheeded, our tendency is to look to the novelty of new techniques to inspire commitment. Let's avoid this short-term approach and focus on lasting solutions. Engage with us in addressing the kinds of shared ministry challenges that tend to afflict large congregations, in particular. Restore the energy and enhance the vision of your RE program!

Rev. Latham grew up in a conservative Christian tradition. As a result of a challenging educational experience in seminary, his religious view of reality was transformed. And, as a result of an equally shattering experience in Vietnam, his cultural perspectives were also transformed. On the wake of these transformations, he discovered Unitarian Universalism and officially entered our professional ministry in 1969.

Rev. Latham has served as both settled minister and as interim minister for congregations of all membership sizes. He has also been the lead minister for a number of successful projects for the UUA, as well as for some of our districts. His published works consist of *The Unitarian Universalist Extension Manual* (1985) and *Moving On From Church Folly Lane* (2006).

### LARGE Add-on Day Schedule

#### **Monday**

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| 12:00-1:45 | Say good-bye to departing friends; lunch on your own; rest & re-charge   |
| 1:45-2:00  | Register for LREDA LARGE program   |
| 2:00-6:00  | Program, Part I  |
| 6:30-9:30  | A relaxing dinner (provided) and conversation together at the hotel<br>Entertainment or renewal activity if someone wants to lead or arrange** |

#### **Tuesday**

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| 7:30-8:00   | Breakfast (provided)         |
| 8:00-8:30   | Worship                      |
| 8:30-10:30  | Program, Part II             |
| 10:30-11:30 | LREDA LARGE Business Meeting |
| 11:30       | Adjourn                      |

\*\* Participants at our '07 business meeting expressed interest in a leisure activity of some kind to follow dinner. Contact Jan Gartner, [janw@rochesterunitarian.org](mailto:janw@rochesterunitarian.org), if you would like to lead or organize something!

## Chapter Chats

*Compiled by Patti Withers, CRE-ML, LREDA Board for Member Concerns*

**Heartland Chapter:** The members of the Heartland LREDA Chapter met during the Heartland District Annual Meeting in Louisville, KY, in April. We discussed the process for replacing our Good Offices representatives since both Laura Spencer and Layne Richard Hammock are no longer able to serve in that capacity. Kathy Silver volunteered to become the new convener of the chapter. Karen Brown is once again leading us in our third annual retreat during the first week in June. We are very grateful for Karen's leadership in this endeavor. It is our primary chapter activity and very meaningful to our members.

**Joseph Priestley Chapter:** We held our annual retreat and meeting in May 2008, where we elected new officers for the 2008-2009 year. They are as follows: Trish Brandon- President, Gabrielle Farrell- Vice President, Sarah Edelson- Treasurer. We only hold one chapter meeting per year. The officers meet by phone and e-mail throughout the year. It was decided that the President and Vice President should represent different clusters. We sponsored a "Professional Day" program on "Group Games and Initiatives" prior to our district's Spring Conference.

**Metro New York Chapter:** Metro New York has had a wonderful year with record membership and a growing budget. We are currently in flux though, since our VP Aisha Hauser has just taken a job with the UUA and can't continue to be an officer although she can continue as a member. Melaney Mashburn is President, John Cavallero is treasurer and Tracy Jenks Sprowls is our secretary.

**North Atlantic Chapter:** This has been a transition year for our Chapter. With four districts represented and a membership of less than 30, we entered into our annual spring meeting with questions about how to continue. At the forefront of the discussion we tried to understand if there is any consistency of structure among Chapters. The way religious educators gather, either for collegial support and/or professional development, is very different from one area to another. In the midst of transitions at the UUA level of how to structure districts, it seems to have great relevance under what name religious educators meet -- the district identity v. the professional organization identity (LREDA). We know that some districts are well funded, thus religious educators may get extensive direct service from a program consultant. On the other hand, within our Chapter, we have one district that does not have a program consultant. Is there value in standardizing language and organizational structure for religious educators, put forth by LREDA? There is a broad range of professionalism within our organization and there seems to be potential to form a more cohesive identity if we can be aware of the collective needs of all religious educators. In other words, the LREDA Chapters or District Clusters

that are the most well-funded and well-organized will pull ahead of other groups that struggle to meet, for a variety of reasons.

Another factor discussed is that since LREDA Fall Conference is not accessible to a majority of religious educators because of cost, what might the efforts look like to support local conferences? A strong local identity with the professional organization seems to cultivate the most professional growth.

Our new officers are: Convenor: Barb Greve, Program Chair: Ruth Owen, Scribe: Connie Dunn, and Treasurer: Irene Praeger

**Pacific Northwest Chapter:** Officers in the Pacific Northwest District are: Dana Regan – President, Barbara Stevens - Vice President, Kari Kopnick – Treasurer, Lisa Ashley – Secretary, and Erin Fitzgerald - Good Offices. We made a decision to begin a Mentoring Program for all new/incoming DRE's so we can give them the best help possible for their first year. We are working on a design for a district RE pin for religious educators and ministers as a small but noticeable fundraiser for our chapter. We are planning to host an RE Leadership Program with Helen Bishop next summer. Several of the local Portland area religious educators and our Program Consultant are working on this. We held a very successful joint minister/religious educator retreat on Classicism this past February. It was very well received and had over 80 participants. We also did some brainstorming about District services (with our Program Consultant) and discussed what was working and what might be changed.

**Prairie Star Chapter:** Current Officers are: Kate Zabertini – President, Jan Fitzgerald - Vice President, Judy Sasser – Secretary, and Andrea Heier – Treasurer. We meet annually in conjunction with the PSD Annual Conference in April. This year 14 attended. We are establishing a regular LREDA PSD Lecture/Workshop Series at our PSD Annual Conference beginning in April 2009. Due to the large geographical area of Prairie Star District we are creating cluster groups who can meet face-to-face in denser areas of UU population. There are plans for “new religious educator” welcome packet and ongoing resource info for all. We are revisiting mentor roles and how to be most helpful to new and very part time religious educators in our district. LREDA representatives meet regularly with District Lifespan Faith Development Council to coordinate plans and assess needs in district.

**Seaway Chapter:** Our spring chapter retreat in late April was held in conjunction with the Iroquois UUMA chapter and featured Meg Barnhouse leading a dynamic program entitled “Humor and Truth in Ministry.” We had a full business meeting that included several enthusiastic first-time attendees and plenty of lively conversation.



## MILESTONES

### New Positions

**Polly Leland-Mayer** is out of retirement (again) and will serve the UU Society of Martha's Vineyard as their interim minister beginning in September.

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**Jaco ten Hove**, along with Barbara Wells will be starting a new co-ministry back in the Seattle area this August, at Cedars UU Church, Bainbridge Island, WA. They were formerly co-ministers at Paint Branch UU Church, Adelphi, MD.

**Barbara Friedland** is now settled DRE at Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church in Louisville, KY after a one and a half year term as an Acting DRE.

**Greg Jude Geiger (Jude)** has just started as MRE at First Unitarian in Brooklyn, NY, having graduated from Union Theological Seminary in NYC with an MDiv in May.

**Barbara Gay Stoddard** will begin as Interim DRE at University Unitarian Church in Seattle, WA, having just served as interim DRE at the UU Church of Silver Spring, MD. This is her 5<sup>th</sup> interim position.

**Connie Grant** has been called to serve the Unitarian Church of Evanston, IL, as Minister for Lifespan Religious Education. She had been serving the UU Society of Sacramento, CA.

**Helen Bishop, CRE-ML** this fall will be teaching an online master's level course in "Systems Thinking for Religious Leaders." She is no longer teaching "Seminary for the Laity", which has been discontinued by Starr King School for the Ministry.

**Caroline Balderston Parry** is brushing up on her French as she moves to the half time DRE position at the Unitarian Church of Montreal and also pursues her aspirations as a writer. She has spent the past two years as Interim DRE at the First UU Church of Columbus, OH.

**Andrea Lerner** is the settled District Executive of the Metro New York District.

**Sarah Gibb Millspaugh** is the new co-minister (with her husband, John) of the UU Congregation in Winchester, MA. She served three years as the Adult Programs Director for the UUA.

**Mary Rogers** will be the new as Director of Life-span Religious Education at the Bay Area Unitarian Universalist Church in Houston, TX after four years with Theodore Parker Church in West Roxbury, MA.

**Millie Rochester** was called as Associate Minister to the Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater, FL.

**Ginger Luke** is returning as the MRE at River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Bethesda, MD after a year's leave-of-absence during which she was the MRE at the Ann Arbor, MI Unitarian Universalist Congregation.

**Rosie Rimrodt** is now serving as the assistant minister for life-span Religious Education at the Unitarian Universalist Church of

Bloomington, IL.

**Kevin Drewery**, DRE, will begin serving the Mission Peak UU Congregation in Fremont, CA in August as he begins his second year at Starr King. He was formerly DRE in Las Vegas, NV.

**Elizabeth M. Strong**, although she says retirement is good, will be the quarter time interim minister for the Unitarian Church of Ashby, MA. At the GA's Ministry Days she delivered the talk on behalf of the 25 year ministers at the UUMA Worship service honoring the ministers who have served for 25 and 50 years. She also received the first Meadville Lombard Theological School Alumni Service Award.

**Gene Navias** has become an archivist as he retraces his past and shares all his files and records from 1949 - 1990 at the request of Harvard Divinity School. Andover Harvard Library has also catalogued all his UUA files from 1967 to 1993. With David Johnson, Gene is also creating a new "Singing Our History" program from which he promises at least one timeless hit.

### Tenures Completed

**Dolores Miller**, DRE, is leaving her position after 10 years at the River Road Unitarian Universalist congregation in Bethesda, MD. She's not retiring, and hopes to be back, part time, in religious Education work in the near future.

**Ann Barker**, CRE-ML has resigned from her position in Appleton, WI

**Colleen MacDonald**, MRE at the UU Church of Rockford, IL, was honored on June 1 for her 19-year tenure at the UU Church of Rockford, IL. Colleen concluded her ministry to the congregation on June 30<sup>th</sup> and is currently taking a sabbatical to explore her future career path.

**Sylvia Bass West** completed her term as CUC Director of Life-span Learning June 30. She has served in that position since 2002.

### Preliminary Fellowship

**Vilius Rudra Dundzila**, Summer Minister of Faith Development at Second Unitarian Church in Chicago and Professor of Humanities and Comparative Religion, Harry S. Truman College, was a transfer candidate from another denomination.

### Credentialed Status Awarded

**Lynn Hunt**, CRE, April, 2008, First Unitarian Church of St. Louis, MO.

**Karen LoBracco**, CRE, April, 2008, St. Lawrence District Program Consultant. This is a new position for Karen, who through June was DRE at Northwest UU Congregation in Sandy Springs, GA (left 6/1/08) CRE, Northwest UU Congregation, Sandy Spring, GA, April, 2008.

**Aisha Hauser**, CRE-AL May, 2008. Aisha is also the new Children and Families Program Director at the UUA, having served this past year as DRE at 4<sup>th</sup> Universalist in NYC.

## MILESTONES, continued...

### Renaissance Recognition

**Linda A. Haumann**, DRE, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Marin, CA since January 2004.

**Halcyon Westall**, DRE, Channing Memorial Church, Newport, RI..

### Other Awards and Honors

**Lisa Ashley**, DRE, Cedars UU Church on Bainbridge Island, WA, was awarded the Chuck and Nancy Thomas Scholarship from the UUA Ministerial Credentialing Office. This \$11,000

scholarship is given annually to a student entering seminary who "has shown an outstanding . Religious Education from the Vancouver School of Theology in May.

**Carol Ann Taylor**, MRE, received an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from Meadville Lombard Theological School in June. **Kathleen Carpenter**, CRE, and DRE for Children and Youth at the UU Church of Charlotte, NC received the Thomas Jefferson District's "Laurel B. Amabile Award" at its 2008 annual meeting. The award is named for another outstanding religious educator, Laurel Amabile, who is now Director of the UUA's APF.



## Honored for 25 Years or More of Professional Service to Religious Education

Fort Lauderdale, Florida, June 25, 2008

### Recognized in 2008:

Helen Bishop  
Ellie Duhamel  
Pat Gardiner  
Louise Pare  
Rev. Jeannellen Ryan

Dori Davenport  
Eleanor Hunting  
Rev. Richard Leonard  
Chris Parker  
Rev. Judy Tomlinson

### Recognized in 2007:

Rev. Susan Davison Archer  
Rev. Patricia Hoertdoerfer  
Rev. Rosie Rimrodt

Gaia Grown, CRE-ML,  
Rev. Judith Mannheim

### Recognized in 2006:

Rev. Barry Andrews, Rev. Randolph Becker, Rev. Jean Cook Brown, Rev. Helena Chapin, Rev. Vivienne Chapman, Rev. Eva Ceskava, Rev. Peggy Clason, Lois Ecklund, Patricia Ellenwood, Lisa Elliott, Rev. Ruth Gibson, Rev. Joan Goodwin, Laura Lago, Rev. Polly Leland-Mayer, Rev. Ginger Luke, Rev. Betty Jo Middleton, Rev. Makanah Morriss, Rev. Eugene Navias, Rev. Roberta Nelson, Rev. Jeanne Nieuwejaar, Rev. Frank Robertson, Rev. Tracey Robinson-Harris, Lisa Rubin, Lynn Sabourin, Rev. Midge Skwire, Rev. Betsy Stevens, Merry Stockwell, Rev. Elizabeth Strong, Rev. Carol Taylor, Linda Volkerz, Rev. Fred Ward, Rev. Christine Wetzel

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### About LREDA...

LREDA is an anti-racist, welcoming, professional organization open to liberal religious educators and those supportive of religious education. LREDA promotes the religious growth and learning of people of all ages and advocates for and supports religious educators and the field of liberal religious education. LREDA does this by providing continuous education, networking and sharing resources, advocating for professional recognition, and providing assistance and encouragement for religious educators. We offer a common forum where we can learn from and share with one another the great variety of skills and depth of knowledge which we, together, possess.

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