

MILESTONES — DECEMBER 2011

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Transitions

Susan Archer is retiring in December from full time settled ministry at Cedar Lane UU Church in Bethesda, MD, where she has served for 10 years. She has been a religious educator for the past 30 years, including 18 years since ordination. She also is a recent past president of LREDA. She will be moving to North Carolina to be near children and grandbaby and is considering short term and/or part time ministries in the future.

Michelle Mueller is now DRE at the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Stockton, CA, where she will also be working towards a Ph.D. in the field of Cultural and Historical Studies of Religions at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. Michelle invites all LREDA colleagues to her DRE installation during the Sunday Service on December 18.

Julie-Ann Silberman-Bunn is Consulting Minister of Religious Education and Pastoral Care at the UU Church in Cherry Hill, NJ.

Pat Kahn, CRE, is now Children and Family Programs Director in the Resource Development Office at the UUA.

Jessica Gray is now Director of Faith Development Ministries at First Unitarian Church of Worcester, MA. She completed her Ph.D. in theatre at Louisiana State University in May.

Benette Sherman is Director of Lifespan Religious Education at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Asheville, NC.

Lee Marie Sanchez is serving the Sepulveda Unitarian Universalist Society (affectionately known as The Onion) in North Hills, CA, as their half-time Consulting Minister while finishing up her last class towards her M.Div from Meadville/Lombard.

Irene Praeger, CRE, is now DRE in Marblehead, MA. Her former position was as DRE in Needham, MA.

Anne Bancroft was granted Preliminary Fellowship in September and is now in search. She says religious education will be part of her future plans.

Continuing Service

Congratulations to religious educators who have served their congregations for 10 years:

Lynn Hunt, CRE, at First Unitarian, St. Louis, MO

Beryl Aschenberg at First Unitarian, Milwaukee, WI

Gabrielle Farrell at All Souls Church, Unitarian in Washington, DC

Annie Scott at Atkinson Memorial Church in Oregon City, OR

Beverly Dillaway at First Parish Church in Weston, MA

Rebecca Gammons, in her 17th year at West Hills UU Fellowship in Portland, OR.

Nikevia Thomas has been Children's Religious Educator for 5 years at All Souls Church, Unitarian in Washington, DC.

Leann Pomaville has been co-DRE at Olympia Brown UU Church in Racine, WI for two years.

Credentialing

At the Master Level:

Mr. Barb Greve, the First Unitarian Society of Newton, MA

Sheri Phillabaum, the First UU Church in San Antonio, TX

Karen Fisk, Amherst, MA

At the Credentialed Level:

Catherine Farmer Loya, UU Community Church of Santa Monica, CA

Sara Cloe, the UU Church of Hillsboro, OR

Michelle McKenzie-Creech, UU Congregation of Monmouth County, NJ

Sadie Kahn-Greene, Chelmsford, MA

Joyce Duncan, Towson UU Church in Baltimore, MD

At the Associate Level

Halcyon Westall, Channing Memorial Church in Newport, RI

ETC

Betty Jo Middleton and **Linda Olson Peebles** are teaching Unitarian Universalist History and Polity at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., during the Fall 2011 semester.

Carol Taylor reports it has been a difficult year, with the death of her twin brother, heart surgery for her sister, a diagnosis of end stage congestive heart failure for her son (although he has rallied somewhat), and a debilitating case of shingles for herself, from which she is still recovering. Serving on the Murray Grove Board and leading the Universalist Heritage Week there with **Liz Strong** have provided some bright spots. Carol's advice: get the shingles vaccine!