



# The Clara Barton District of Unitarian Universalist Congregations

## *“Persistence of Vision”*

**FALL RALLY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2006**

### Keynote Speaker

Gini Courter  
UUA Moderator



If you've been to a GA in the last 4 years, you know what a dynamic, funny, and UU-passionate speaker Gini is. If you haven't been to a GA recently, come to the Fall Rally for Gini's keynote, you're in for an energizing experience. Gini will talk about the "Persistence of Vision" and will cover generosity, growth, God, and evangelism.

In October 2003, the UUA Board of Trustees appointed Gini as Moderator for the term ending at the close of General Assembly in June 2004. Gini has since been elected twice by the GA delegates, most recently in June 2005 for a four year term.

Since 1985, Gini has served Unitarian Universalism in some form either in her congregation, district, on committees or the UUA Board.

In her professional life, Gini is an Information Technology consultant, author of twenty-eight books, and a nationally recognized speaker on collaboration and productivity software.



**Held at Nichols College – Davis Hall, Dudley, MA**  
**Hosted by: Unitarian Universalist Church of Brookfield**

## CBD Fall Rally — Saturday, October 28, 2006

### Schedule of Events

8:30	Registration/Continental Breakfast
9:30	Opening Worship
10:00	Welcome and Announcements
10:30	Keynote—Gini Courter
11:30	Break, networking, visit booths
12:00	Lunch
1:00	Workshops Part I
2:15	Break
2:30	Workshops Part II
3:45	Closing Worship
4:00	End conference



### Special Notice from the CBD Accessibilities Committee

Many people experience unpleasant, sometimes life-threatening, physical effects from scented products including fragrances and personal care products. We are requesting that you voluntarily refrain from wearing scented products when attending all Clara Barton District events.

**Accessibility Needs:** Please advise Judy Savage by either calling her at (508) 886-6080 or emailing her at [jsavage@mablind.org](mailto:jsavage@mablind.org), by March 24, 2006, if you need an accessibility accommodation to allow you to participate in the Spring Conference/Annual Meeting. Provide your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address (if you have one), as well as a description of what you need so the District Accessibility Task Force can discuss specifics with you.

Thank you!

### Directions to:

## Nichols College — Dudley, MA Davis Hall

#### From Points North:

Take I-290 to Auburn, where I-290 becomes I-395S.\* Go to Exit 4B (Sutton Rd/Oxford center). Turn right off ramp and stay in the right lane. Go straight through the light at Oxford center (Cumberland Farms on right). Follow straight past light for 0.8 miles and take a left onto Dudley Rd (produce stand is on the right). Follow for 3.7 miles, staying straight through a four-way stop sign. Dudley Rd becomes Dudley/Oxford Rd at the town line. Bearing right at the fork (pond on your right), continue on Dudley/Oxford Rd for 2 miles through two stop signs, then straight onto the Nichols campus and Davis Hall

#### From Points East & West:

Take the Mass Pike to Exit 10 in Auburn and get on 395S. Follow directions from above\*.

#### From Points South:

Take I-95N to I-395N to Exit 2, (Webster) and turn left off the ramp. Go straight through the first set of traffic lights. Follow Rt 12 South (Rte 12 will turn left through Webster center). Continue through Webster center. After the railroad tracks, continue straight into Dudley. You will come to a set of lights with Bayer Motors on your left. Rt 12 will bear off to the left, but stay straight on Rte 197 – do not turn left. Rte 197 is also Main St. in Dudley. Stay straight on Main St. (Rt. 197) until you reach a set of lights next to Cumberland Farms. Turn right after Cumberland Farms onto Airport Rd. Follow Airport Rd and bear right at the Webster-Dudley Golf Course. Take the first left onto Center Rd and proceed directly onto the Nichols campus.

#### From Hartford, CT:

Take I-84E towards Boston. Take Exit 2 (Sturbridge/Southbridge). When on exit ramp, keep right at the fork. Turn left onto Haynes St. Turn right onto MA-131/Main St. Proceed to rotary in Southbridge and take the first right onto MA-169/MA-131. You will pass through Dudley, MA, then enter Thompson CT for a short while. Turn left onto Rt-197 in Thompson. You will re-enter Dudley MA on Rt 197. Turn left onto Center Rd. Follow Center Rd up the hill to the Nichols campus.

*In order to make the Worship space  
“Our Space,” we ask that each congrega-  
tion bring their banner with a PVC  
pipe pole and arrive by 8:30 a.m. in  
order to get the banners set up.*



# 2006 Registration Form — Saturday, October 28, 2006

Name(s) of Attendees \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Names and ages of children, if you need childcare.\* **Child care requires pre-registration by October 19, 2006.**

Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Please include on a separate piece of paper all information on any child that has special needs.*

**Be sure to mail your completed Registration Form and Payment by October 19 2006 to:**

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**Please make your check(s) payable to Clara Barton District**

*Questions?* Call: 413-283-4893 or Email: ClaraBartonDist@aol.com

**Registration Fees:** The Fall Rally Conference fee is \$35.00 per attendee for advanced registration. We also have a sliding scale of \$25 - \$45 depending on your financial situation. We ask that if you can afford it, please pay the \$45 to help offset the cost for those people who cannot pay the full cost. Completed registration form and payment must be received in the Clara Barton District office by the end of business on: October 19, 2006. Registration at the door is \$45.00 per person.

Conference Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_ at \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ Charge my Credit Card \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**The Clara Barton District accepts MasterCard and VISA.**

**If you would like to pay via credit card please fill out the information below:**

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VISA or MasterCard (please circle one) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Your Name as it appears on your credit card and billing address**

**PLEASE CHECK THE WORKSHOP THAT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND**

- Conversation with Gini
- Four Covenants
- How's Your Engine Room running?
- Emergency Preparedness for Congregations
- Spiritual Activism and Green Sanctuary Forum
- UU State Advocacy Networks: Raising our Collective Voices From Cacophony to Choir
- RE: Administration and Curricula
- District Youth Program Panel

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## Fall Rally Workshops Saturday, October 28, 2006

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### The Clara Barton District Presents **Gini Courter** UUA Moderator as our Keynote Speaker!

*After lunch attend Gini's workshop  
"Conversation with Gini"*

*Talk with Gini about her keynote address, about her role  
as Moderator of the UUA, or something near and dear to  
your congregational heart.*

## Workshop Offerings

*Workshops are being presented in two sessions, with a 15 minute break between sessions.*

### **The Four Covenants**

Unitarian Universalists have been described as "people of faith, sorted by covenant." Most of us read a covenant each week during service, but there are four covenants most congregations have. Join Jesse Anderson for a discussion of what these covenants are, why they are important, and how they can be used as decision-making tools for your congregation.

**Facilitated by Jesse Anderson.** Jesse is the former CBD Treasurer, a Trustee of First Unitarian Church in Worcester, and sees covenants everywhere.

### **How's Your Engine Room Running?**

As our UU churches look for direction, vision, ministry, and re-organization, who is managing the day-to-day operations of your faith community? How are churches of different sizes organized to function, and what is the role of the church staff?

Have you ever wondered: *Are we the only ones that run like this?* We will share how the administrative branch of our churches runs, types of systems we use, and how we relate to lay leaders, ministers, and staff.

Attendees will also have an opportunity to share their own church operations stories and ask questions.

**Facilitated by Sandy Leyenaar,** Administrator of First Church in Littleton and past President of The Association of Unitarian Universalist Administrators.

### **RE: Administration and Curricula**

During the 1<sup>st</sup> session of this workshop, we will answer the questions: How do you get all the tasks done? How do you prioritize? We will consider the lines of authority, responsibility and communication within the religious education program and share new skills and techniques for information storage and retrieval and for decision-making.

During the 2<sup>nd</sup> session, we will present an overview of UU religious education curricula, including the new UUA Tapestry of Faith curricula project.

**Facilitated by Judy Bruce-Mangle & Deborah Levering**  
Judy is DRE at our Madison, CT congregation and Deborah is CBD's Program Consultant for Lifespan RE.

### **Emergency Preparedness for Congregations**

Disasters both natural and human made often pose a variety of challenges for congregations who want to respond to the needs of both membership and the wider community and world. What lessons have we learned about congregational emergency preparedness following the hurricanes of the past few years and how might we plan to deal with the possibility of a pandemic in our lifetime? This workshop will help participants work with their local congregation to prepare to meet the varying demands that disasters, great and small, can pose.

**Facilitated by Rev. Aaron R. Payson,** Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Worcester and a member of the Unitarian Universalist Trauma Response Team.

### **Spiritual Activism: *The Call of the 21 Century* and Green Sanctuary Forum**

In the 1<sup>st</sup> session, we will explore the concept of spiritual activism and its relevance in the dawn of the 21<sup>st</sup> century as humanity faces unprecedented environmental conditions that call us to higher levels of being in the world.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> session, participants will engage in a facilitated discussion on the work of the Green Sanctuary Program in our member churches. Each participating congregation is welcome to present an overview of their program, and an update on progress toward its implementation. An open discussion will follow, sharing our respective successes and challenges in becoming greener congregations, exploring ideas that we may bring back to our congregations, as well as ways we may work together in the larger community.

**Facilitated by Denise Frizzell & Jeanne Cahill**  
Denise and Jeanne are both members of First Parish UU of Northborough and are passionately concerned about environment and energy. They serve as Northborough's GS co-chairs. Denise also serves as a UU Ministry for Earth Representative for the CBD.

**Description of remaining workshops is on the back.**

## Workshop Offerings — Continued

### UU State Advocacy Networks: Raising our Collective Voices From Cacophony to Choir

Eight statewide networks have now been established around the country, including a brand new one in MA. This is a new and exciting way to raise our UU voices. We will briefly describe what a statewide network is, how they are organized and more importantly how these networks are making an impact in their states. This will be followed by a discussion of the roles of networks in CT and MA.

#### Facilitated by Nancy Banks & Harry Mangle

Nancy Banks of First Parish Church of Stow & Ac-  
ton, is also a CBD Director. Harry Mangle of Shore-  
line Unitarian Universalist Society in Madison, CT is  
the District UUSC Regional Volunteer Coordinator.

**Please note that Lynn Thomas's work-  
shop Beyond "Any Warm Body in the  
Eleventh Hour" Nominating has been  
cancelled due to space constraints.**



### District Youth Program Panel

Come meet the youth and adults who work with youth in our district. Have you ever wondered what the district YAC does? Have you ever wondered what goes on at cons (youth conferences)? Do you have district youth program ideas that you'd like our committee to know about?

Come and participate in an idea exchange and meet the youth who create the CBD-sponsored youth programs.

**Facilitated by CBD Youth Adult Committee**

### Conversation with Gini

Talk with Gini about her keynote address, about her role as Moderator of the UUA, or something near and dear to your congregational heart: What role does our past play in our future? How does our past inform a vital understanding of our UU faith in the future? Why are we so uncomfortable about talking to others about the importance of church in our lives? How can we live in the spirit of generosity? How can we make sure that those who are looking for us can find us? How to feel connected--sharing what we learn with each other.



## 2006 Vendor Registration — Saturday, October 28, 2006

Name(s) of Vendor

Street Address

City, State Zip

Congregation

Purpose of Table

**Vendor Registration Fees:** The fee for a table at the Clara Barton Spring conference is \$25.00. Space is available on a first-come first-serve basis. Please fill out a registration form for each vendor. We will contact you if we cannot accommodate your request. Additionally, you must fill out a Conference Registration form and mail it to the District office with your payment.

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