

Thursday June 25 Summary Schedule

7:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.

#2001 **Thursday Morning Spiritual Practices** Marriott Alta

7:30 a.m. - 7:55 a.m.

#2002 **Youth Delegate Strategy Session 1** Salt Palace 151 G

8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

#2003 **Plenary II** Salt Palace Hall E

9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

#2004 **Church Administration: So How's That Working For You?** Salt Palace 254

#2005 **Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF) Worship Service** Salt Palace 251

#2006 **A Call to Lay Leadership** Salt Palace 253

#2007 **Peacemaking SOC: Mini-Assembly Part 1** Salt Palace 255 D

#2008 **Growing in New England? Yes, We Can!** Salt Palace 250

#2009 **Debt Is More Than a Four-Letter Word** Salt Palace Ballroom I

#2010 **Confronting the Top-Heavy Distribution of U.S. Wealth** Salt Palace 255 BCEF

#2011 **Small Congregations I: The Joys and Challenges of Being Small** Salt Palace 255 A

#2012 **How To Get A Grant From the UU Funding Program** Salt Palace 151 BC

#2013 **Becoming a Teaching Congregation** Salt Palace 151 DEF

#2014 **John Murray Distinguished Lecture: There Is No Other** Salt Palace Ballroom ABCD

#2015 **Impact of Global Economic Crisis on Human Rights** Salt Palace Ballroom FH

#2016 **Identity-Based Ministry: Deepening the Welcome to BGLT People** Salt Palace Ballroom EG

#2017 **The Perversity of Diversity** Salt Palace Ballroom J

#2018 **Commit 2 Community: Healthy Community, Healthy Youth** Salt Palace 151 G

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#2019 **Lessons Learned on the Way to Policy Governance** Salt Palace Ballroom J

#2020 **A Deep Pool: Leadership and Organic Congregational Growth** Salt Palace 253

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- #2042 **Synergy: Transformational Worship for All Ages** Salt Palace Hall E

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- #2043 **Sharing of Joys and Concerns** Marriott Alta

10:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

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— **Worship** —

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Marriott Alta

**#2001 Thursday Morning
Spiritual Practices**

GA Planning Committee

Start your day with this informal worship gathering offered by a GA chaplain. This small group experience will reflect the early morning preferences of the chaplain of the day.

Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 7:55 a.m.

— **Workshop** —

Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 7:55 a.m.
Salt Palace 151 G

**#2002 Youth Delegate Strategy
Session 1**

Youth Caucus

Youth Delegates will be briefed on the issues in order to participate in the GA Plenary Business meetings. If the Youth Caucus has decided to take action on an item at FUN TIMES, youth delegates will use this time to review and finalize the statement and develop a strategy for mobilizing.

Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

— **Plenary** —

Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
Salt Palace Hall E

#2003 Plenary II

GA Planning Committee

UUA Moderator Gini Courter presides over the daily plenary sessions in which the business of the Association is being conducted. Please refer to the Agenda book for details on the specific items which will be addressed.



Gini Courter

Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

— **Workshop** —

Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Salt Palace 254

**#2004 Church Administration:
So How's That Working
For You?**

Association of UU Administrators

A presentation of church administration best practices including staffing models for churches of various sizes and governance structures plus resources for running your church office. Led by Mary Ellen Morgan, Business Administrator, UU Church of Berkeley and Deborah Bieber, CPA, Vice President, Finance & Administration, Meadville Lombard Theological School



Debbie Bieber



Mary Ellen Morgan

— **Worship** —

Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Salt Palace 251

**#2005 Church of the Larger
Fellowship (CLF) Worship
Service**

Church of the Larger Fellowship

Unitarian Universalist worship at its best—hear the Revs. Jane Rzepka and Bill Schulz preach. This year, Sarah Dan Jones, Board Member of the UU Musicians Network (UUMN) will lead the music with UUMN friends. We only do this once a year, so we promise a thoughtful, thematic service with wonderful music!



*Rev. Dr. Jane
Rzepka*



*Rev. Dr. William
Schulz*

— **Workshop** —

Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Salt Palace 253

#2006 A Call to Lay Leadership

Board of Trustees, UUA

The call to serve our faith does not always come as a call to be a minister. Answering the call to lay leadership offers both challenges and opportunities in our role within our congregations and the larger Association. Come discuss these joys and struggles with the UUA Board.

Tamara Payne-Alex

Jackie Shanti

— **Workshop** —

Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Salt Palace 255 D

**#2007 Peacemaking SOC: Mini-
Assembly Part 1**

Commission on Social Witness

This Mini-Assembly is your ONLY opportunity to propose amendments to the Draft Statement of Conscience on Peacemaking. General comments and small group drafting of amendments ONLY in this Part 1 Mini-Assembly. Amendments submitted in this Part 1 will be discussed in Part 2. SOC text is in Agenda Book.

Caitlin DuBois

Dr. John Hooper

Dr. David May

— **Workshop** —

Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Salt Palace 250

**#2008 Growing in New England?
Yes, We Can!**

Massachusetts Bay District

Learn the “secrets to success” of a congregation that has increased membership by 50%, RE enrollment by 400%, pledges by 125% and doubled the number of programs... and is now running a Capital Campaign to meet current and anticipated needs. Engage with the Minister, lay leaders, and staff members in this participatory workshop.

Patricia Manley

Rev. Nathan Detering

— Workshop —

Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Salt Palace Ballroom I
#2009 **Debt Is More Than a Four-Letter Word**

Congregational Properties and Loan Commission

Planning a building project? Considering financing part of the cost? The UUA may be able to help. Come learn about bank loans, UUA building loans, loan guarantees, first home grants, small project loans, Green Sanctuary awards, and congregant loans and bonds. There will be plenty of time for questions.



Dr. Wayne Clark

— Lecture —

Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Salt Palace 255 BCEF
#2010 **Confronting the Top-Heavy Distribution of U.S. Wealth**

GA Planning Committee

The Market Meltdown was fueled by glaring inequalities of wealth that led to economic speculation by the rich and declining buying power for everyone else. There is a new opportunity to confront the top-heavy distribution of U.S. wealth by taxing speculation, reining in CEO pay and instituting real economic reform.



Chuck Collins

— Workshop —

Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Salt Palace 255 A
#2011 **Small Congregations I: The Joys and Challenges of Being Small**

Northern New England District

We will learn and share what we understand about the strengths and challenges of being congregations whose numbers are small. We will also talk about the role of small congregations in the UUA.

*Rev. Karen Brammer
Ellen Germann-Melosh*

— Workshop —

Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Salt Palace 151 BC
#2012 **How To Get A Grant From the UU Funding Program**

UU Funding Program

The UU Funding Program awards \$860,000 in grants to UU projects that strengthen institutions and community life, increase UU involvement in social responsibility and to non-UU groups organizing for social and economic justice. Come meet the people who give it all away and see if your project fits our guidelines

*Rev. Jan Christian
Rev. Maj-Britt Johnson
Rev. John Gibbons
Hillary Goodridge*

— Workshop —

Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Salt Palace 151 DEF
#2013 **Becoming a Teaching Congregation**

UUA Staff

This workshop will explore what it means to be a UUA teaching congregation. Participants will learn about the UUA's requirements and available resources. Special attention will be given to the role of the Intern Committee. We will include plenty of time for questions and answers.

*Rev. Kim D. Wilson
Rev. David Pettee
Christine May*

— Lecture —

Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Salt Palace Ballroom ABCD
#2014 **John Murray Distinguished Lecture: There Is No Other**

Ohio-Meadville District

Murray Grove Association's 23rd John Murray Distinguished Lecture will engage L.B. Fisher's assertions that "we do not stand, we move." Sounds good, can we do it? The Lecturer is The Reverend Gail R. Geisenhainer, Senior Minister with the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, Michigan.



Rev. Gail R. Geisenhainer

— Workshop —

Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Salt Palace Ballroom FH
#2015 **Impact of Global Economic Crisis on Human Rights**

UU United Nations Office

Discussion of the impact of the current global economic crisis with special focus on developing countries. Has the crisis led to an increase in human rights violations? Issues such as hunger, clean water, health care access, and gender inequalities will be addressed. What can the UN do?

*Dean Chatterjee, Ph.D.
Erika George J.D.
Devon Hale, M.D.
Charles B. Smith, M.D.*



Charles B. Smith, M.D.

— Workshop —

Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Salt Palace Ballroom EG

**#2016 Identity-Based Ministry:
Deepening the Welcome to
BGLT People**

UUA Staff

A member of a congregation once said, “I would like it if the gays who came to our church came for religious reasons and not just because we’re welcoming to gays.” As a result, some BGLT people left the church. How do we live our values beyond the “Welcoming Congregation” symbol?

Rev. Keith Kron

— Workshop —

Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Salt Palace Ballroom J

**#2017 The Perversity of
Diversity**

UUA Staff

Despite all our efforts to achieve racial diversity, why have we failed? Rev. Dr. Mark Morrison-Reed analyzes the stated desire among Unitarian Universalists to become more racially diverse and explains why we will continue to stumble until we accept who we really are as a cultural faith tradition.



Rev. Dr. Mark Morrison-Reed

— Workshop —

Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Salt Palace 151 G

**#2018 Commit 2 Community:
Healthy Community,
Healthy Youth**

Youth Caucus

Come join us in a small group ministry model that includes activities on identity, an experiential activity on how we can practice restorative justice in our communities, and a look at how we evaluate the success and challenges facing our youth groups and wider communities of which we belong.

Thursday 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

— Workshop —

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Salt Palace Ballroom J

**#2019 Lessons Learned on the
Way to Policy Governance**

Board of Trustees, UUA

This interactive workshop will be a great opportunity to explore the surprises around policy governance as implemented in a UU organization. Members of the UUA Board, which has been transitioning to Policy Governance for several years, will share their insights into the process, and invite the audience to add theirs.

Linda Laskowski

John Blevins

Jackie Shanti

Chuck Wooldridge

— Workshop —

Thursday 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Salt Palace 253

**#2020 A Deep Pool: Leadership
and Organic
Congregational Growth**

Clara Barton District

Organic growth with depth and sustainability depends on a solid foundation of intentional leadership development. What are the structures and institutional building blocks that lead to a deep pool of skilled and committed volunteers? This workshop includes both theory and practical initiatives for supporting organic growth.

Lynn Thomas

Deborah Levering

— Workshop —

Thursday 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Salt Palace 255 D

**#2021 Peacemaking SOC: Mini-
Assembly Part 2**

Commission on Social Witness

Go to Part 1 of this Mini-Assembly to propose group-based amendments to the Draft SOC on Peacemaking. In this Part 2 of the Mini-Assembly, amendments to the SOC proposed in Part 1 will be recorded and discussed. SOC text is in the Agenda Book.

Caitlin DuBois

Dr. John Hooper

Dr. David May

— Workshop —

Thursday 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Marriott Grand Ballroom HIJ

**#2022 Dance as Spiritual
Practice**

GA Planning Committee

Come experience worship through movement! In this meditation practice, we pay attention to our movement, breath, and quality of connection with the earth in order to be fully present. Awaken to a silent, but immeasurable teacher within your own body.

Erin Gingrich

— GA Choir —

Thursday 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Salt Palace 254

#2023 GA Choir Rehearsal II

GA Planning Committee

All singers are invited to join the GA Choir! The choir rehearses each day and will sing for Sunday Morning Worship. Registration is on a first-come basis and additional singers may check to see if space is still available today. Under the direction of Allison Wilski, the 170-voice choir will sing celebratory, uplifting music in this dynamic worship service. There is a \$10 music fee for choir members.

Allison Wilski

Ruben Piirainen

— Workshop —

Thursday 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Salt Palace 255 A

**#2024 Small Congregations II:
Leadership (Vs.
Management) for Vitality**

Heartland District

Part One of “The Joys and Challenges of being Small Congregations,” participate in an assessment of your leadership style and learn how different styles support congregational health. Assess the strengths of your congregation and its ability to meet change.

Rev. Karen Brammer

Ellen Germann-Melosh

— Lecture —

Thursday 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Salt Palace Ballroom EG

#2025 **Fahs Lecture: Nurturing the Spiritual Imagination of Children**

Liberal Religious Educators Association
Religious education often discourages children from asking the big questions of life's meaning. Over 5000 messages a day invite our children to spend money. Discover ways to give our children a different message—the language and tools to encourage the life of the spirit and deal with theological ideas.



Rabbi Sandy Sasso

— Workshop —

Thursday 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Salt Palace 255 BCEF

#2026 **Faithful International Engagement**

Office of International Resources, UUA
The UUA's Office of International Resources provides tools and consultation to congregations that are developing or expanding their international engagement. This workshop will highlight recently developed resources.



Rev. Eric Cherry

— Workshop —

Thursday 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Salt Palace 250

#2027 **The Multi-Site Congregation Option**

Pacific Southwest District

As a way to grow a congregation the multi-site model makes sense for the 21st century. Come hear about this model and the success story of the First UU Church of San Diego. This option offers ways to grow a diverse congregation using new technology and forms.

Rev. Dr. Arvid Straube
Rev. Dr. Ken Brown

— Workshop —

Thursday 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Salt Palace 151 DEF

#2028 **The Thomas Jefferson Ball: Reflections and Reconciliation**

Thomas Jefferson District

1993 GA participants were invited to attend the Thomas Jefferson Ball wearing period costumes. Rev. Hope Johnson asked, "Must African Americans attend such events in rags and chains?" Rev. Johnson and Rev. Barbro Hansson, then Thomas Jefferson District President, confronted their diverse perspectives, reconciled, and found friendship along the way.

Rev. Hope Johnson
Rev. Barbro Hansson
Annette Marquis

— Workshop —

Thursday 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Salt Palace 251

#2029 **Using Web Technology to Market our Faith**

UUA Staff

How do we capture the power of the web and the electronic meeting-place to communicate our faith and promise to those who've never experienced UUism? Find out what your congregation/organization can do to promote a saving message of UUism through Google Advertising and web 2.0 technology!

Deborah Weiner
John Hurley

— Workshop —

Thursday 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Salt Palace Ballroom FH

#2030 **Human Rights: The Next 60 Years**

UU United Nations Office

Discussion of political developments in the United States and globally on initiatives to promote the safety and dignity of women, children and the GLBT Community. The discussion will include interfaith approaches and the work of the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office.

Kim Vance
Barbara Beach
Sandra Thaxter
Bruce Knotts



Kim Vance



Bruce Knotts

— Workshop —

Thursday 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Salt Palace Ballroom I

#2031 **Beyond Fundraising: A Guide to Congregational Stewardship**

UUA Staff

Wayne, along with several lay leaders will share stewardship best practices discerned after the first two years of a three-year demonstration project. Topics will include Appreciative Inquiry, stewardship education, joyful giving, ministry and good works, annual budget drives, planned giving, suggested fair share giving, and personal stewardship conversations.



Dr. Wayne Clark

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— Workshop —

Thursday 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Salt Palace Ballroom ABCD

#2032 **Welcoming Our Neighbors: The Path to Immigration Reform**

UUA Staff

The lack of humane immigration reform in the U.S has created a permanent underclass without the rights and protections of citizenship. Unjust raids and deportations separate families and sow fear and bigotry. Interfaith Worker Justice, immigrant rights, and congregational leaders share how people of faith can support immigrant communities.

Kim Bobo

Rev. Canon Dr. Pablo Ramos

Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

Rev. Abhi Janamanchi



Kim Bobo



Rev. Canon Dr. Pablo Ramos

— Young Adult Caucus —

Thursday 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Salt Palace 151 BC

#2033 **Young Adult Caucus I**

Young Adult Caucus

A meeting for all Young Adults (ages 18-35) at GA. Learn about opportunities to get involved in GA business, discuss the many important issues being voted on at GA, and network with other UUs.

— Workshop —

Thursday 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Salt Palace 151 G

#2034 **Commit 2 Community: Inside Out Group 1**

Youth Caucus

Inside out groups are safe spaces for small groups of youth to talk about tough issues such as inclusive community, healing, and the effect of drug/alcohol use on community. These small group ministries are led by trained youth facilitators and are supported by a team of adult ministers and directors of religious education.

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UU University: 21st Century Best Practices for Our Congregations

GA Planning Committee

Day one of comprehensive leadership programming for all, designed to foster best practices in our congregations. Each track will become a focused learning community within the larger GA. Please respect these communities and don't track-hop. For full program descriptions, see page 8.

Salt Palace Ballroom EG

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— Candidates Forum —

Thursday 7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

Salt Palace Hall E

#2041 **Candidates Forum I**

GA Planning Committee

Be an informed voter! Come hear the candidates for UUA President discuss the issues that confront our Association and religious movement.

Rev. Dr. Laurel Hallman

Rev. Peter Morales

Thursday 8:30 p.m. - 9:45 p.m.

— Worship —

Thursday 8:30 p.m. - 9:45 p.m.

Salt Palace Hall E

#2042 **Synergy:**

Transformational Worship for All Ages

GA Planning Committee

Join us in "Building a New Way" with a worship that includes voices from across the generations! Experience a transformation through the inside out in a joyous worship for all ages that includes the Bridging Ceremony within the spirit of worship of our Unitarian Universalist faith.

Scott McNeill

Simon Zemlin

Erik Kesting

India McKnight

Thursday 10:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m

— Worship —

Thursday 10:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Marriott Alta

#2043 **Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

GA Planning Committee

A quiet gathering centered around reflection on the day's experiences and on sharing of joys and sorrows around those experiences, led by a GA chaplain.

Thursday 10:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

— Celebration —

Thursday 10:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Salt Palace 151 BC

#2044 **Bridging Celebration**

Young Adult Caucus

Join us after the Synergy Worship Service to celebrate our Bridgers. Bridging from Youth to Young Adult is both an exciting and overwhelming time. This will be a time for Bridgers and Young Adults to get to know one another and learn about Young Adult activities happening in various districts.

Thursday 10:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m

— Evening Activity —

Thursday 10:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Salt Palace Ballroom EG

#2045 **ARE Film Discussion**

GA Planning Committee

ARE (Allies for Racial Equity) presents the first of three nights of a film discussion series. Watch the film and then join in the discussion!

Building a New Way

MULTIGENERATIONAL WORSHIP AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONS

Thursday, June 25, 2009 8:30 p.m. – 9:45 p.m

Prelude

Opening Words

Chalice Lighting

Hymn – *Now Let Us Sing*

“Building a New Way” – Homilies from across the generations

Please join in singing a verse of the hymn *Building a New Way* after each homily.

Youth Voice

Bridger Voice

Young Adult Voice

Adult Voice

Elder Voice

Donating the Tools - Congregational writing and offering of ways we can “build a new way.”

The Bridging Ritual

Song – *The Bridging Song* by Jen Hazel

Presenting the Congregation’s Offering

Charge to Bridgers

Hymn – *Come and Go With Me to That Land*

Closing Words

Postlude