

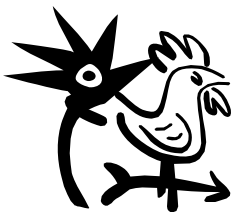
WHAT WILL DREW BE DOING ON HIS SABBATICAL?

Two things primarily: (1) seeking spiritual refreshment and renewal and (2) gaining skills to keep up with our church growth. The center-piece of his seeking spiritual refreshment will be a trekking (walking) trip in Nepal and possibly Lhasa, Tibet. Possible side trips include some time in a Tibetan Buddhist monastery and a visit to the birthplace of the Buddha. Other pieces include an Ira Progoff "Intensive Journal Workshop" weekend and a ten day silent retreat.

In order to gain some additional skills to accommodate our church growth, Drew plans to visit at least three larger, well-run Unitarian Universalist churches, talk with their staff, etc. Additionally, depending on funding, Drew plans to participate in an Alban Institute workshop called "Waltzing the Gorilla: Leading the Corporate-Size Church" and a Unitarian Universalist Large Church Minister's Conference.

HOW CAN I CONTACT DREW?

Sorry, but Drew's sabbatical is a time for a complete break from his duties as our minister. The network described in this brochure will deal with all routine matters, and almost every emergency matter, that might arise. Therefore, the only people authorized to contact him are the President and Vice President of the congregation, the Pastoral Care Associates Coordinator, and the Church Administrator.



SABBATICAL COMMITTEE

If you have comments or questions about the sabbatical, please contact any member of the Sabbatical Committee, listed below:

Joy B., Chair
Pat M.
Kate M.
Anne N.
Miriam R.
Melinda V.

Drew Kennedy, Minister, ex officio
Jean J., Church Administrator, ex officio

WHY A SABBATICAL?

The sabbatical leave is a tradition for Unitarian Universalist clergy, as it is for the university. It offers an extended time for study, reflection, rest, and renewal—all ingredients for effective ministry. A sabbatical leave is part of the congregation's covenant agreement with Drew as our minister. Just as importantly, the congregation will benefit as Drew returns refreshed, filled with new ideas and with rekindled energy. Further, it offers the staff and congregation the opportunity to step up to fill some of Drew's responsibilities while being exposed to some of the best speakers our denomination has to offer.

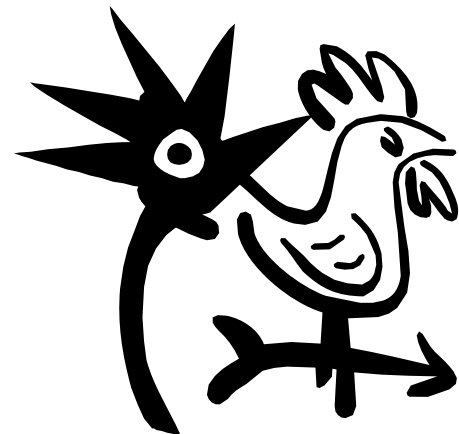
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A Guide to Drew Kennedy's Sabbatical



January—May, 2004

After 17 years of superior service to our congregation, our minister, Drew Kennedy, will take his first sabbatical from January 5 to May 31, 2004.

The Sabbatical Committee has worked since autumn 2002 to insure that Sunday services continue to be of the highest quality with stimulating pulpit guests, that excellent pastoral care continues to be provided, that services celebrating rites of passage are available, and that the administrative operations will continue to run smoothly.

