

## **Report from the Panel on Theological Education**

Tuesday January 13, 2009

Boston, MA

Eight Areas of Priority Chosen by the Excellence in Ministry Summit Participants, December 10-12, 2008

The following eight priorities were discussed by the Panel on Theological Education at their meeting on January 13, 2009. After discussion, the Panel sought to identify the 'home' to task the group who will be charged with leadership and then determined the first action steps. The names of the willing workers from the Seattle conference are also included.

### **1. Right Relationship with Theological Schools**

#### **Home**

The UUA Board will be the organizational owner of this project. Of those identified on the willing workers list, anyone who is a member of the UUA Board or a member of the Starr King and/or the Meadville Lombard boards should be the primary initiators of this conversation.

#### **First Steps**

-Tamara Payne-Alex will make a report to the UUA Board regarding this discussion.

#### **Willing Workers**

Dan McKanan  
Wayne Arnason  
Barbara Merritt  
Robert Hardies  
Gini Courter  
Ned Wight  
David Pettee  
Lee Barker  
Rebecca Parker

### **2. What is the Model of the Church we are Assuming for Leadership Training?**

#### **Home**

The UUA Board should be the umbrella, along with various stakeholders, including the Panel on Theological Education.

#### **First Step**

-Bill Sinkford will report to the POTE on the Ford Foundation funded conference on the future of Church Models.

#### **Willing Workers**

Marcia Stanard  
Mary Ellen Morgan  
Vail Weller  
Tamara Payne-Alex  
Kevin Drewery  
Erik Wikstrom

### **3. Ministerial Culture, UU Growth and Impact of the Credentialing Process**

#### **Home**

Ministerial Fellowship Committee through a charge by the UUA Board.

#### **First Step**

-UUA Board will task the Ministerial Fellowship Committee.

#### **Willing Workers**

Nancy Bowen  
David Pettee  
Doug Gallagher  
Christine Robinson  
Emily Gage  
Jory Agate  
Wayne Arnason  
Beth Miller  
Kevin Drewery  
Erik Wikstrom

### **4. Whose are We?**

#### **Home**

Panel on Theological Education (for now) and then the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association.

#### **First Step**

-The Panel will officially contact the UUMA and a conference call may be set up between the Panel and the willing workers.

#### **Willing Workers**

Erik Wikstrom  
Jon Luopa  
Burton Carley  
Emily Gage  
Vail Weller  
Mary Ellen  
Anne Bancroft  
Abhi Janamanchi  
Jason Shelton  
Bill Graves  
Dan McKanan  
Mark Harris  
Barbara Merritt  
Marcia Stanard  
Paul Johnson

### **5. ARAOMC Resistance**

#### **Home**

Panel on Theological Education

### **First Steps**

-Determine the limits of accountability.

-Panel members committed to reading Allan Johnson's book "Privilege Power and Difference" before the next meeting to be prepared to support this priority in conjunction with the Panel's April 2009 antiracism, antioppression and multiculturalism training.

### **Willing Workers**

Kimi Riegel

Rebecca Parker

Wendy Von Zirpolo

Anne Bancroft

Erik Kesting

Mara Dowdall

Susan Gore

Caleb Raible-Clark

Susan Ritchie

Sharon Welch

Kiera Wesley

## **6. Collaborating for Collegiality and Continuing Education**

### **Home**

The Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association Executive Committee

### **First Step**

-Barbara Merritt agreed to call UUMA President Rob Eller-Isaacs to see how the Panel can be supportive of the UUMA's efforts in this conversation, particularly around their commitment to AR/AO/MC work.

### **Willing Workers**

Wayne Wadler

Rob Eller-Isaacs

Jory Agate

Abhi Janamanchi

Beth Miller

Erik Wikstrom

Lee Barker

Rebecca Parker

## **7. Lay Theological Education**

### **Home**

District Services under the leadership of Harlan Limpert

### **First Step**

-Invite Harlan Limpert to report on his vision for shared ministry at the April 2009 meeting of the Panel.

### **Willing Workers**

Jason Shelton  
Caleb Raible-Clark  
Ken Wagner  
Christine Robinson  
Jackie Shanti  
Mary Ellen Morgan  
Deborah Holder  
Gini Courter  
Erik Wikstrom  
John Luopa

## **8. Fostering Emotional Maturity and Spiritual Depth**

### **Home**

Ministry and Professional Leadership and Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association C.E.N.T.E.R and UUA District Services

### **First Steps**

-Beth Miller and David Pettee will introduce this conversation to the Living In Covenant meeting in February 2009 in Denver, CO.

### **Willing Workers**

John Weston  
Beth Miller  
Christine Robinson  
Paul Johnson  
Jory Agate  
Caleb Raible-Clark  
Erik Wikstrom  
Wayne Walder  
Bill Graves