

Dear Colleagues,

The second annual Association Sunday is fast approaching, and I am deeply grateful to all those who have already signed up to *Grow Our Spirit* through this special service. And today, I ask that those of you who have not yet signed up now commit to affirming the strength of our connections by participating in Association Sunday 2008. [Click here to sign up now](#).

This year, your generous gifts to Association Sunday will help to grow our faith by supporting wonderful programs for lay theological education and excellence in ministry, two areas for which I share your passion and dedication. And, in the spirit of collaboration, I am delighted that we have the opportunity to distribute your contributions to programs administered outside the UUA as follows:

- 50% of the funds raised will go to grants to congregations, districts, and seminaries, to create programs which focus on spiritual and theological deepening.
- 50% of the funds will be divided equally to support the Unitarian Universalist Ministers' Association new initiatives for continuing education programs for ordained leaders through their CENTER programs, scholarships for promising students preparing for our ministry, and the Diversity of Ministry Team's Initiative to support ministers of color.

As I begin the last year of my presidency, I am hopeful for the future of our faith, and proud of the role Association Sunday will continue to play in strengthening our vibrant tradition. I very much hope that Association Sunday will become a regular part of your congregation's church year. I believe that it is imperative to strengthen not only our individual congregations but our entire Association in order to more effectively share the saving message of Unitarian Universalism with the world.

If you have not yet signed up to participate this year, please consider doing so now. You can register by [visiting our website](#) or by contacting Devin Letzer, Campaign Assistant in Stewardship and Development, at associationsunday@uua.org or (617) 948-6544. If you are unsure whether you've signed up, you can check the [list of participants](#). Thank you for all that you do for Unitarian Universalism and for our world. We are better together!

In Faith,



Bill Sinkford
President
Unitarian Universalist Association