

Talking Points for Presentation on Association Sunday 2010

- Today we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Unitarian Universalism by joining with congregations all over the country and the world for Association Sunday.
- Since the merger in 1961 that created the Unitarian Universalist Association, we have journeyed together to help strengthen Unitarian Universalism, to open the doors to newcomers, to share our values with the world, to support our congregations and to build a shared ministry.
- Fifty years later, we must not only ensure that Unitarian Universalism survives to the 100th anniversary, but also that it thrives for generations to come.
- We want congregations that are spiritually deep places where strong and enduring relationships can flourish, and that are engaged in their communities as sources of moral vision and effective action. We want our religious homes to be truly multi-generational and reflect the racial and cultural diversity of the wider world. Also, we want professional religious leaders who are visionary, spiritual, innovative, and diverse.
- Ours is a message that can appeal to everyone, regardless of background. We need to improve our ability to share it with others.
- As President Peter Morales has said, “*We can be the religion of our time. We can only do this together...as an Association.*”
- As a congregation, our goal is to contribute an average of \$20 per member.
- Proceeds from this service will go to ensuring that our faith thrives for generations to come by supporting growth pilot projects from the UUA’s 2010 strategic review and materials to help us all celebrate this significant anniversary.