Special Editors Note:

In last week’s edition, we asked for participation in a mentoring survey for ministers. Please accept my apology for excluding ministers in fellowship who are not UUMA members. We encourage and invite your participation: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/K7FWHYD

One Thing Going On

Sexuality Issues for Religious Professionals

The Religious Institute is pleased to announce that registration is open for the Spring 2013 session of the online course, “Sexuality Issues for Religious Professionals.” The course was developed by the Religious Institute in cooperation with the UUA.

The Sexuality Issues for Religious Professionals course is an online, self-guided graduate-level course. The course covers such sexuality-related topics as understanding one’s personal values and history, components of sexual identity, sexual development, life behaviors of a sexually healthy adult, dealing with attraction and boundaries, pastoral care, safe congregation policies, sexuality education, and worship in the context of ministry.

This course partially fulfills the sexuality education, health, and justice competency for UU candidates for ministry. Click here for a course outline.

The price of the course is $125 for students who need a certificate of completion (UU candidates for ministry, for example). These students' assignments will be verified and their final papers reviewed before a certificate is issued. Students may also audit the course for $75 (no verification of
assignments, no requirement for a final paper). The next session will begin March 1, 2013 and run through May 31, 2013.

Click here to register. For more information, email Marie Alford-Harkey, Director of Education and Training at the Religious Institute at alford-harkey@religiousinstitute.org.

One Useful Tool

Grappling with Change

We are all grappling with changes in the religious landscape, such as the rise of the “nones.” Follow the link to read a blog post from Religious Educator/Candidate for UU ministry, Robin Bartlett Barazza, about how the UU Area Church of Sherborn, MA is shaping its RE program to rise to the challenge: http://uuareligiouseducation.wordpress.com/2013/01/15/can-unitarian-universalism-be-a-religion-for-our-time/