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NEW! Youth Summer Seminary Program

This summer, UU youth leaders from across the country will come together to explore what it means to be a religious professional at the first [Summer Seminary](#). In this three-day program, held in Boston, attendees will deepen their spiritual lives and worship skills, learn about the process of going to seminary and professional credentialing (including a tour of Harvard Divinity School), and engage with one another to reflect on their personal call to ministry. This summer's program is the pilot for what we hope to be a week-long experience at different locations in future years.

Do you know a UU high school student in your congregation or community who has thought about becoming a minister, religious educator or other type of religious professional? Tell them about Summer Seminary, encourage them to apply and offer to write them a recommendation.

August 9-11; Boston, MA

Fee - \$200 (includes travel); financial aid available

Applications due May 27

Visit www.uua.org/summerseminary to learn more.

One Useful Tool

New from Skinner House

While Still There Is Light: Writings from a Minister Facing Death, by Nancy Shaffer <http://www.uuabookstore.org/productdetails.cfm?PC=1760>

In the third week of June, 2011, I ducked out of a workshop happening at the Unitarian Universalist General Assembly in Charlotte, to call my friend Nancy, who had had surgery, less than two week previously, to remove a fist-sized tumor from the right frontal lobe of her brain..... As the days unfolded, [Nancy's] priorities resolved themselves into a project to write her life. It would be a book that would share the day-to-day experiences, thoughts, and feelings of a poet, a minister, an individual in a fight for her life, a human being facing life-limiting illness. It would share the beauty, the terror, the reality of the experience. This would be a book for ministers, writers, doctors, technicians, nurses, spouses, adult children, anyone caring for someone with life-limiting illness, and especially for people experiencing such an illness. She saw the act of writing and the book that would result as a work of witness, one that would outlive her in ways that would bring healing to the world—her own experience, handed to us in truth and beauty, for a larger purpose.

--Mary McKinnon Gan

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