

# UUA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

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## Sexuality Issues for Music Directors

With Rev. Debra Haffner

What is a sexually healthy religious professional? What role does the musician play in ensuring a sexually healthy faith community? Join Rev. Debra Haffner for a lively, interactive day that covers:

- Understanding personal values and history
- Components of sexual identity
- Life behaviors of a sexually healthy adult
- Dealing with attraction and boundaries
- Pastoral presence around sexuality issues
- Sound practices for musicians and music programs



The Reverend Debra W. Haffner is the President and CEO of the Religious Institute. A certified sexuality educator, she is also the endorsed community minister at The Unitarian Church in Westport. Haffner is the author of seven books and numerous guidebooks for congregations. She has worked closely with the UUA since 2009 on sexual health and responsibility, including serving on the UUMA Presidential Guidelines Task Force, developing a study guide for ministers on sexual boundaries and attractions, and developing online sexuality courses for UU religious professionals. She was a member of the UUA Ministerial Fellowship Committee for five years, and has offered training workshops to UU religious professionals across the country. She holds degrees from Wesleyan University, Yale School of Medicine, and Union Theological School. She was awarded an honorary doctorate in public service from Widener University in 2011, and is currently studying for her D.Min. at the Pacific School of Religion, where she serves as a visiting Professor.

### Required Readings for Music Leadership Certification Program candidates (suggested for others):

Debra Haffner, *A Time to Build: Creating Sexually Healthy Faith Communities*. \$18 including shipping. Purchase from the Religious Institute, [www.religioustheology.org/publications](http://www.religioustheology.org/publications)

Finger, William and Debra Haffner, "Sexual Attraction for the Religious Professional", available at <http://www.uua.org/safe/handbook/self-care/165738.shtml>

### Recommended Reading for All Participants:

McClintock, Karen "Preventing Sexual Abuse in Congregations: A Resource Guide for Leaders", The Alban Institute, 2004.