

**ANNUAL AWARD OF THE US  
CHAPTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION FOR RELIGIOUS  
FREEDOM**

***The Rev. Orlanda Brugnola***



The Rev. Orlanda Brugnola works tirelessly for the cause of religious freedom. She has been a board member of the US Chapter, has offered programs for the New York Branch of the IARF, has been present as a representative of the IARF at the United Nations, has been an active participant in the Congresses held throughout the world. Her life is a full time witness to the cause of religious freedom.



**MARK DEWOLFE AWARD PRESENTED  
BY INTERWEAVE CONTINENTAL**

***Bobbi Keppel***

Bobbi Keppel, LICSW, has drawn attention to bisexual issues since 1987 through leadership; Bisexual Resource Center Board; Unitarian Universalist Bisexual Network; chapters in books; curricula ("Sexual and Affectional Orientation and Identity Scales," *Welcoming Congregation, Adult OWL*) and newsletters (*Interweave World's "Bi Space"*); and presentations on sexual orientation, bisexuality, and aging.



**RICHARD C. BORDEN EXCELLENCE  
IN SERMONS AWARD PRESENTED BY  
THE UUA STEWARDSHIP &  
DEVELOPMENT STAFF GROUP**

Lisa Sargent (Starr King) won first-place, followed by Ana Porter (University of Chicago Divinity School). Kathryn Ellis (Meadville Lombard) and David Schwartz (Harvard Divinity School) also received awards. We congratulate Lisa, Ana, Kathryn, and David on their outstanding sermons and wish them well as they complete their studies and begin their ministries.

**HOLMES-WEATHERLY AWARD  
PRESENTED BY THE UUA ADVOCACY  
& WITNESS STAFF GROUP**

***Dr. Fred Seidl***



Dr. Fred Seidl, former Dean of Social Work at the State University of NY (Buffalo), taught organizing for decades before volunteering to support UU congregations in both community organizing and voter mobilization. He belongs to the UU congregation in Clearwater, Florida, and was a longtime member in Buffalo.



**2006 O. EUGENE PICKETT AWARD  
PRESENTED BY THE UUA**

***Unitarian Church of Harrisburg,  
Harrisburg, PA.***

A Welcoming Congregation, Green Sanctuary, with two Sunday services, and 100 member growth in the past 7 years, this outward-focused church works with female prisoners, awards scholarships, provides a vibrant young adult ministry, offers a rich music ministry, and last year donated \$15,000 to help others outside church.



**YOUTH ADVISOR OF THE YEAR  
AWARD PRESENTED BY  
YOUNG RELIGIOUS UUS**

***Toniann Read***



Toniann Read, Director of Youth Programs at UU Metro Atlanta North. Loves, accepts and advocates for youth. She brings together youth of different faiths on common issues and helps youth express their sense of justice. She established TTT (Teens Teaching Teens) allowing youth to model and promote good relationships with other at-risk teens. Toniann helps youth turn into leaders.

**BENNETT AWARD FOR  
CONGREGATIONAL ACTION ON  
HUMAN JUSTICE AND SOCIAL ACTION  
PRESENTED BY THE OFFICE FOR  
CONGREGATIONAL ADVOCACY AND  
WITNESS**

***The Winchester Unitarian Society,  
Winchester, MA***



On Labor Day weekend Winchester Unitarian Society replaced their scheduled worship service with a service devoted to Hurricane Katrina survivors and a call to action. What followed included five trips by intergenerational relief teams to Louisiana, over \$5,000 raised, and a documentary film on the ongoing devastation after the hurricane.



**ANGUS MACLEAN AWARD FOR  
EXCELLENCE IN RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION PRESENTED BY THE UUA  
AND THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF  
THE ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY  
THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL**

***Jacqui A. James***

Jacqui James' gifts have changed the landscape of our faith. Architect of the Singing Our Living Tradition hymnal project and Beyond Categorical Thinking program, director of Anti-racism and Multicultural Resources, tireless advocate for accessibility, curriculum author, RE trainer and consultant, Jacqui has been alternately patient and prodding, and ultimately prophetic.



**LOUIS C. CORNISH "LIVING THE  
MISSION" AWARD PRESENTED BY  
UU PARTNER CHURCH COUNCIL**

***Natalie Gulbrandsen***

Natalie is being recognized for her role in re-establishing the "sister church" program after the fall of Communism in 1990 and for her continuing support of the UUPCC. By GA 1990, over 100 churches had responded. Her initial efforts helped provide the foundation of the partner church movement of today.