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Some of the recent programs and services made possible by contributions from member Congregations to the Annual Program Fund and by individuals to Friends of the UUA

The *Youth Group Handbook* offers practical suggestions, guidance and programming ideas for youth group leaders and members. It provides a background on the Unitarian Universalist youth movement, guidelines for starting a youth group from scratch and tips on effective leadership, as well as a wide selection of games and activities for building trust and community.

“Congregational Change is Personal: Meeting People Where They Are and Moving On”, the sixth triennial conference for mid-sized congregations was held in March.

UU World staff launched the UUA's new weekly Web magazine, *uuworldWeekly*. Subscribers receive it weekly in their email boxes. The magazine, along with the new “Unitarian Universalists in the Media” news blog, offers timely news about Unitarian Universalist individuals, congregations, and organizations.

“Congregations Come First” Task Force was appointed by UUA Moderator, Gini Courter, to find ways to remove organizational obstacles to congregational health and vitality. The Task Force is charged with recommending by January 2008 actions that will ensure equitable allocation of resources for service and support of our congregations and their missions.

The Teacher Development web site (www.uua.org/re/teachers) provides resources about teaching and learning in lifespan faith development programs. The web site offers tools to support pragmatic aspects of teaching faith as well as tools to awaken the souls of teachers and sustain them in the quest for spiritually rich engagement.

Coordinated the collection of more than \$3.5 million in donations for Katrina hurricane disaster relief. Online resources were also produced for those directly affected by the storm and for those witnessing the devastation.

A new accessibilities resources web site (www.uua.org/programs/idbm/accessibilities/) with basic information about disability and extensive resources to enable congregations to provide a welcoming and inclusive religious home to all people.

The *Singing the Living Tradition* hymnal is now available electronically for people who have print impairments. The hymnal (the lyrics for each hymn and reading) is available as a Microsoft Word document and can be sent as an attachment or as a CD.

Beyond Categorical Thinking materials have been revised and updated. The Beyond Categorical Thinking program works with Unitarian Universalist congregations to promote inclusive thinking and help prevent unfair discrimination in the ministerial search process.

Coordinated the collection of \$146,000 to provide aid and relief to Unitarians affected by flooding in Transylvania, where Unitarians are an ethnic minority that can not expect government assistance.

Uncommon Denomination Resources are available online (www.uua.org/programs/congservices/uncommon/) for congregational and district use. Congregations and districts can reduce or eliminate the time and cost of design, maintain the brand identity of Unitarian Universalism, and get professionally designed promotional materials.

All-new publications for congregational growth and planning, including:

- *A Ministering Congregation*
- *Congregational Growth in Unitarian Universalism*
- *Congregational Life Dynamics and Conflict Management: An Application of Family Systems Theory*
- *Governance for UU Congregations*
- *Meetings That Work*
- *The Membership Journey*
- *Your Congregation's Facilities*
- *Effective Congregational Committees*
- *Facilitating Fruitful Retreats*
- *Planning a Ministry Focus from Your Ministry Area Profile*
- *Size Transitions in UU Congregations.*

Go to www.uua.org/cde/education/index.html to download copies.

Continuing editions of *Faithworks* (www.uua.org/re/faithworks/), a compilation of religious education resources for religious educators, lay teachers, ministers and parents.

Making a Difference with Ideals, Impact and Involvement, three free learning teleconferences for anyone interested in using money as a tool for social justice. The conferences focused on key strategies of socially responsible investing for individuals and congregations.

Regional UU Young Adult Anti-Oppression trainings, focused on linked oppressions and the connection between anti oppression work and UU spirituality.

Booklets for the *Taking it Home: Families and Faith* series (www.uua.org/families/fam_faith/), including:

- Let's Talk About Respect
- Let's Talk About Time/Money Balance
- Let's Talk About Marriage and Committed Relationships
- Let's Talk About Divorce and Broken Relationships
- Let's Talk About Families and Loss
- Let's Talk About Interfaith Families

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