



# BIG IDEAS

## for Small Congregations

- What:** A day-long workshop on life in the smaller congregation (less than 150 members or 125 at weekly worship). Sponsored by the Metro NY District Growth Team.
- When:** Saturday, January 26, 2008, 10am – 4pm (coffee and pastry at 9:30am)
- Where:** Community Church of New York Unitarian Universalist, 40 E 35th St, Manhattan
- Who:** Presidents, Ministers, DREs, Board Members and other leaders are all welcome!
- Speaker:** Rev. Jane Dwinell, Small Congregation Consultant and co-author (with Ellen Germann-Melosh) of the newly published *Big Ideas for Small Congregations*. Jane served the Derby Line VT congregation for eight years, which grew from 20 to 70 members, and completed a quarter-million dollar addition to their historic church building. She has worked with small UU congregations all over the country for the past 11 years and has edited the monthly newsletter, *Small Talk*, for the past four years. Visit her website [www.spiritoflifepublishing.com](http://www.spiritoflifepublishing.com).
- Cost:** \$30 for first person from a congregation. \$25 for each additional person from the same congregation. Includes coffee and pastry at 9:30am and lunch. Jane's book, *Big Ideas for Small Congregations*, is available for \$20.

### Tell me more!

You are a leader of your small congregation, chosen by others – entrusted by them – to do the right thing. You have been asked to keep things running smoothly, to see that there is quality worship, the budget is balanced, the children are learning, the elders are well cared for, well-informed decisions are made, and your congregation is working for social justice in your community. Congratulations!

Being part of the leadership team of a small congregation can be a challenge. Life in a small congregation is different than in a mid-size or large congregation. Because of the issues of distance, low volunteer numbers, building issues, or perhaps no building, staff or no staff, many leaders of small congregations get stuck with being leaders seemingly forever, stressed by burnout and feelings of having to do it all, wondering if they're really doing the right thing.

We're here to help! This workshop will guide you through the work of leading a small congregation – from worship to budgets, from religious exploration for only a few children to great music, from stewardship of your resources to making an impact on the larger community.

**Register online at:** <https://www.formdesk.com/uufirms/BigIdeas>

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