

# Pastoral Care: Intro for Religious Educators

April 2-4, 2009

15-hour training for paid religious educators sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist District of Metro NY

## Curriculum Information

The Pastoral Care for Religious Educators Module is an introduction to the basics of pastoral care. The training curriculum makes it clear that completion of this training does not “certify” one to provide pastoral care. Participants learn about the philosophy of pastoral care, the theological foundations of pastoral care in Unitarian Universalist settings, unique pastoral care needs of children, youth and families of color, and the importance of openness in communication and transparency with the parish minister. They also look at safety issues and spend considerable time role-playing and discussing real-life pastoral care scenarios, in addition to exploring the need for self-care and spiritual development of a Director of Religious Education. **Note:** This is not a UUA Renaissance Module; however it does count toward training for the UUA Credentialing Program.)



## Details and Registration

**When:** 4:00 pm Thursday April 2, 2009, to 12:00 pm Saturday April 4, 2009

**Cost:** \$275, which includes meals and accommodations at [Xavier Center](#), Morristown NJ

**Register:** At <https://www.formdesk.com/uufoms/pastoralcare-ire>

**Questions:** Email John Cavallero, Registrar, at [JOHNtheDRE@aol.com](mailto:JOHNtheDRE@aol.com) or Andrea Lerner, District Executive, at [alerner@uua.org](mailto:alerner@uua.org).

## Reader

All participants are required to **purchase and bring with you** *The Helper's Journey: Working With People Facing Grief, Loss, and Life-Threatening Illness*, by Dale G. Larson, available at Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com.

## The Trainers

**The Rev. Dr. Monica L. Cummings** joined the UUA Youth Ministry Office in October 2008 after serving as the consulting minister for the First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles. Rev. Dr. Cummings received her Doctor of Ministry degree in Pastoral Care and Counseling at the Claremont School of Theology and is a member of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. Rev. Dr. Cummings spent 26 months as an education and community development Peace Corps Volunteer in South Africa. She also served as a mentor for the Five Claremont Colleges Campus Ministry group; chaplain for Senior High Camp at De Benneville Pines; two years as Co-Chair of the Journey Toward Wholeness Transformation Committee, a UUA Board appointed committee charged with monitoring and assessing the Association's anti-racism, anti-oppression and multicultural efforts. Rev. Dr. Cummings works with Associational, district, regional and congregational staff, Diverse Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries (DRUUMM), Allies for Racial Equity (ARE) and Multiracial and Multiethnic families programs.

**Lee Marie Sanchez** is currently serving the Unitarian Universalist Church in Anaheim, California as their Consulting Minister while continuing her studies as a Candidate for Ministry at Meadville/ Lombard in their Modified Residency Program. Lee has served two congregations over a span of more than a dozen years as a religious educator, completing all of the Renaissance Modules and teaching several. Lee completed 6 units of Clinical Pastoral Education over two years and served her ministerial internship as hospital and hospice chaplain. Her current focus is parish ministry.

**The Rev. Dr. Betty Stapleford** entered the Claremont School of Theology in Claremont, California, in September of 1995, after twenty-eight years as a high school English and theatre teacher in Delaware. She graduated and was ordained in 1998 and began serving at the Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Thousand Oaks, California. Betty is now completing her ninth year serving that congregation. She received her Doctor of Ministry degree at CST in the area of pastoral care and counseling and ethics in 2005 and serves on the Leadership Resources Council for the Pacific SouthWest District.