

UU Legislative Ministry

New Jersey



Unitarian Universalist
Legislative Ministry - New
Jersey (UULMNJ) will
provide focused resource

information, public policy alerts and advocacy. The network will empower our values with a forceful collective moral voice. The purpose of this conference is to take this concept to the next level by establishing a statewide steering committee and task forces that shape the direction this Ministry will take.

Program

8:45	-	9:15	Registration & Coffee
9:15	-	9:30	Welcome & Centering
9:30	-	10:25	Keynote Speakers, Q&A
10:25	-	10:40	Break
10:40	-	11:25	State of the State, Q&A
11:25	-	12:30	Breakout Sessions, Part 1
12:30	-	1:15	Lunch
1:15	-	2:15	Breakout Sessions, Part 2
2:15	-	2:45	Sessions summaries
2:45	-	3:10	Break & Mill – for all to discuss plans with area facilitators
3:10	-	3:25	Collection of sign-up forms and announcement of the new Steering Committee members
3:25	-	3:30	Closing by the Ministers

Welcome and Centering

Rev. Forrest Gilmore, UU Congregation of Princeton, will give his view on the philosophy and the inspiration for a legislative ministry.

Keynote Speakers

Betty McGarvie Crowley, UULM-Maryland Board Co-chair, was instrumental in forming the UULM-MD, has over 40 years of grassroots lobbying and organizing experience as a volunteer and on nonprofit staffs at the local, state and national levels. She is a member of the UU Church of Annapolis and former member of the UUs for Social Justice Board.

Maureen Harris, Executive Director UULM-MD, has experience organizing, training and motivating volunteers, lobbying the Maryland General Assembly and as a high school teacher. She is a member of the UU Congregation of Columbia.

They will speak about the nuts and bolts of a successful legislative ministry network.

State of the State

Lynn Nowak, President, Nancy Becker Associates, is a lobbyist and works for nonprofits in NJ. She will speak about current NJ policy and legislation issues and the climate and dynamics that impact the work of advocacy groups.

Breakout Sessions

Facilitators will encourage brainstorming, and creating an agenda for planning in specific network areas. Research information for all four breakout sessions will be included in conference packets and briefly reviewed.

A. Process for Issues Determination.

This group will develop a proposal for the process of determining priority issues for the first two years of the Legislative Ministry. The proposal will include a time line and congregational materials. Facilitators: Judy Malsbury, Princeton, Ken Goldberg, Cherry Hill, Barrie Peterson, MDiv, Essex

B. Congregational Involvement

This group will draft a proposal regarding how a Congregation commits to be part of the network. It will also discuss and, if possible, develop a proposal on how Congregations will assist in providing educational and financial resources for the ministry and coordinate with it. Facilitators: Marty Rothfelder, Summit, Elaine Nigam, Princeton, Rev. Charles Ortman of the UU Congregation at Montclair

C. Communications and Partnering

This group will plan infrastructure support for managing the website. It will also discuss and develop a proposal on how the network will assist in providing resources for congregations for youth and adult worship, education and programs. It will discuss methods of partnering within the network as well as with groups of similar interests and entering the public forum. Facilitators: Doug Rhodes, Princeton, Bob Tucker, Princeton, Rev. Evan Keely of the UU Congregation of Monmouth County

D. Organizational Structure

This group will discuss what will be needed for finances, fund raising, Board nature and structure, by-laws and the forming of 501(c) 3 & 4 organizations. Facilitators: Greg Nagy, Princeton, George Easter, Princeton, Rev. Forrest Gilmore of the UU Congregation of Princeton

Registration

Deadline: Tuesday, January 8, 2008

Fee: \$10 includes lunch (veg and nonveg).
Please enclose check payable to UU
Congregation of Princeton.

Mail to:

UULMNJ, UU Congregation of Princeton
50 Cherry Hill Road
Princeton, NJ 08540

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Name _____

Congregation _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Indicate the Breakout Session of your choice:

- A. Process for Issues Determination**
- B. Congregational Involvement**
- C. Communications and Partnering**
- D. Organizational Structure**

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***A statewide conference to
establish a legislative ministry
network of UUs in New Jersey***

Planned By:

***UU representatives from NJ
congregations at the October 6,
2007, UULMNJ planning meeting***

***To be held at the
Unitarian Universalist
Congregation of Princeton***

Saturday, January 12, 2008

8:45 AM to 3:30 PM

At

50 Cherry Hill Road

Princeton, NJ 08540