

# **TJ CONNECTION**

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**March 6** Church Management Seminar,  
Chapel Hill

**April 2-4** SPECTRUUM Campus  
Ministry and Young Adult Conference, Wake,  
VA. Contact Rachel Lawrence, 804-233-7824 or  
ralawren@pen.k12.va.us .

**April 5-8** SEUUMA, The Mountain

**April 9-10** TJ District Annual Meeting,  
Williamsburg, VA

**April 17** 10th Biennial Liberal Religious  
Roundtable, "Fairness Under The Law". UU  
Fellowship of Hendersonville, NC. Contact:  
Fred Harris, 828-697-7966, harris@ioa.com

**April 30 - May 2** 1999 Conclave, co-  
sponsored by Congregational, District and  
Extension Services and the RE depts. in Boston  
at the renovated Pickett / Eliot houses. Contact:  
Rev. Jeannellen Ryan 617-742-2100 x376;  
jryan@uua.org

**May 14-16** Workshop on Growth for  
Small Congregations, Greensboro, NC

**May 24-26** RE Retreat

**May 27-31** ACCESS Retreat, The Mountain

**June 24** UUA-sponsored conference on giving:  
"From the Myth of Scarcity to the Reality of  
Abundance." Salt Lake City, Utah, For further  
information: contact Alan Kleinfeld (akleinfeld  
@uua.org) or Mary Miles (mmiles@uua.org).

**June 24-June 29** UUA General Assembly, Salt  
Lake City, Utah

**July 25-31** Leadership School, The  
Mountain;  
♦SUUSI, Radford University, Blacksburg, VA

## **Comings and Goings...**

The **UU Congregation of Atlanta, GA** is hiring  
a full-time Director of Religious Education to

begin in the summer of 1999. Send resume by  
4/1 to Robin Kottman, DRE Search Committee  
Chair, UUCA, 1911 Cliff Valley Way NE,  
Atlanta, GA 30329. Info at www.uuca.org.

The **First Unitarian Church of Rochester, NY**  
seeks a summer minister from 6/15-8/31,1999.  
Call 716-271-9070 for details.

The **UU Service Committee** is offering service  
and travel opportunities for adults and youths  
aged 16 and over to participate in interfaith  
workcamps to rebuild African-American  
churches that have been burned. Other volunteer  
opportunities are also available. Contact  
dcampbel@uusc.org or call 800-388-3920.

## **TJ DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING TO BE IN WILLIAMSBURG, VA, APRIL 9-11**

Highlight of this year's TJ District Annual  
Meeting hosted by **Williamsburg Unitarian  
Universalists**, April 9-11. will be a keynote  
speech by retiring District Executive **Roger  
Comstock** and a reception and banquet in his  
honor. His title is "It's No Small Task -- Healing  
the World -- But Somebody Has To Do It."  
Other items on the agenda include a vote on  
amendments updating the bylaws, presentation  
of awards, and votes on the proposed long-range  
plan and the 1999-2000 budget.

The following workshops are planned:  
**Death by Opportunity.** Large congregations  
face many exciting opportunities and challenges.  
This discussion, led by **Leslie Takahashi  
Morris** of the Eno River UU Fellowship will  
focus on approaches to managing the exciting  
array of possibilities with as few growing pains  
as possible. There will be a chance to share  
successes and troubleshoot together.

**Building Right Relations.** Organizational  
Systems and right relations among lay leaders  
and staff. Workshop led by **Kathy Wimett**,  
organizational and leadership development  
consultant, and **Rev. Ed Piper**, Extension  
Minister at UU Fellowship of Waynesboro and  
former congregational president.

**Working With the UU Service Committee.**

**The Rev. Bob Murphy**, TJ District representative for the UUSC and chair of the disaster relief effort in the District will look at ways that congregations and individuals can work with UUSC in the months ahead.

**It Takes Music, Food, A Chalice and Care to Make YRUU Programs Work.** A requested repeat!! **Peter deFur** of the Community Church of Glen Allen, VA, winner of the Youth Advisor Award at the 1997 GA, will lead a hands-on workshop about YRUU and some of the factors that contribute to a successful program.

**The New Volunteer - How to Deal With the Committed Volunteer Who Has Limited Time.** Here's a chance to learn from a panel of successful practitioners: **Michael Tino**, Coordinator of Shared Ministry at Eno River UU Fellowship, **Christine Gresser**, board member and Campus Ministry Coordinator of the Thomas Jefferson UU Church, and **Elizabeth Swope**, DRE at UU Fellowship of Raleigh and co-chair of the District Extension Committee.

**TJ District and the UUA -What They Do For You - And What You Want Them To Do.** Paul Clipp, of the UU Fellowship of Clemson, TJ District Annual Program Fund Chair, member of the District Finance Committee, and director of the Leadership School at The Mountain, will discuss the current activities of both the TJ District and the UUA in support of our religious movement. We will also look at the support that the District and UUA ask of us and our congregations.

**An Extra: The Roundtable.**

A chance to get answers to questions you might have about several important issues to be addressed at this year's business meeting.

Registration materials are available in your church office or on the TJD web site.

**ED WILDE TO BE  
NEW TJD UUA TRUSTEE**

The new TJ District UUA trustee will be **Ed Wilde**. A second candidate, **Phil Sterner** withdrew at the last minute, obviating the need for an election. **Ed Wilde** has served as chief academic officer at three universities and more recently as Distinguished Professor of Mathematics at USC Spartanburg. As of July 1,

1999, when he is to take over the office from **Leon Spencer**, he will have retired from his full-time teaching responsibilities and finished his term as President of the UU Church of Spartanburg. Following is his statement of candidacy.

"During the past seven years of my service on the TJ District Board, I have served as Vice-President and as a member of the Finance Committee and the Extension Committee. Currently I am serving as Chair of the District Executive Search Committee. I have been a UU since the early 60's.

Good communication between the UUA Trustee and the District Board is a necessity. If elected UUA Trustee, I plan to attend all the District Board meetings. I also will write a column for the *TJ Connection* so that the district congregations are aware of what is happening at the UUA level. At appropriate times, I will seek input from the congregations on issues of importance to them.

I will continue to support the acquisition of a District RE Consultant, a project that I have been working on since the inception of the idea. As a member of the District Anti-Racism Team, I plan to be actively involved in the District's anti-racism efforts. At the UUA, I will continue to support the ongoing Fulfilling the Promise process. I bring financial experience both at the congregation and District levels that can be of use to the UUA. Prior to moving to the TJ District I was deeply involved, as President, in raising over \$800,000 for a new building for the UU Church of Clearwater, FL.

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