

WORSHIP ASSOCIATES ANNUAL REPORT 2013-14

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Worship Associates meet once each month during the Church year. We focus on the elements involved in Sunday morning services. Our discussions are directly related to the spiritual concerns and needs of our congregation as a whole. We look at all aspects of our Sunday services and determine their effectiveness in the overall outcome of each service.

Worship Associates actively participate by filling roles in the service as needed by our Interim Minister, the Rev. Olivia Holmes. Normally, we assist by performing the Chalice Lighting, presenting the Words for Reflection and Extinguishing the Chalice. Sometimes we tell the Story For All Ages or hold the Conversation With Our Children. And sometimes we'll contribute part of the sermon or lead the entire service, as we've done eight times this past year.

We also help out by hosting a guest minister, when needed. This past year, we've either hosted or assisted hosting nine guest ministers: Rev Dr. M'ellen Kennedy, Rev. Richard Trudeau, Mr. Barb Greve, NNED District Executive Joe Sullivan, Rev. Emily Melcher, Rev. Shayna Appel, Former UUA Moderator Denny Davidoff, and Rev. Michael Hall

Our participation fits in with the belief that having members of the congregation in visible roles during Sunday Service creates a unified and comfortable ambience to each service.

We have a great list of volunteers to lead our summer services in the sanctuary this year:

- 6/22 Harvey Keye on "How To Beat Racism in America"
- 6/29 Anya Zakiewicz on "Calling in the Spirits of the Directions"
- 7/6 Frona Avery on "How Open the Door?"
- 7/13 Laurie Goodman on "This is the New Humanism of Unitarian Universalism"
- 7/20 Jerry Ross on "We are Star Dust: Our Modern Day Creation Story"
- 7/27 Gary Lerude on "Coming to Terms With the Terms"
- 8/3 Rick Spitz on "UU Evangelism: Sharing Our Faith"
- 8/10 Bill Kennedy on "Reflections About Jesus"
- 8/17 David Hudson, Kathy Fletcher & Harry Purkhiser on "Highlights from 2014 GA"
- 8/24 Grace & Ben Morton and Friends on "New Age Interpretations"
- 8/31 Marty Storer on "Reflections on Justice"

We remain sensitive to the needs and desires of our Church community, especially during our time of transition. The minister and Worship Associates welcome suggestions, words of appreciation and concerns regarding how we might improve the Sunday worship experience.

John Sanders & Anya Zakiewicz, Co-Chairs