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GLORIA CHIDO, EDITOR

UUA PRESIDENT ISSUES STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Rev. Peter Morales, president of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (UUA), issued the following statement:

As we approach September 11, Americans everywhere prepare to honor the memories of those lost in the tragic events of this day nine years ago. We honor those victims best by reaffirming our opposition to terrorism in all its forms and recommitting to the ideals of freedom and justice that are at the heart of the American experience.

But out of pain, fear, or cynicism, there are some among us who feel compelled to act with intolerance and violence toward our Muslim brothers and sisters. Unitarian Universalists are called to denounce all such acts of bigotry. We are called to defend our inherent right to worship as we choose, and to honor the rich history of America's multicultural communities. We are called to stand on the side of love.

On September 10, 11, and 12, Unitarian Universalists across the country will devote services to topics of religious freedom and tolerance. I encourage every person of conscience to speak up for diversity and freedom, no matter what your faith, and to join with us in standing on the side of love.

INTERFAITH GATHERING TO READ THE KORAN

Congregation L'Dor Va-Dor , 7400 Lake Worth Road ,Lake Worth, FL

Saturday, September 11, 2pm

On Saturday, September 11, 2010 at 2pm, Congregation L'Dor Va-Dor will host an interfaith gathering to read the Koran and to promote harmony and reconciliation among people of all faiths. According to Rabbi Barry Silver of Congregation L'Dor Va-Dor, this September 11 falls on a day known as Shabbat Shuvah, a holy observance when Jews are commanded to seek reconciliation with those from whom they have become estranged. Thus, this is a perfect time to seek reconciliation and harmony with our spiritual cousins, the Muslims, with whom we share so much in common, and we hope this day will be a time when people of all faiths -- and no faith at all -- will come together in peace and harmony.

The entire community is invited to join in this interfaith gathering of reconciliation on Saturday afternoon at Congregation L'Dor Va-Dor, which is located at 7400 Lake Worth Road, one traffic light east of the Turnpike in the Market Place Plaza. For more information Rabbi Barry Silver can be reached at Barryboca@aol.com.



A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

Welcoming our Guests

All congregations say they are friendly and welcoming. And some truly are. We Unitarian Universalists have many guests each week, yet many never return. Here's a tip to increase the chance our guests will want to come back:

Greeters welcome guests (with a smile!), give them the usual welcome materials, including a name tag. The Greeter then hands the guest off to a member: "May I introduce you to our member, NAME? NAME, this is GUEST." The Member then says, "May I show you around?" As worship is about to begin, the member says, "May I sit with you through worship?" If no, just show the guest where to go. If yes, join them through worship. After worship, invite them to the social hour and introduce the guest to two or three others. Conclude by saying, "Hope to see you again, GUEST. Thanks for joining us today."

We all want to be welcomed and recognized when we come to church for the first time. Likewise, most do not want to feel fawned over or pressured. This hand-off/sit/introduce model is a beginning step to finding a good balance.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Families, Take a Dip! We're kicking off the start of a new Religious Education year with our traditional Pool Party at the Van Camps home. The fun starts after services on **September 12th**. Please bring some food to share, your swimsuits and towels.

Reminders: Don't forget to bring your water for **Water Communion on September 19th**.

Afterwards, we will have a **Religious Education Council meeting at 11:45** in Gridley-Howe and a **Youth Group meeting at 12:30** in the Teen Room.

Sunflower Family Film Night invites all UUFBR RE Families to come share these evenings. Films are free—pizza and childcare for a fee. First one on Sept. 18—"Consuming Kids".

Alexis Moore, Chair, UUFBR RE Council

Donations Needed for the R E Program:

Do you have any old (but working) CD players? That would be music to our ears! Please consider donating them so we can enliven our classrooms with UU songs. In addition, small, handheld toys are needed for the activity basket in Osias. These mini playthings (like etch-a-sketch or small puzzles) help our more energetic kids settle into services and often help redirect our littlest congregants when cranky. Please bring donations to the main office or the RE office. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

SE CLUSTER EVENT OF THE YEAR

The SE Cluster will hold its Annual Meeting and Elections Saturday, October 2, 2010 from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM at the UUCFL located at 3970 NW 21 Avenue, Oakland Park; telephone 954 484-6734. The topic is The Crisis And Opportunities For the UUA.

In the next 10 years almost 70% of the current ministers will retire. Not only must they be replaced, but new churches must be staffed. The church can be reborn with new, young, vigorous blood. With a well educated clergy eager to spread our philosophy, the church will be poised for significant growth. But the obstacle will require a dedicated, united congregation.

Come, join in as several eloquent thinkers examine the problems and possible solutions. Don't miss this timely, vital meeting.

A continental breakfast and lunch will be served. Tickets are \$10 when ordered by September 20th, or \$12 at the door. Let us know early so we can better plan the food.

Like the marines, the Cluster needs a few good people. If you can participate as officers or members of the Boar email Davidarmstorng01@bellsouth.com.

Town Meeting September 19, after the service.

Like the rest of America, UUFBR is feeling the effects of a troubled economy. Come and hear the steps we have taken to help us through these difficult times, and share your thoughts on moving forward.



FAMILY PROMISE COORDINATOR NEEDED!

We need another coordinator to help us facilitate our Family Promise hosting weeks. This time commitment is limited to our actual hosting weeks (4 to 5 times each year) and maybe one or two small group meetings in between.

We need someone to help us plan the dinner menus for the week, grocery shop for the dry goods and staples (evening meals are supplied by volunteers) for the week and create our list of donations needed from the congregation before each hosting week, to let volunteers in and check on our daily food supply needs.

If you are interested, please contact Melissa Livingston at livingstonmail@bellsouth.net or 561-901-5888. Training and orientation will be provided.

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WHAT

DOES THAT MEAN?

History: In 1987 the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) established the Common Vision Planning Committee. This committee found many negative attitudes, deep prejudices, and profound ignorance about bisexual, gay, and lesbian people, which resulted in the exclusion of bisexual, gay, and lesbian people from their churches. As a result of these findings, the delegates of the 1989 UUA General Assembly voted overwhelmingly to initiate the Welcoming Congregation program to educate its members. Each congregation adapts the program to best meet its goals and each unique situation can bring positive changes to individuals and congregations. Congregations who publicly and successfully welcome bisexual, gay, lesbian, and transgender people have the following qualities:

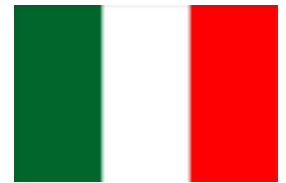
- Includes and addresses the needs of b/g/l/t persons at every level of congregational life—in worship, in programs, in social occasions, and in rites of passage—welcoming not only their presence, but the gifts and particularities of their lives as well.

- Assumes the presence of b/g/l/t people and celebrates this diversity by having inclusive language and content in their worship.
- Fully incorporates the experiences of b/g/l/t persons throughout all programs, including religious education.
- Includes an affirmation and nondiscrimination clause in our by-laws and other official documents affecting all dimensions of congregational life, including membership, hiring practices, and the calling of religious professionals.
- Engages in outreach into the b/g/l/t community in its advertising and by actively supporting b/g/l/t affirmative groups.
- Offers congregational and ministerial support for union and memorial services for b/g/l/t persons, and for celebrations of...family definitions.
- Celebrates the lives of all people and welcomes same-sex couples, recognizing their committed relationships, and equally affirms displays of caring and affections without regard to sexual orientation.
- Seeks to nurture ongoing dialogue between bisexual, gay, lesbian, transgender, and heterosexual persons and to create deeper trust and sharing.
- Encourages the presence of a chapter of Interweave.
- Affirms and celebrates b/g/l/t issues and history during the church year.
- Attends to legislative developments and works to promote justice, freedom, and equality in the larger society.
- Speaks out when the rights of bisexual, gay, lesbian, and transgender people are at stake.
- Celebrates the lives of all people and their ways of expressing their love for each other.

You can celebrate being a member of a Welcoming Congregation by putting a rainbow sticker on your nametag. They are on the kiosk in the nametag corner of Osias Hall.



Italian Night



At UUFBR

Sponsored by the UUFBR Board of Trustees

October 9, 2010, 6:00 pm

Cost: Adults ~ \$15

Children ~ \$7

Families ~ \$40 (parents/children under 15)

Food ~ Fun ~ Special Entertainment

Menu:

Meatballs with red sauce over pasta

Marinara sauce with veggies over pasta (for vegetarians/vegans)

Green Salad

Garlic Bread

Dessert

Get your tickets early—seating limited to 70 people

Net profits go to UUFBR Operating Fund



OCTOBER 16 FLEA MARKET

The fall is rapidly approaching and we are holding the Flea Market early this year. It's a very important year for fund raising, so let's dig in our heels and get going!



Start looking for those items you don't need. Save those bags for shoppers. Think about how you can help during the week: beginning Monday, October 11 at 4:00 pm for set-up and bringing in all the items from storage; during the week for sorting and pricing; working as a cashier on Saturday or in one of the other areas (clothes, electronics, children's toys, books, specialty items; bringing in something for the workers to eat; clean up (getting items ready for pick-up and restoring UUFBR to original condition for Sunday's Service.

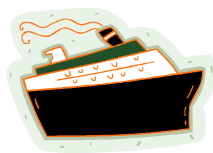
We will let you know about a date when you can begin bringing in items, hopefully in September.

Don't forget to ask your friends if they have items they no longer want or can donate. An Acknowledgment of Donation is available for all donations that can be used for Tax purposes.

Join us and help make this fund raising activity prosperous and fun!

From 1st UU Congregation of the Palm Beaches - We Are Gonna

CrUUise! January 29 - February 5, 2011, Eastern Caribbean aboard the Celebrity Eclipse. Join other UUs on this Caribbean cruise aboard the Celebrity "Eclipse". Contact Judy Bonner for more information (judybonner@bellsouth.net).



RE will be hosting a **Salad Sunday** lunch at UUFBR on Sunday, **September 19th** directly after services and before the Town Hall meeting. For a suggested donation of \$8 to the fellowship you can enjoy a wonderful lunch from our salad bar which will include a selection of fixings, both meat and vegetarian, along with prepared salads.

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE



New office hours: Monday through Thursday, 9 am—4 pm. The office will be closed on Fridays. We now have only one 25 hour a week office staff person, so some changes in the ways we communicate are in the works:

- A new website is almost ready, with lots more information about UUFBR. It should be up and running later this week. You will be able to see what events are happening, find out about Sunday Services, view the calendar, read minutes of board meetings and our policies and procedures, and much more. The address will remain the same—www.uufbr.org. Many thanks to Harris, who has been working on this new design all summer during her vacation and furlough time. Check it out!
- In an effort to save staff time and a few trees, no paper copy of the order of service will be handed out on Sunday mornings.
- A slide show before and after the service will provide information to members and guests on events for the day and anything upcoming.
- Chalice Notes has a new format. It will be emailed to all members and friends on Thursday afternoon, and sent weekly via USPS to those without access to email. It will also be available to visitors at the Welcome Desk when they sign in. As we move towards one newsletter monthly we hope that this will fill the 'news gap' and keep our members informed. Please take the time to read this brief weekly update as you receive it. We will print only enough copies for visitors on Sunday mornings.

Please remember to let us know if you change your email address so we can keep you in the information loop. Thank you. Call me if you can

Volunteer in the Office:

Sept. 16 ~ 9 am—noon, noon—4 pm

October 18 — 21:

Monday, 9 am—noon, noon—4 pm

Tuesday, noon—4 pm

Wednesday, noon—4 pm

Thursday, 9 am—noon, noon—4 pm

Gloria Chido, Administrator (561-482-2001)

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES ~

10:30 AM

September 12: High Holy Days Service
To Begin Again (Hungry for Forgiveness)
The Reverend Harris Riordan, preaching;
Michael Louis, cantor

In a world where talking heads shout past each other, politics are ever more partisan and neighbors are often distant, there is a hunger for connections, conversations that heal and build. How shall we build them?

September 19: Water Communion
Drop by Drop on Sacred Ground
The Reverend Harris Riordan preaching,
Special Guest Kokie Dinan of Family Promise
Bring water from your summer travels for our Water Communion.

September 26: *Practice Preaching*
The Reverend Harris Riordan
Since 2003, on the last Sunday of each month, UUFBR has remembered the names of those killed in Iraq and Afghanistan. This summer American combat troops left Iraq. How shall we practice Peace now? A time for community discernment.

October 3: A musical service with Stephanie Mon-sour- Nixdorf and Amy Carol Webb

October 10: *Where the Great Heron Feeds*
The Reverend Harris Riordan
Hope is as close as our toes on a sandy beach. How our relationship with nature can heal us and turn the world around.

October 17: To be announced
Amy Carol Webb

October 24: *The Great Reset*
The Reverend Harris Riordan

“May you live in interesting times.” Whether that line is a blessing or a curse depends on how you take it. Some thoughts on how we are blessed to be here now.

October 31: Halloween Service
The Reverend Harris Riordan

SUNDAY COFFEE

Coffee Hour is ongoing throughout the year. The schedule for bringing cookies/ snacks for coffee hour is as follows:



Date:	Names beginning with:
September 12	K—O
September 19	P—Z
September 26	A—C
October 3	D—J
October 10	K—O

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE NEWS

The UUFBR Endowment Committee will again consider grant requests at its October 17, 2010 meeting. Grant requests are only accepted three times per fiscal year: June, October and February. October 2010 grant requests must be received by the committee by Sunday, October 10. Grant request forms are available in the UUFBR Office.

Grants are made for long-term development funds and special projects for any purpose which “shall further the cause and principles of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Boca Raton or Unitarian Universalism”, according to the Endowment Committee Bylaws.

REEL POLITIQUE ~

SEPT. 25, 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

“The Corporation”, is this month’s film, with special guest speaker, Professor John Cipolla of Lynn University. How did corporations grow so powerful that they now control our courts, dictate our values, and choose our government? Find out at this screening of “The Corporation.” Suggested donation—\$5. Everyone welcome.



♥ CIRCLE OF FRIENDS ♥

In sharing our joys and sorrows we lighten the burden in our hearts and make life sweeter. In caring, our friendship grows.

We send our condolences to Joan Shishkevish in the loss of her husband, Leo, on August 29. Joan’s mailing address is 7303 Lahana Circle, Boynton Beach, FL 33437.



SUNFLOWER SHARE & LEARN PARENT FILM NIGHTS

A night out for the whole family!

Parents, teachers and grandparents are welcome!

Reservations must be received by the Wednesday before the film night.

Call Sunflower at 561 482-3412 or email at sunflowercreativearts@earthlink.net

For the Children:

An evening of fun with quality childcare and a pizza dinner are offered for the first 25 kids at a fee of \$10 per child. Special multi-child rates are available. Early reservation is a must.

For the Adults:

While the children play, the parents and other adults will share a much quieter dinner together, then view and discuss a hot topic film relevant to all those who care about children.

Adults are asked to make a contribution for the pizza dinner and a suggested donation of \$5 to help the UU cover building use costs.

First film is Saturday, September 18, 5:30- 8:00 PM

“Consuming Kids- The Commercialization of Childhood”

Consuming Kids throws desperately needed light on the practices of a relentless multi-billion dollar marketing machine.

Drawing on the insights of health care professionals, children’s advocates, and industry insiders, the film focuses on the explosive growth of child marketing in the wake of deregulation, showing how youth marketers have used the latest advances in psychology, anthropology, and neuroscience to transform American children into one of the most powerful and profitable consumer demographics in the world.

“Powerful, disturbing, and heartbreaking.” --Mary Pipher, author, *Reviving Ophelia*



SYLVIA PARKER MEMORIAL CONCERT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 20

STRINGFEST



MEMBERS OF STRINGFEST ARE EXPERIENCED MUSICIANS OF HIGH CALIBER WHO HAVE PERFORMED FOR THE PALM BEACH OPERA, THE PHILHARMONIC POPS, MIAMI CITY BALLET, THE FLORIDA SYMPHONIC POPS, AND MANY OTHER PRESTIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS.

THEY WILL PERFORM SELECTIONS OF POPULAR AND CLASSICALS MUSIC



TICKETS AVAILABLE SOON ~ WATCH FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT!

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE UUFBR OPERATING BUDGET



HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING!

The Forum Discussion Group: Sundays at 9:00 am, Hartley Room, presentations and discussions on various topics of interest. Louis Willstein, coordinator.

Connections: Meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 12:15 pm. in the Hartley Room. Enlightening group discussion about Unitarian Universalism.

Odyssey Group: For 30 somethings (give or take ten years). Meets at the Minister's home on the third Sunday each month at 6:30 pm. Bring something for the grill—salads, beverages and desserts provided. Directions available at the Visitor's Desk.

Terrific Tuesdays: Join us for evenings of shared conversation over a simple meal, followed by stimulating classes on a variety of topics. Call the UUFBR office to register—programs resume in October.

Tony's Team: Every Wednesday, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon, everywhere, inside and out. Come and help with routine maintenance of our buildings and grounds.

Finance Committee Meeting: Wednesdays, second week each month 7:00 pm at UUFBR. All members welcome.

Movie Group: The Movie Group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month at 10:30 am at the fellowship. View and discuss movies of interest. (see Sept calendar for changes for Sept. only)

Book Club: The second Wednesday each month. Read and talk about books of interest to the group. Fun and enlightening book discussions. Please feel free to bring any friends. Membership to UUFBR is not required.

Choir: Thursday rehearsals at 7:30 pm. New choir members welcome—please contact our Music Director, Stephanie Nixdorf, if you are interested in joining.

Reel Art: 2nd Saturday of every month in Rockberger Hall at 7:00 pm. Join us for interesting movies from around the world and stimulating discussion afterwards.

Reel Politique: The fourth Saturday each month at 7 pm in Rockberger. A new film series that addresses the need to understand our political world.

Gardener's Work Party: 3rd Saturday of every month, 8:30 am – 10:30 am. Join a lively group as we trim, weed, and clean up UUFBR's "manicured wilderness". We welcome all and promise to keep a tight time schedule.

Meet the Rev: In the Living Room at UUFBR on the

4th Sunday of each month at 12:15 pm. A time to sit with one of our ministers and ask questions, large and small, about Unitarian Universalism.

Community Food Pantry collections: Please bring in non-perishable food items (no glass jars) for Boca Helping Hands and Similac Formula, Ready to Feed with Iron, for Florence Fuller Child Development Centers.

P.E.A.C.E. People Engaged in Active Community Efforts. A congregation-based community organization charged with the mission of effectively fighting injustices in the communities of PB County. Current work includes affordable housing, health care, homelessness, and alternative schools.

Family Promise: The faith community's unique response to homeless families. Family Promise is a network of area congregations who open their doors to families in need. Families receive hospitality at each congregation for a week at a time, with each family sleeping in its own private area at the congregation facilities. Every Sunday volunteers help to move the families to the next congregation in rotation. The program is to bring immediate but temporary shelter, meals, and support services to homeless families. The goal is to restore the families to long term self-sufficiency.

Join The Choir!!!

This is the mission of our faith:

To teach the fragile art of hospitality;

To revere both the critical mind and the generous heart;

To prove that diversity need not mean divisiveness;

And to witness to all that we must hold the whole world in our hands.

William F. Schultz

SEPTEMBER 2010 FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			1 • 9:00 am Tony's Team	2 • 7:30 pm Choir rehearsal		4
5 • 9:00 am Forum • 10:30 am Service • 10:45 am: R E (nursery only to- day) • 12:15 pm: Membership Committee Meeting	6 Office Closed Labor Day	7 • 9:00 am: Unicorn Deadline • 6:00 pm R E Teacher Workshop	8 • 9:00 am Tony's Team • 10:30 am: Book Club • 7:00 pm: Finance Committee Meeting	9 • 7:30 pm Choir rehearsal	10	11 • 5:00—11:00 pm Parent's Night Out Fundraiser • 7:00 pm Reel Art
12 • 9:00 am Forum • 10:30 am Service • 10:45 am: RE Classes • 12:15 pm: Con- nections • 1:00 pm: R E Pool Party (offsite)	13	14	15 • 9:00 am Tony's Team • 10:30 am: Book Club	16 • 10:30 am Movie Group • 7:30 pm Choir rehearsal	27	18 • 8:30 am: Gardening Group • 5:30 pm Sun- flower Family Film Night "Consuming Kids"
19 • 9:00 am Forum • 10:30 am Service • 10:45 am: RE • After the ser- vice—Town Meeting • 1:00 am: R E Council • 12:15 pm Endow- ment Committee • 6:30 pm— Odyssey Group	20 • 9:00 am Unicorn Deadline • 7:00 pm UUFBR Board of Trustees meeting. All members welcome.	21	22 • 9:00 am Tony's Team	23 • 7:30 pm Choir rehearsal	24	25 • 7:00 pm Reel Politique
26 BHH Food Collection • 9:00 am: Forum • 10:30 am: Service • 10:45 am RE • 12:15 pm Youth Group Meeting	27	28	29 • 9:00 am Tony's Team	30 • 10:30 am Movie Group • 7:30 pm Choir rehearsal		UUFBR OFFICE HOURS: Monday—Thursday 9am—4 pm Closed on Fridays

Family Promise Week at UUFBR

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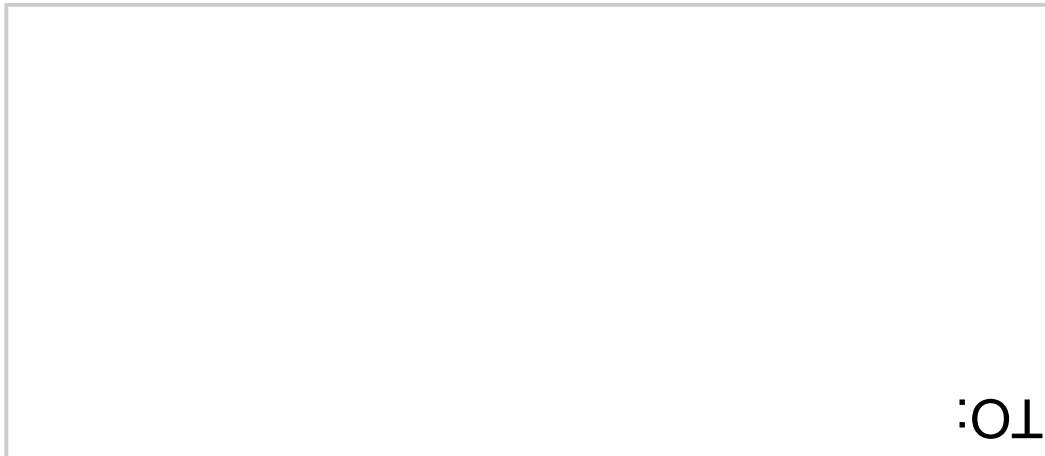
WE COVENANT TO AFFIRM AND PROMOTE

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregation
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregation and in society at large
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all
- Respect for the interdependent web of existence of which we are all a part



Upcoming newsletter deadlines

**Please mark your calendars and get information in to the office on time!
September 20, October 4 & 25**



**Time Dated Material-Please Expedite
Change Service
Requested**

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