

**AFD Program THIS Friday, July 2
Jewish Voices on Israel-Palestine Conflict**

Bob Spielman's brother and sister-in-law, Tom Stern and Tema Okun, are Jewish and leaders in Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions - USA, a national Middle East peace organization with its home base in North Carolina. They have visited the West Bank four times since 2002 and would like to share a slide show and discuss with you their thoughts and observations regarding Israel's Occupation of the West Bank and East Jerusalem and the Israeli blockade of Gaza (including the recent deaths of 9 internationals on the flotilla to deliver humanitarian aid).

Come join the discussion on Friday, July 2 at 7pm in Atherton Hall, and bring a friend!

To learn more about ICAHD-USA and its efforts, see www.icahdusa.org and www.enddemolitionsnow.org.

**Outreach Funding Council (OFC)
Grant Requests due Sunday, July 4**

A Grant Form is included on page 9, in the pamphlet rack, and on the counter in the church office. Requests should be submitted to the box on the counter in the church office. There is \$12,500 available at this time to provide to local organizations. For more information, see the OFC Charter, which is available with the grant request forms, or speak to Dave Cohen or Judy Ball.

**Lay and Care Ministry Programs
We are Here for You!**

This is a reminder that the Lay Ministry program is beginning its 23rd year working with Countryside's ministers and our congregation. Our goal is to provide a mutual ministry and support to members of the congregation in times of transition and crisis. Our role is to be a presence in times of loss, such as through death or divorce; however, our support is not limited to those very major situations. We are available, when wanted, in times of sickness or just when someone needs to talk through some trouble in his or her life. All conversations are confidential within Lay Ministry. For members to access Lay Ministry, please contact Reverend Hilary or either of the Lay Ministry co-coordinators, Ken Bobbe or Trudy Kleckner.

Care Ministry is also available in Countryside to provide other types of comfort and support to members. Examples include meals delivered to the home after illness, transportation for medical treatment, and check-in calls to shut-ins. Our entire membership is encouraged to volunteer to provide whatever service(s) they can. To access the services of the Care Ministry, contact Hilary, Ken or Trudy, who will then work with the Care Ministry coordinator, Siri Laurin. Gloria Kinney and Marge Olszewski provide this support when Siri is away.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with us!

The Lay Ministry Team: Ken Bobbe, Richard Chay, Larry Frank, Trudy Kleckner, Jane Matthews, Joyce Swedlund, Kim Tilford.

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July 26, August 23, September 13

Submit articles by 9 am to ccuu@ccuu.org

The Minister's Muse

It was an exciting General Assembly in Minneapolis! I wish that everyone could have been there. Fortunately Laurie Lantz and Colleen Vahey were there and we had the honor of the company of Judy Ball, Damian Christianson, Karen Noorani (along with her husband Danial not at GA but a good lunch companion), and I caught a glimpse of duRee Bryant at the children's choir concert on Saturday night - which included our Nathan Vahey-Kadlec and Malia Bryant. The concert was outstanding!

There were significant decisions made at this General Assembly and it is my hope that we will enable these things not simply to be decisions that lie fallow but that can grow to be words followed by actions. After four years of study and congregational conversations the Assembly voted yes to the Peacemaking Statement of Conscience.

I strongly encourage you to go to the website and read it — there may be an updated version. You can also witness some of the process by following this link: <http://www.uua.org/events/generalassembly/2010/ga2010/167321.shtml>. It took four years of work and even last minute edits from the floor to make the assembly feel at one with the decision. It is a remarkable and nuanced document that allows a peaceful coexistence between those who want to pursue peace-making through non-violence and those who are pursuing peace and security through our military and deserve our support. It allows for growing understanding between these groups and empowers our congregations to engage in dialogue and public action that supports our men and women in uniform while working toward a world in which less and less of those sacrifices need be made. I am encouraged by this vote and am reminded that it is important to give hands and feet to our commitments.

As we approached controversial topics the moderator, the very gifted Gini Courter, provided wise and moderating words, creating an atmosphere that encouraged thoughtful dialogue.

Another significant decision was that the new Study Action Issue for the next four years will be Immigration as a Moral Issue. <http://www.uua.org/socialjustice/issuesprocess/currentissues/152647.shtml>. This new Study Action Issue is truly timely. As a congregation we will study it together. We will have an opportunity to explore the range of thoughts on this important issue - one that affects people in our local community and even in our congregation - one that touches our nation borders and has an impact on most of the world's conflicts. The process will be mindful and thorough. We have a strong group in the congregation already working on immigration issues and we will have a chance to really pursue justice with both reason and compassion here.

The Assembly offered a wide array of workshops. It was a truly vibrant year - as though some special spirit and energy had infused our gathering and given us more sense of purpose. It was a pleasure to be there.

I participated in the Social Action Witness on Saturday - which involved walking to Loring Park and joining in a rally sponsored by our UUA office of Advocacy and Public Witness and Standing on the Side of Love during the annual Gay Pride Fair. We sang songs and chanted: Those who stand on the side of love do not stand alone. We heard powerful stories and learned about a few minister from the Minneapolis area who have taken busses to Iowa to perform same sex weddings. They call it The Love Bus project. It was a great way to spend time at GA.

The week was filled with inspiring worship and inspiring action. It was our democratic faith at its best.

...Hilary

Ministerial Out and About

I will be on study leave for July. To reach me, in case of critical emergency, contact either our Congregational Administrator, Laurie Lantz, during Office Hours; or one of the Lay Ministry co-chairs, Ken Bobbe and Trudy Kleckner. The time that I take in July helps me to research, reflect, prepare, plan, and recharge for the upcoming year.

Memorial Service for Ken Cowan

Ken's family will be in town for a service which will be held in the Sanctuary at Countryside on Saturday, July 17 at 2:30 pm.

In Sympathy

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Beth and Steve Gerson and family on the death of Steve's mother, Roberta Gerson, on June 14.

Thoughts from the President

GA was a memorable experience for me. This was the first General Assembly I have attended and it is difficult to convey all I heard and felt there. First, it was very definitely a spiritually enriching time as well as being our denomination's business meeting for the year. While attending many plenary sessions might sound like a dry, boring way to spend days and evenings, our moderator, Gini Courter, made these important sessions full of fun and love while very efficiently addressing all the decisions we needed to make this year. We heard from our UUA President, Rev. Peter Morales in the opening celebration and at the Sunday morning worship service. Many talented musicians performed and led us in song throughout the week, including Peter Mayer ("Blue Boat Home"...), who has visited Countryside, and "Emma's Revolution," a guitar duo whose music many of you probably know. Part of the opening celebration was the Banner Parade, in which CCUU was well-represented with Damian Christianson carrying the lovely banner Donna Calwas quilted for us some years ago. All the banners from hundreds of congregations were displayed throughout the convention center during the week, providing a colorful and inspiring setting for our informal times together.

There were too many workshops and programs to choose from to make selections easy. The most memorable I attended were the conversations with other congregational presidents, a singing meditation presentation, the mini-assembly to discuss amendments to the Statement of Conscience on Peacemaking, as well as a workshop on implementing that SOC once it was adopted by the assembly. A real highlight of the week was the children's concert, in which two of our own young ones were involved: Malia Bryant and Nathan Vahey-Kadlec. Many in the assembly attended a Public Witness event for "Standing on the Side of Love for Marriage Equality" rally which was part of the Twin Cities' PRIDE weekend.

The business portion of the meeting included amending, debating and passing the Statement on Peacemaking mentioned earlier; and the choosing of Immigration Reform as our Congregational Study/Action Issue (CSAI) for the coming year and beyond. You will be hearing more about these initiatives and CCUU's potential continuing involvement with them. These sessions were outstanding examples of democracy in action, representation for all, respectful discussion and debate, orderly voting and lots of laughter.

Browsing the Exhibit Hall was also fun, and I'm sure

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you'll see various pieces of clothing, jewelry and reading material sprouting from those who attended GA. You'll be proud to know that we held up our share of the responsibility for consuming coffee and partaking of fellowship by supporting Dunn's Coffee Shop in the convention center.

Thank you to all who attended, voted, gathered and shared ideas and materials: Rev. Hilary, Colleen Vahey, Laurie Lantz, Damian Christianson, Karen Noorani, Marty Atherton and myself. duRee Bryant also attended as a chaperone for the kids' Choir Camp, so thanks to her for helping to make our future leaders' experience a good one.

My wish is that every one of you will attend GA at some point. The father of a young adult leader, who was killed in a car crash on the way home from GA last year, quoted her as part of his musical tribute to her: "GA messes with your mind." May you all experience the blessed "messing of the mind" I did this past week.

...Judy Ball

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please call Ken or Trudy.

Noteworthy

Hi, Countryside friends.

I wanted to let you know that, though I am officially off for the summer, I am nevertheless thinking about music at Countryside and dreaming of ways to enrich our services (and our lives) with engaging, exciting, and soulful music. To that end, I'll be attending my fifth Unitarian Universalist Musicians Network conference, to be held in Madison, Wisconsin, July 14-18.

The theme of this year's conference, which is being hosted by First Unitarian Society of Madison, is "Peace: Peace with each other, peace with the earth." Attending this conference has been a highlight of my summer these past few years, and I am looking forward to this one as well. I'll be doing a little bit of accompanying (for one of the choral reading sessions) and will also sing and song lead for one of the services, along with our choir member Meredith Boulet, who is also attending conference.

Be sure to check this column in next month's *Focus* to find out what cool and inspiring things I learn and discover in Madison.

Congratulations

to Erin Blanchette, who was one of a very select group of teenagers chosen from across the country to participate in Noise!, a two-week summer program for young musicians who are planning to work in the music industry; the camp is sponsored by the Muzak Heart & Soul Foundation and will be held later in July in Nashville! (Patrick Kennedy was a recent participant in Noise!) ...Jeff Hamrick

Friday mUUSIC @ Countryside



No Singing Meditation or Drum Circle in July.

Stay posted for news about August meetings.

Song Circle: 3rd Friday at 7pm

Song Circle WILL meet in July and August. Bring your instrument (or just lend your voice) and some tunes to share, and let's have fun making music! Our emphasis is on sharing the experience rather than on performing. Contact Tony Pretto for details.

Open Forum Discussion

We endeavor to discuss "the issues of the day" while respectfully welcoming different perspectives. We meet in Room 6 on Sunday mornings. We start at 9 am so we can socialize prior to discussing the day's topic. From 9:15-10:15, we discuss a current events issue. Feel free to bring your own coffee and/or snacks to share. We welcome diverse points of view!

Our tentative topic for Sunday, July 4 is Alternatives for Youth in Trouble with the Law. How can we build more peaceful communities? What are the roots of youth violent crime? If you do the crime, should you do the time? What kind of impact can peacekeeping and talking circles have within a community?

Our tentative topic for Sunday, July 11 is Sarah Palin's Alaska: Creatively green or purely red? What do you think of the possible green messages in the TV series, Sarah Palin's Alaska? Do you think Palin's environmental record would overshadow any of the show's potential sustainability messages? In other words, is the maxim "don't shoot the messenger" applicable to Sarah Palin's Alaska? Why or why not?

For more info, please contact the facilitators (led by Vid Axel) at ofd@ccuu.org.

Countryside Blood Drive Successful

On May 30, Countryside Church members and friends donated a total of 39 units of blood compared to a goal of 25 units. Thanks to all of you who donated blood and to those who agreed to participate but were not able to donate that day.

Childcare Position Available

Countryside Church is seeking a second childcare provider for Sunday services (40 Sundays/year) and 3-4 week-nights/month, starting in September. Ideal candidate will possess experience with children ages birth-10 (especially infants and toddlers), CPR and/or babysitting certification, and own means of transportation. Eventual hiring will be based on successful background check. We are seeking a non-Countryside member for this position. If you know of people who might be interested, please refer them to Jenny Tanquary at Countryside Church, 847-359-8440, ext.1 or email ccuu@ccuu.org, attention Jenny Tanquary.

To apply for this position, applicants should send complete contact information and responses to the following:

- Describe briefly your experience providing childcare
- Describe any childcare classes and/or CPR training you've received
- Please explain why you are interested in this position
- Please provide names and contact information of at least two references.

Application deadline is August 20.

Green Corner

Some Countryside members share “green” information via email. The topics may be tips, events or activities. If you would like to participate, send a request to greensanctuary@ccuu.org. This email address allows you to contact the co-chairs of the Green Sanctuary Committee, Leslie Peet and Gail Wisniewski.

Gulf Response Group

A new group is forming at Countryside in response to the crisis in the Gulf. Those involved will have an opportunity to share their feelings about what is happening and create a plan to respond in a tangible way. If you are interested, sign up on the Green Sanctuary bulletin board, send an email to greensanctuary@ccuu.org, or talk to Gail Wisniewski.

Earth Day Pledges

This past April, 35 church members signed a pledge to commit to one or more new sustainable practices for 40 days. Some were small changes, such as switching from plastic to cloth bags for shopping, and using only cloth napkins. Several people started kitchen composting. Some reduced their use of water by shorter showers or turning off the water when brushing their teeth. One family ordered a rain barrel. Food was the focus for many people’s pledges. Some began growing their own vegetables either at church or at home. Others began purchasing local food from the farmers’ market, and one couple gave up fast food. Several people pledged to either walk or bike whenever possible, rather than drive their cars. One programmed their computer to go into sleep mode more quickly. Commercial cleaning products were replaced by more natural products like vinegar and water, and baking soda. One person pledged to continue collecting and recycling old cell phones, computers and electronics. The same person replaced all the windows in their house with higher than Energy Star rated windows. After committing to changes for 40 days, most people found that they could continue their new practices, and they were looking forward to making other changes, too!

Fair Trade News

You’ve heard about trickle down economics, this is “it’s raining all over” economics.

The fair trade fundraisers wouldn’t be a success without the support of the people at Countryside, especially Dave Cohen, who is ready to help in a moment, and Greg Blus, who, although I couldn’t articulate my plan very well (it looked good in my head), took my plans to the finance committee and reported the go ahead.

Now the report on raining all over economics. With every pound of product Countryside buys from Equal Exchange, 20 cents per pound goes to the UUSC small farmers fund at no extra cost to us. For most products from Equal Exchange, there is a 25% mark up. The Canaan products (olive oil, couscous) are sold at cost to keep items affordable as possible.

Fair Trade means economic justice and gender equality around the globe, and many of you along with me would agree to that idea-that’s what makes this a success.

The first recipient of the funds is the Kids On Track program. Ten certified Fair Trade soccer balls were purchased on the Chicago Fair Trade website. At no cost to Countryside, the non-profit organization received a 10% kick back from Fair Trade Sports, the company that sells the balls. For more information about the group and mission, please visit the website.

Fair Trade Sports also donates to the Boys and Girls club and another organizations dealing with literacy. When Fair Trade Sports requested feedback for their blog, most of the information I gave was who we were (Countryside), how the funds were collected, and I told them that along with donating the balls to a worthy kids organization, our plan to provide hot fair trade beverages and sugar packets to our homeless neighbors. We got a “That’s awesome” reply from the founder.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support. Is fair trade something that you are interested in? Contact Lois Strzyzewski for volunteer opportunities.

WINGS Fire Relief Fund

By now, you’ve probably heard about the fire which destroyed the WINGS resale shop on Northwest Hwy. If you wish to make a monetary donation to the WINGS Fire Relief Fund, you can do so on their secure site - <http://www.wingsprogram.com/donate.htm#fire>. If you prefer to give your credit card number over the phone, call 847-519-7820 or mail a check payable to WINGS to PO Box 95615, Palatine, IL 60095.

The store’s entire inventory was destroyed, so in addition to monetary donations, they need donations of clothing, furniture, and other accessories. They are accepting donations at our temporary location, 345 N. Eric Drive in Palatine, daily from 10 am to 4 pm beginning June 26. Additional drop-off locations will be established within the next week.

Please visit the WINGS website for daily updates.

Social Action Update



Social Action Coffee House is a Great Success

On June 24, Countryside Church held its very first Social Action Coffee House. Over 28 persons attended. The coffee house included a speaker, live music, coffee, snacks and conversations about social justice, along with internet access. Our upcoming coffee house dates are July 22, August 26, September 23, October 28 and December 23. This is your chance to meet and discuss social action and justice in an informal environment. Please see Alan Greenland or e-mail socialaction@ccuu.org if you are interested in helping with the coffee house.

Donate to the Apple Tree Campaign

School is just around the corner but for many low-income residents of Palatine Township, the purchase of school supplies poses a huge economic burden. Help relieve this burden by donating to the Palatine Township Apple Tree Campaign. The Apple Tree Campaign collects and distributes new backpacks and school supplies to under-resourced children in Palatine Township. Supplies will be collected July 12 through August 6. For a complete list of supplies needed and collection sites, visit www.palatinetownship.com or contact Christine Favia, Community Outreach Coordinator at 847-358-6161.

PADS Volunteer and Contributor Celebration Held June 27

The PADS celebration dinner was held on June 27. We prepared meals the fourth Wednesday for the PADS shelter at the Presbyterian Church of Palatine. With our help, over 579 guests were helped at the shelter and 1,737 meals were served.

Countryside Hosting UUSJ Meeting August 22

Countryside Church is hosting the next UUSJ (Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice) meeting on August 22. The UUSJ is an umbrella organization made up of many Unitarian churches in the Chicagoland area.

Why Should You Participate in Social Action?

Because "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." - Anne Frank

Social Action Committee on CCUU Website

SAC has its own page on the CCUU website. Find minutes from past meeting, upcoming events, etc.

Making the Most of Our Money Published in Palatine Township Newsletter

An article about the Making the Most of Our Money program was included in the summer Palatine Township newsletter. A copy of the article is posted on the social action bulletin board.

UUSJ Anti-Death Penalty Task Force Begins

The elimination of the death penalty is not a new issue for UU congregations. However, since the moratorium in Illinois ten years ago, it's been a while since UUs in Illinois have talked about it. This year, there is a renewed effort to abolish the death penalty. Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice (<http://www.uusforsocialjustice.org>) is looking for volunteers to join a task force that is committed to the abolishment of the death penalty. The task force will work closely with UUs for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (UUADP - <http://www.uuadp.org>) and Illinois Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (ICADP - <http://www.icadp.org>). If interested, please contact Paul Konkoly (pkonkoly@yahoo.com or 312-350-0163).

Share-the-Plate Selections 2010-11

Descriptions of the organizations, if you are interested, is available from the church office.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Aug 29	Chances by Choice
Sept 19	Journeys from PADS to HOPE
Oct 3	Association Sunday (Entire plate to UUA)
Oct 17	The Night Ministry
Oct 31	The Bridge Youth and Family Services
Nov 21	Palatine Township Holiday Gift Program
Dec 19	FreeWheelChairMissions.org
Jan 15, 2011	Riverside Foundation
Jan 30	The Citizens Fdn USA (TCF-USA)
Feb 20	Palatine Township Food Pantry
Mar 20	UUSC Justice Sunday
Apr 17	Citizens for Conservation
May 15	Palatine Township Apple Tree Campaign
May 29	Faith Community Homes
Jun 19	PFLAG Palatine
Jul 17	Upwardly Global
Jul 31	Save-A-Pet in Lake Zurich

Next Social Action Committee Meeting

Our next meeting is Sunday, August 15 at 12 noon in classroom 1. A potluck lunch is always served. Please join us and help to make a difference.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

A complete calendar of all events and meetings held in the building is on the church website (www.ccuu.org) under the "Events & Rentals" heading. If your church meeting or event is not listed there, please fill out a room reservation form (available with the calendar on the website) and submit it to the church office.

Wed 6/30	7pm	SAC Immigration Reform
Thu 7/1	6pm	Pride Youth, call LINKS 847-441-6191
	7pm	Hatha Yoga
Fri 7/2	9:30am	Worklife Support Group
	7pm	Jewish Voices on Israel-Palestine
	7:30pm	AA Women's Mtg
Sun 7/4	7pm	Zen Meditation, www.greatplainszen.org
Wed 7/7	7pm	SAC Immigration Reform
Thu 7/8	6pm	Pride Youth, call LINKS 847-441-6191
	7pm	Hatha Yoga
	7:30pm	Amnesty International Meeting
Fri 7/9	7pm	AFD Movies with Meaning
	7:30pm	AA Women's Mtg
Sun 7/11	2:30pm	Journey Transgender Support Group
	7pm	Zen Meditation, www.greatplainszen.org
Wed 7/14	7pm	SAC Immigration Reform
Thu 7/15	6pm	Pride Youth, call LINKS 847-441-6191
	7pm	Hatha Yoga
Fri 7/16	9:30am	Worklife Support Group
	7pm	Song Circle
	7:30pm	AA Women's Mtg
Sat 7/17	2:30pm	Memorial Service for Ken Cowan
Sun 7/18	7pm	Zen Meditation, www.greatplainszen.org
Mon 7/19	7pm	PFLAG Palatine Meeting
Wed 7/21	7pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
	7pm	SAC Immigration Reform
Thu 7/22	6pm	Pride Youth, call LINKS 847-441-6191
	7pm	Hatha Yoga
	7pm	Social Action Coffee House
Fri 7/23	7:30pm	AA Women's Mtg
Sat 7/24	8:30am	Zen Intro Wkshp www.greatplainszen.org
Sun 7/25	2:30pm	Journey Transgender Support Group
	7pm	Zen Meditation, www.greatplainszen.org
Mon 7/26	7pm	Book Discussion: The Help
Tue 7/27	7pm	Membership Ctte Mtg
Wed 7/28	7pm	Facilitators Chalice Circle
	7pm	SAC Immigration Reform
Thu 7/29	6pm	Pride Youth, call LINKS 847-441-6191
Fri 7/30	7:30pm	AA Women's Mtg
Sun 8/1	2:30pm	Transgender Partner Support Grp
	7pm	Zen Meditation, www.greatplainszen.org
Tue 8/3	7pm	Program Council Meeting

Coming of Age Boston Trip

Have you ever had so much fun with a single group of people, and gotten so close to them that you are proud to call them your second family? That's just how close my Coming of Age (COA) group became over our Boston Massachusetts trip. We came to Boston to learn more about our Unitarian Universalist faith. Little did we know that we were also going to learn life skills, like how to live with other people, how to take care of yourself without other adults nagging you about it, and how to adapt with other people. On our trip we visited the UUA, Arlington Street Church, and Harvard Divinity School. We did some other things that had less to do with being a UU, but were still really fun. We went on a Duck Tour, a Whale watch, and went shopping at places such as Quincy Market and Faneuil Hall. Our group took a vote and our favorite activity was the Whale watch. We saw 4 Humpback whales! They were very close to the boat and it was an experience that I will never forget, the smell of the ocean and the water whipping my face while the boat is sailing through the water. Most of us were actually unhappy to come home. We wanted to stay for longer, and learn more about this historic city. I think that when I get older I want to go to Harvard University, and maybe even live in Boston. The city of Boston sure is one of kind, just like Countryside Church's Coming-of-Age group. Thanks so much to each of you for making our trip possible!

~ Colleen Huston & COA Class of 2010

Book Discussion Groups

Book Circle

Everyone is welcome to join the Book Circle discussion on Sunday, August 15 at 6:30 pm in room 6. We will be discussing [Becoming Attached: First Relationships and How They Shape Our Capacity to Love](#) by Robert Karen, PhD. The author "offers fresh insight into some of the most fundamental issues of emotional life... It is impossible to read this material without reflecting on one's own life as a child, a parent, and an intimate partner in love and marriage. With thought-provoking insights, he gives us a new understanding of how negative patterns can be changed and resolved throughout a person's life." Note: be sure to read to the end, as the debate between nature versus nurture keeps shifting in emphasis.

Last Mondays Book Discussion

Please join us Monday, July 26 at 7 pm in the Stokes Room to discuss [The Help](#) by Kathryn Stockett.

OUTREACH FUNDING COUNCIL GRANT REQUEST FORM

Deadline for Submission: July 4, 2010

Total Funding Available: \$12,500.00

Grants limited to Local Organizations Only

Submitted on behalf of (organization) _____

Address of organization: _____

Brief Description of Proposed Use of Grant Funds: _____

How does your request support the theme of *making a large impact for a local organization*?

How does your request support the Unitarian Universalist principles?

Mission of the recipient organization: _____

Municipality/location which grant will serve: _____

Grant will mainly be used to serve residents of:

___ Palatine; ___ Palatine Township; ___ Cook County; ___ Northern Illinois; ___ Entire state of Illinois;

___ United States; ___ North America; ___ Country of _____; ___ World;

Name of Person Submitting grant request _____

Phone number: _____ E-Mail Address _____

Do you want the chance to address the committee about your grant request? ___ Yes ___ No

Please attach any additional documents which support your grant request.

**RETURN GRANT APPLICATIONS BY JULY 4, 2010
TO THE GRANT APPLICATION BOX LOCATED IN THE CHURCH OFFICE
OR E-MAIL TO CCUU@CCUU.ORG**

UU Young Adult (18-35) Retreat

OPUS is the annual spiritual retreat of the Continental Unitarian Universalist Young Adult Network, an intentional community of seekers ages 18-35 exploring liberal religion, social justice and diversity. Join us Aug 4-8 in Kankakee, Illinois for camping and reconnecting at Camp Shawwawnassee, along the Kankakee River about 1 hour from Chicago. The site features plenty of tenting space, shared cabins, cafeteria and shower facilities. Camp Shaw also boasts a ropes course, pool and river that we will have access to during the week. Zip line trips across the river are available for \$5. Registration fee \$195 includes lodging, food & all community events.

REGISTER ONLINE AT: <http://connectuu.com/>
Registration ends August 2; no late registration or payments accepted. Scholarships are available! <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5Z5MYWQ>. Information at: <http://cmwd-uuyan.org>. ON Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=295116288362>

Invitation to Social Action Trip

Every other year since 2004, Unitarian Universalist Church West in Brookfield, Wisconsin, sends teams of adults and teenagers to Nicaragua to build houses in small villages. We do this work through an organization called Bridges to Community, which was founded by the father of one our members. The experience is hands-on service, but with a deep spiritual basis - our members and young people come back transformed by what they have learned and the work they have done hand-in-hand with the people of Nicaragua. Each year the effort has grown, and this year we are sponsoring three groups (called Nicaragua Brigades). Forty-four people are signed up already!

We are seeking more participants for the Brigade to Nicaragua on August 14 - 22, and we extend this invitation to the members of your congregation! To Join the Nicaragua Brigade August 14-22: Contact group leader Joe Lange at joelange@wi.rr.com. To learn more, visit www.bridgestocommunity.org.

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