

New Beginnings

a conference for Young Adults in the Metro-NY District

November 7-9

at The Unitarian Church in Summit, NJ

"New Beginnings" is the first Unitarian Universalist conference for young adults (18-35) living in the Metro-NY district. Though we welcome UUs from all over, our goal is to bring young adults from Metro-NY together for socializing, networking, planning social actions, and growing together spiritually. In order for a community to thrive, strong connections between its members must be fostered. Please join us at "New Beginnings" to help foster this connection between UU young adults in the Metro-NY district. Events during the conference will include worship, arts, singing, silence, touch groups, workshops, identity discussion groups, and a coffee house (www.secondsaturdays.org).

"New Beginnings" is a volunteer conference affirming and promoting the involvement of participants. We will be spending the evening of Nov. 7th, the day of the 8th and the morning of the 9th in community, loving, laughing, cooking and cleaning together. We will take this time to explore the connections between each other, our faith, and ourselves.

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SPECIAL EVENT FOR New Beginnings Conference:
Afternoon Session November 8, 2003 (2 PM - 4 PM)

Dances of Universal Peace

"A Journey of new beginnings, hand to hand - heart to heart"

Join us for an afternoon experiencing the beauty and healing energy of the Dances of Universal Peace. Simple participatory circle dances with sacred phrases drawn from the earth's sacred traditions.

The Dances of Universal Peace, created over thirty years ago by Sufi teacher Samuel Lewis, are a powerful and joyous form of interfaith group meditation and prayer. Using sacred phrases, chants, music and simple movements inspired from many spiritual traditions, the dances promote peace and healing by focusing on what deeply unites us-one Source, one Essence. From this place of unity, we celebrate the magnificent diversity of life.

Jeanne Ayesha Lauenborg is an interfaith minister/musician and a Senior Mentor Certified Dance Leader. She has taught the Dances of Universal Peace throughout Europe, Canada and the U.S. since 1973.

Link: [Http://www.hometown.aol.com/dancingpeace786](http://www.hometown.aol.com/dancingpeace786)
Email: Dancingpeace786@aol.com
Telephone: (610) 544-2778

For driving directions to the Unitarian Church in Summit, go to
<http://www.uc.summit.nj.uua.org/>.

What to bring:

- An open heart, mind and spirit
- An object that represents "new beginnings"
- Various personal hygiene necessities
- Songs, cassettes, CDs, stories, drums, other musical instruments
- A coffee house act (song, skit, comedy routine, poems, or other talent)
- A friend
- Inspirational writings and music for Worship
- Sleeping bags and mats (for your comfort), pillows, and towels

What to leave behind:

- Bad attitudes
- Non-prescription pharmaceuticals (i.e., recreational drugs)

Cost \$ 20-30 (includes meals, lodging and supplies)

Fee is on a sliding scale. We ask that you pay as much as you are able. Scholarships are available.

Please print out the registration form and send it with your fee to: Susan Boyd, 47 Virginia Ave., Dumont, NJ 07628

New Beginnings Metro-NY Young Adult Conference Registration Form

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SEND COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK TO:

Susan Boyd
47 Virginia Ave.
Dumont, NJ 07628

Checks should be made out to: **UU District of Metro NY**

YOUR NAME: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Mobile Phone: (____) _____

Person/phone number to call in case of emergency: _____ / _____

Congregational Affiliation (if any): _____

Birthdate (i.e., 05/27/1976): ____/____/____

I identify myself in the follow ways (race, class, gender, sexuality, religion): _____

I am qualified to perform emergency medical service: _____ YES _____ NO

Medical concerns the conference staff should know:

I need a ride and can leave as early as: _____ on Friday

___ I have room for riders and can bring person/people with me.

Meals:

___ I am strictly vegetarian.

___ I am vegan.

___ I am lactose intolerant.

___ I like veggies and meat.

Other dietary concerns:

___ Note that a meal will be provided Friday for early arrivals, please check here if you think you will arrive hungry.

HELP OUT!

I can help with the following activities. Please circle all that apply.

Worship Service

Touch Groups

Coffee House

Identity Groups

Heavy Duty Food Prep

Games or Energy Activities

Registration

Mailbags

Opening or closing circle

I want to lead a workshop on:

Please tell us anything else about yourself and anything that would make this conference more enjoyable to you:

All participants must sign the following statement:

I agree to behave in a manner that is appropriate and cooperative in the effort to create a caring, sharing community. I understand that the retreat organizers reserve the right to remove anyone from the retreat at any time, for any reason they deem appropriate.

Signed:
