

## **Interim Congregational Services Consultant to Begin July 1**

We are pleased to announce that the Reverend Calvin Dame, currently minister serving the UU Community Church of Augusta, Maine, has accepted the position of Interim Congregational Services Consultant for the Metro New York District. He will begin work fulltime on July 1, but will be present at select district and association events even before that time.

Calvin has a long history of serving our Unitarian Universalist faith in various congregational, district, and association roles. A parish minister since 1982, he served the UU Parish in Monson, MA, the Winthrop Street UU Church and All Souls UU Church in Augusta, Maine and helped lead the consolidation of those two congregations into the UU Community Church of Augusta, Maine. He has served for eight years as trustee on the UUA board and for eleven years served on the board of the Northeast District of the UUA. He had served as Chair of the Committee on Committees, was a founder and board member of the Maine Interfaith Council for Reproductive Choice and was a founding board member of Maine Speakout Project, an educational and social change organization that trains and supports gays and lesbians to speak in community venues about their lives.

He is well known for his passion about and promotion of Small Group Ministry as a way of creating intimacy and ultimacy in our UU congregations; he helped to begin and serves as President of the UU Small Group Ministry Network.

Calvin graduated from Goddard College and Starr King School for the Ministry.

Please join us in welcoming Calvin and wishing him every success in this interim role.

- Jerry Muntz, President, Metro New York District
- Rev. Harlan Limpert, Director for District Services, UUA