

250 Attend 6th National Conference for Midsize Congregations

The 6th National Conference for Midsize Congregations, “Congregational Change is Personal: Meeting People Where They Are and Moving On,” was held in Phoenix AZ from March 2-5, 2006. Two hundred-fifty people gathered for an inspiring keynote program with Sarah Bridges speaking on managing transitions, followed by a practical, hands-on application of organizational transition with Ken Brown, Terasa Cooley, Angela Merkert, and Cilla Raughley. Saturday's programming featured a day of workshops focusing on a myriad of subjects relevant to mid-size congregational leaders. The conference offered a framework for learning from the successes and experiences of other midsize UU congregations as well as an opportunity to build relationships among congregations and their leaders — both lay and professional. Conference materials for many of the workshops listed below are available on the conference website: www.uua.org/cde/midsize2006/.

- 1A Radical Hospitality: How to Attract and Retain Visitors
- 1B Staffing for Growth in the Midsize Congregation
- 1C Many Paths One Journey – Taking the Next Steps
- 1D From Large MidSize to Small Large: Breaking Through Self-Defining Barriers
- IE Deep & Soulful: Vital Youth Ministry
- 1F Transforming Congregations: Transitions in Governance and Organization
- 1H Stewardship is a Personal Lifestyle, Not an Annual Church Event
- 2A Marketing 101 for Congregations
- 2B Goldilocks and the Three Boards
- 2C Congregational Identity and Board Effectiveness in a Multicultural World
- 2D Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara: The Congregation That Found Its Wings
- 2E Effective Adult Programs in the Program-Sized Church
- Starting or Restarting an Adult Religious Education Program: FAQ
- 2F Transforming Congregations: Transitions in Staffing Models
- 2G Spiritually Vital and Alive: Creating Inspiring and Contemporary Worship
- 2H What We Can Learn From the FCT Survey
- 3A Build it – They will Come!
- 3B Life Above the Plateau: Could Your Midsize Church Be Larger?
- 3C Inspired Faith, Effective Action
- 3D 1st Unitarian Church of Des Moines: 505 in '05
- 3E The Consultation on Ministry to and with Youth
- 3F Spiritually Effective Decision Making
- 3G Transitions in Worship/Faith Development
- 3H Beyond the “Any Warm Body in the Eleventh Hour” Method of Nominating
- 4A The Uncommon Denomination: The Good News about Marketing Our Faith
- 4C Our Unfinished Journey
- 4D All Souls Church, Unitarian - Breaking Through to Large Church Size
- 4E Growth by Young Adults
- 4F Practicing Wholeness: Resources for Congregational Leaders
- 4G An Introduction to “Singing the Journey”
- 4H Umbrella Giving, Planned Giving and Endowments