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A Simple Gesture

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister

Dear Friends,

I greet you from a perfect Cape Cod day: hot on the beach, with a light cooling breeze to stir up the water. Kem and I ran on the shore road just after sunrise, then paddled kayaks out into a tidal river for the afternoon; it felt all but impossible to come inside, it was so beautiful! I wish for you even one day just like today.

We also stopped by to visit with our 98-year-old neighbor, Esther. Last Saturday night, she fell in the bathroom, and wasn't discovered for three hours, bleeding profusely from a head wound. We were *all* traumatized! A devout Catholic, Esther reminded us today that "God has a plan for each of us" ("and" she added, "God isn't done with me, yet!"), which includes times of "testing." Whether or not it's true, I think

she has the right attitude: There is purpose and meaning in life, and the work before us, as spiritual seekers, is to divine it, and live it well.

Have you seen *Fahrenheit 911*? I have, twice, the second time with Jamie (almost 16), who joined me in weeping through much of the film. It paralyzed us, infuriated us, an inspired us; fortunately, like others with whom I've spoken, thanks to Michael Moore's quirky genius, inspiration wins. On long road trips, Kem has read to me Isaacson's biography of Ben Franklin and McCullough's biography of John Adams (spectacular!); we are now on to Ambrose on Jefferson and Lewis (and Clark). I find myself listening intently for clues to reclaim and remake the America for which these revolutionaries lived and died, the America we love and miss so dearly.

I know that, like everything, change can begin with a simple gesture. Recently, we bought a car from John, a 76-year-old Korean War veteran and used car dealer who shared his joy that he'd made it home from church in time to catch Jerry Falwell's televised sermon ("really excellent!"), and whose vehicle sported insufferable bumper stickers (I'm sure he felt the same about mine). Yes, we talked politics – passionately! – and here's the single point on which we agreed: the freedom to disagree, even over deeply-cherished convictions, and to live together as neighbors, is what makes America great. After the sale, he told Kem and me we were "a great couple," hugged us both, and – unknown to us until

we sat down with the dealership's bookkeeper – took an extra \$888 (?!) off the cost of the car. So may we all devote ourselves to simple gestures, and remember to cherish the tiny victories!

The thought of victories leads me to November, which will be an extraordinary (and, I pray, victorious) month both for our country (and just in time; I read that a combined – and obscene – \$755 million dollars will have been spent by the two sides to elect the president), and for Arlington Street, as we celebrate our 275th birthday! I've been reflecting on the ways in which birthdays invite us to look to the lessons of the past as well as to the potential of the future; I look forward to sharing those reflections with you as we re-gather for another church year. Homecoming is September 12th: at 11:00 AM, you know where your spiritual community is! From the bottom of my heart, I invite you to join me for what promises to be the autumn of a lifetime!

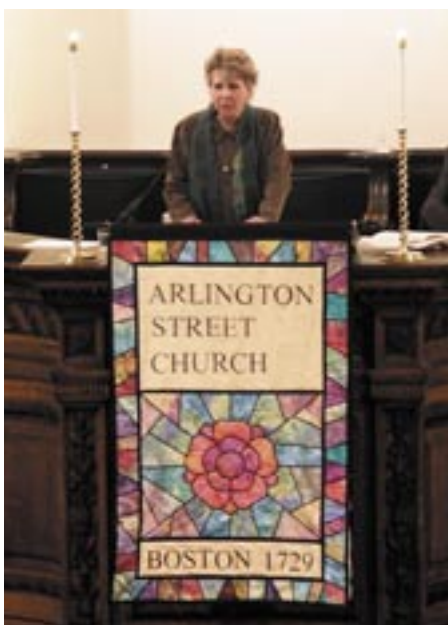
Through it all, from Sunday to Sunday, no matter what happens in between, we are together. I count on that. And for that, I count you among the greatest blessings of my life. ☺

Faithfully yours, with ~~much~~ love,

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie,
Senior Minister



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Report from the Long Rangers: *Community, Engagement, and Commitment*

Art Shirk, outgoing Long Range Planning Team member

The ASC Long Range Planning Team – affectionately known as the Long Rangers – completed a working draft of ASC’s long range plan this summer. It was based on the work completed last year by volunteer groups from all parts of the church community. The plan includes detailed statements of purpose, vision, and goal for areas of ASC life including worship, religious education, music, social action, building and finance, membership, and covenant renewal. In addition to each specific area, the Long Rangers made over-arching recommendations to the Prudential Committee in areas including public relations, volunteer coordination, strategic financial planning, and cultivation of lay leadership.

Looking back over the past year of planning work, three important aspects come to the forefront: community, engagement, and commitment.

First, the planning process touched everyone in the ASC **community** and provided a variety of ways to participate in the process. During the Autumn and early Winter months, community members participated in open focus group discussions and responded to our survey. During the Winter, task forces

and volunteer teams reacted to early versions of planning drafts. In the spring, committees from all parts of ASC worked with the Long Rangers to formulate specific long range plans.

Secondly, we discovered the



partial truth of what some wise sage once said: that planning is priceless and plans themselves are worthless... Well, we believe that the plans are very worthwhile, too – but, our key insight was that the value of long range planning is primarily in the ongoing process of discussion and **engagement** that results from it.

Based on that, we are launching an annual planning cycle this Autumn that we hope will become an annual tradition.

Finally, we consider **commitment**. We have been continually struck by the amazing dedica-

tion and commitment of members from across interest groups at ASC including those dedicated to various areas from worship and music to religious education and building preservation. This dedication was especially evident and inspiring at our “Round Up” event held in the spring that brought all groups together for an afternoon of sharing plans and exploring

ways in which our efforts really depend on one another.

The Long Rangers team for the upcoming year includes Paul Dakin, Bruce Cutting, Jim Vetter, Jim Tice, and Liz Regan. We’d like to thank Lisa Howe and Art Shirk for their work on the team last year. ⊕

Mini Financial Update

Total Pledges To Covenant 2004-2005: **\$254,889**

Payments Received Through August 23rd, 2004: **\$28,826** (11.3%)

Total Operating Income Through August 23rd, 2004: **\$90,232**

Total Operating Expenses Through August 23rd, 2004: **\$72,576**

L'Shanah Tovah... Happy New Year!

Rabbi Howard A. Berman, Associate Clergy/Rabbi-in-Residence

One of the realities of living in a pluralistic, multicultural society, is the way many of us move simultaneously between two parallel worlds. We are all part of our broader American culture, with its own calendar of civic observances, shared communal traditions and a common national identity. At the same time, many of us are part of other religious, ethnic or cultural communities whose identity, values, and rituals overlay our lives with a completely different rhythm. The special place that Pride Week holds in the consciousness of the GLBT community, is one example of this sense of living with two calendars... another might be the far greater importance of Epiphany rather than Christmas Day in Latino families. For those of us in the Jewish community, this two-dimensional perspective of time comes clearly into focus with the autumn High Holy Days. Even the most nominal Jewish consciousness resonates to the message and memories of this ancient sacred season of celebration, which marks the New Year, with Rosh Hashanah, and embraces the intense period of reflection and introspection of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. Of course, in the midst of contemporary American life, these traditions can sometimes

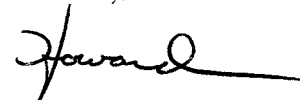
highlight an essential tension between the two worlds in which we move. Jewish families gather for major celebrations and attend worship, taking time off from school and work, at times that for our neighbors are merely regular weekdays. And yet, while the Jewish calendar, which will usher in the New Year 5765 on the eve of September 14th, follows ancient historical and agricultural cycles which may seem very remote from our contemporary culture, the High Holy Days are strikingly relevant and appropriate for the patterns of modern life. In fact, most people would probably agree that September is far more of a New Year for all of us than is January 1st! In our society, the end of summer and the turning of the season into autumn, is as much a major life transition as it was in Biblical times. The beginning of new school and organizational years, the resumption of cultural schedules, and even the inauguration of new program and worship seasons for many different religious communities – including most UU congregations – all seem to suggest that Rosh Hashanah embodies universal patterns of change and renewal.

This is certainly true here at Arlington Street Church, which

comes back to life in the autumn with an energy that feels like a new year. It is particularly fitting that Homecoming Sunday, which calls this community back together after the summer lull, is followed by High Holy Day Sunday, with its timeless and universal messages of return, reflection, and renewal. The importance of celebrating the seasonal transitions and rhythms of our lives with a thoughtful review of the past, and a hopeful anticipation of the future, speaks to all of our hearts and minds.

As we begin a new season here at ASC, which will encompass both our 275th Anniversary celebrations and the inauguration of our Long Range Plan, we will be experiencing both dimensions of this spirit of Rosh Hashanah. Steven and I join all of you in the hope and prayer that this New Year will be one of joy, health, happiness, and above all, Shalom... Peace... for all of us... and for all the world! ☺

Faithfully,



Rabbi Howard Berman,
Associate Clergy/
Rabbi-in-Residence

Report from General Assembly in Long Beach

FROM ASC'S SIX DELEGATES — EDITED BY DON RICKTER

The Unitarian Universalist General Assembly of 2004 was gathered in Long Beach, Southern California, where the crowds were only half the size of last year's GA in Boston. Delegates attended the same plenary sessions to hear news of our denomination and deal with major issues. Each of us went to different workshops, lectures, music events, and social events. Phyllis and Don were there early for "Ministers' Day," a great time to see many people like our former ministers Victor Carpenter and Carol Strecker. Gene Navias and Howard Berman were there and we met Linda Berez, who will be our new ministerial intern from September to June.

GA began with an impressive banner parade on Thursday evening, June 24th. David Butka carried the banner for ASC — a beautiful quilted work of art created for last year's GA by the ASC quilt group (Liz Balcom, Carol Brown, Cathy Collins, Helen Ewer, Joan Goodwin, Carmen Griggs, Diana Miller, and Chloe the Cat). The Service of the Living Tradition honored new ministers and retiring ministers on Friday, not the usual Sunday. Our ministerial intern of 2002-2003, Eliza Blanchard, who was recently called to be the minister in Upton-Grafton, MA, received her preliminary fellowship.

On Saturday the UU Women's Federation (UUWF) made the historic change of restructuring itself to better advocate for

women's issues. Phyllis Rickter and Ellen Spencer played key roles in the successful transition of this 40-year-old organization. The UUWF is one of the two Associate Members of the UUA. (The other is the UU Service Committee, or UUSC)

Paul Rickter spoke at a plenary session to explain the workings of the UUA Board of Trustees and to introduce Nancy Van Dyke, President of the UUWF.

There was a dazzling array of outstanding workshops, lectures, and exhibits. For example:

- Mike Farrell, the actor-author-producer, gave a brilliant exposé of issues related to the death penalty.
- Forrest Church discussed the separation of church and state.
- Rosemary Ruether linked globalization with women, religion, and ecology — all in one lecture.
- Holly Near presented the Ware Lecture on "Harvesting Hope through Social Consciousness" for a large, enthusiastic crowd.

Each of the delegates from ASC had a different active role. Read below to learn what each of ASC's six delegates did during their time at GA.

Ray Moore took part in a brand-new program to welcome an elected leader from each congregation. This brought some churches to GA for the first time ever. He met with congregational presidents from all over the US and with the Rev. William Sinkford, president of the UUA.

Harriote Hurie attended as a first-time delegate and attendee of GA. In her own words:

"To my astonishment, I felt energized, inspired, and eager for each topic. I credit the quality of my experiences to exquisite planning and moderating. Our moderator Gini Courter speaks with a golden-mean mix of accuracy, wit, dry humor, and poise. Every 35 to 45 minutes we were led in playful passionate singing. I experienced the magnitude of four thousand people, all committed to supporting and creating a just and loving world beyond violence. Given what we have to face day by day in this crazy world of ours, it was a huge infusion of love, joy, and energy.

"Another unique experience for me was the well-staffed table for providing accessibility for persons with all manner of disabilities. Folk ordered and received 35 scooters to travel around the vast corridors of the conference. I had the panel schedule read and reread many times and received personal escorts to the workshops I chose to attend."

David Butka gathered the signatures to call for verified voting, a paper trail in our crucial election of November 2nd. The assembly voted this one of the Actions of Immediate Witness. (The text is available from Heleni Thayer and from the website <http://www.uua.org/actions/civil-liberties/04electronic-voting.html>.)

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Children's Religious Education

A REPORT FROM THE CRE COMMITTEE

ASC's Children's Religious Education (CRE) program begins this new school year with both new faces and new ideas!

While we will continue to build on the strengths, experiences, and leadership of the past few years, the CRE Committee is introducing additional resources and approaches to nurturing our children's spiritual growth. Our new CRE co-chairs Brian & Patty Sutton and Adrienne Fernandez & Sarah Mueleman, are working with Rabbi Berman to expand our story-centered "Spirit Play" curriculum with a new thematic approach, to provide a diverse range of experiences for our children each Sunday. Weekly, children will have a different overall theme – holiday celebrations from many spiritual traditions, stories from different religious and cultural sources, values lessons, and for this special year, activities to help our children share in ASC's 275th An-



niversary. Every session will offer some kind of different experience or activity, to keep our kids engaged and challenged.

The CRE family also joins in welcoming ASC's new ministerial intern, Linda Berez, who will be playing a major role in the CRE program this year. Linda brings her experiences of working with the large and dynamic Sunday school of San Diego's First Unitarian Church. Her expertise will certainly help enrich our program. She will be working with Kim and Howard, the other CRE staff, and the committee in helping to develop and supervise our program, lead our kids in worship and broaden connections to our families.

ASC's CRE committee and staff look forward to welcoming our CRE stu-

dents – both new and returning – back to a new year of learning and fun on Homecoming Sunday, September 12th. ☺

Worship Highlights

September 5th, 2004

Preaching

Megan Lynes
 "UU's from Boston, Jews from
 New York, Buddhists from Japan:
Our Common Language"

September 12th, 2004

Homecoming Sunday

Preaching

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

Music

At the River, Aaron Copland/R.
 Wilding White

September 19th, 2004

Rosh Hashanah 5765:
 High Holy Day Sunday

Preaching

Rabbi Howard A. Berman

Music

Avinu Malkeynu, Max Janowski

September 26th, 2004

Festival of the Booths: Sukkot

Preaching

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

Music

Shalom Rav, Ben Steinberg

October 3rd, 2004

Blessing of the Animals

Preaching

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

Music

El Grillo (The Cricket), Josquin
 des Prez
Lone Dog, from "Friday After-
 noons", Benjamin Britten
The Silver Swan, Orlando Gib-
 bons

October 10th, 2004

Preaching

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie &
 Rabbi Howard A. Berman

Music

Harriote Hurie, guest musician

October 17th, 2004

Preaching

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

Music

I Got a Robe, arr. Nina Gilbert

October 24th, 2004

Preaching

Linda Berez, ASC Ministe-
 rial Intern

Music

The Last Words of David, Randall
 Thompson

October 31st, 2004

Dia de los Muertos/Day of the Dead

Preaching

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

Music

In Remembrance, from "Requi-
 em," Eleanor Daley
Selig sind die Toten, Heinrich
 Schütz

November 7th, 2004

Preaching

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

Music

TBA, guest musician

November 14th, 2004

Preaching

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

Music

Let Us Break Bread Together, Wil-
 liam Lawrence
Exsultate justi, L. Viadana

November 21st, 2004

Thanksgiving/Choir Sunday

Preaching

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

Music

Special music in honor and
 celebration of ASC's 275th Birth-
 day!

November 28th, 2004

Preaching

Rabbi Howard A. Berman

Music

TBA, guest musician



music@ASC

The Music@ASC Concert Series – Events for Autumn, 2004
Visit ASCBoston.org/music/series.html for the latest details

Michael Balke, Piano and Jale Papila, Mezzo Soprano

Sunday, October 17th, 2:00 pm

This Germany-based piano/vocal duo is pleased to be making its New England debut here at ASC. The program will include repertoire selected from a list of works performed across Germany and in other US recitals.

Ms. Papila comes to ASC having performed countless recitals and concerts throughout Germany, England, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Italy, Israel, and Greece. Her lied repertoire encompasses more than 350 songs from the baroque to contemporary compositions. Mr. Balke,



having studied in the United States, has presented concerts in Germany, France, Italy and the USA where he performed as soloist, chamber musician (pianist of the Brunsvik Trio) and accompanist (with New York soprano Theresa Santiago among others).

This duo's performance is offered free with a suggested donation of \$10. All proceeds benefit the musicians' travel expenses. ☺



30 Years at ASC: A Recital by Rodger Vine

Sunday, December 5th, 2:00 PM

After an unbelievable 30 years at Arlington Street Church, our very own organist Rodger Vine is preparing to offer this recital to the ASC community in celebration. He will be joined by New Hampshire-based flutist, Martha Woodward. Having performed at ASC in the past, Martha looks forward to her return as part of Rodger's performance.

Also featured on the program will be several works by Boston composer Nancy Faxon in celebration of her 90th birthday.

This open performance will be held in the sanctuary and will celebrate a tenure that has included many premiere performances, recitals, and an enormous repertoire. Please join Rodger and his musical colleagues in celebration of his years of service to our community – and bring a friend! ☺



ASC Choir Sunday

Sunday, November 21st, 11:00 AM

Under the direction of ASC music director, Miguel Felipe, ASC's choir is proud to take part in this special service marking ASC's 275th anniversary. Among the many elements of this historic service will be the performance of music from ASC's history as well as new music composed especially for the occasion. Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime worship service. ☺

ASC Welcomes New Staff

Peter Johnston, Church Administrator

With the departures of Lauren Bellon, administrative assistant and Shawn Newton, business administrator, we are pleased to introduce our new administrative staff:

Corey Spence Administrative Assistant

Corey is a native of Lowell, Massachusetts. After spending 3 years away from home in Dallas, Texas and then Park City, Utah he returned to Massachusetts. In Dallas, he was the administrative assistant at the Cathedral of Hope, a large, progressive congregation.

Corey lives in Lowell, Massachusetts and attends Saint John the Evangelist Church on Bowdoin Street. At his parish, he sings in the adult choir and serves on the altar during communion. His extra-curricular activities include contra dancing and singing first tenor with the Boston Gay Men's Chorus. Corey and his partner Christopher are engaged and are planning a spring wedding in 2005.



Ed Kleiman Bookkeeper

Ed is an experienced business professional. He has owned and operated a small manufacturing company, written on-line university level courses for the Internet, and served as the administrator of a synagogue in Tucson, Arizona. Ed is the principal of ESP Small Business Support, providing financial and project management services to a variety of non-profit and professional clients.

Ed, a lifetime member of Temple Israel, was raised in Newton and currently resides with his wife, Nancy, in a restored old mill in Dedham. They have one son living in New York and one in Arlington.

Linda Berez Ministerial Intern

In her own words...

Greetings. My name is Linda Berez. I'm pleased to have the opportunity to introduce myself as your ministerial intern from

September 2004 through June 2005. I'm looking forward to an exciting ten months working with

all of you, the staff here at Arlington Street Church, the Rev. Kim Crawford Harvie and Rabbi Howard Berman. For the past two years I've been attending Meadville/Lombard Theological School in Chicago. My partner Cris Melena and I moved to Chicago from San Diego, California. Cris is a massage therapist and has two sons. Between them we have four grandchildren whom we visit as often as possible in California and Texas.

Prior to attending seminary I was involved as a lay leader in my home congregation of First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego. This large, vibrant congregation provided me opportunities to serve in ways that extended from president of the congregation to RE leader.

Professionally, I have been in the computer field for 20 years. My last job was as a systems administrator at UC, San Diego. I love fixing PCs and have a great interest in the Internet and the possibilities it can open up for connecting with wider communities such as the Church of the Larger Fellowship – where I'll be serving as half-time intern.

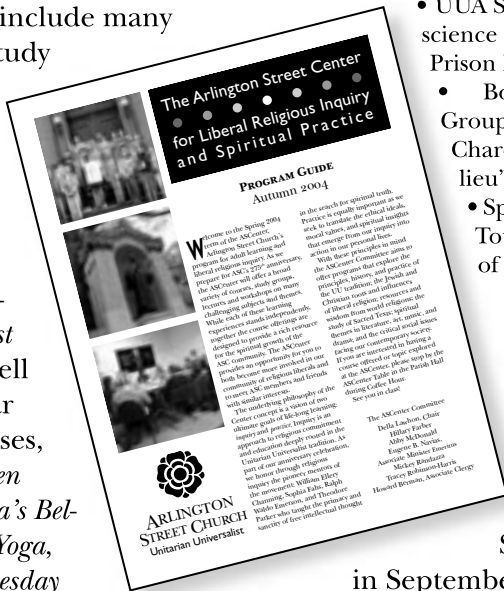
I want you all to know that I am a bit overwhelmed to be serving a church and community that is celebrating its 275th year. The history and the richness that ASC embodies makes me proud to be a part. I look forward to meeting everyone and to our coming year together. ☺

The Arlington Street Center for Liberal Religious Inquiry and Spiritual Practice

The upcoming autumn term of the ASCenter, our varied program of Adult Education and opportunities for continuing spiritual growth, will begin October 1st. This season's offerings will include many of our basic study opportunities such as the *New UU Classes* and the monthly *Mini-Introductions to Unitarian Universalist and ASC*; as well as our popular ongoing courses, such as *The Zen Center*, *Buddha's Belly*, *Kundalini Yoga*, and the *Wednesday Literary Salons*. Our *Covenant Small Groups* (see the article by Mark Watanabe on p. 11) will continue to focus on a broad variety of special themes, including arts and spirituality, and our newly forming writer's circle. In addition, we will be introducing a number of new classes and discussion groups:

- Special Programs in observance of ASC's 275th Anniversary:
- Spiritual Themes in American History and Culture
- Women Who Made A Difference in American Life

- Walking Tour of ASC Historical Landmarks in Boston
- Art, Architecture and History Tour of Arlington Street Church
- ASC Trivia Competition
- Reflection Group for Ex-Catholic UU's
- UUA Statement of Conscience Study Course on Prison Reform in America
- Book Discussion Group on Teilhard de Chardin's "Divine Milieu"
- Spiritual Encounter Tours of the Museum of Fine Arts



A complete Catalogue of Courses and Schedules will be distributed during Sunday services

in September and will be available online. We hope that we can continue to build on the successes of the past year's major increase in participation in adult learning opportunities, with this exciting new line-up! ☺

ASCenter Committee

- Christine Brinkley
- Hillary Farber
- Charlene Galarneau
- Rev. Eugene Navias
- Carrie Zeisse
- Rabbi Howard Berman

You Are Invited

A weekend of celebration and rededication in observance of the 275th anniversary of ASC.

A Gala Evening of Celebration

Saturday, November 20th, 7:00 PM

Plan to join us with your friends for a wonderful "Birthday Party" for ASC! This evening will feature music, entertainment, a light buffet supper, a very special birthday cake, and a benefit auction!

Anniversary Service of Rededication

Sunday, November 21st, 11:00 AM

Join us as we mark 275 years in this service – the highlight of the year's celebration. This service will feature music from ASC's past, including the premiere of a specially-commissioned anthem. Religious and civic leaders will join us, and the morning will include a procession across Arlington St. to rededicate the Channing Memorial statue.

Stay tuned for information about other educational programs and public special activities celebrating our 275th birthday! ☺



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Pepper Greene had the experience of a hotel room on the Queen Mary – and a rich variety of experiences at GA.

From Mark Watanabe

Attending my 10th GA was as exciting as my first. It was fascinating to hear what's new in our movement and how our faith tradition currently calls us to witness for social justice. I was especially impressed and inspired by our own

David Butka, who enthusiastically championed the Action of Immediate Witness on Electronic Voting. Due to my official commitments, I was unable to attend many workshops of personal interest – except for one in which I was recognized for participating in a pilot UU Lay Leadership Certificate Program. As always, it was a delight to reconnect with UU friends, old and new, from all parts of North America. The synergy of Unitarian Universalists coming together in such a critical mass is quite empowering, and I commend General Assembly to anyone wishing to partake of the true depth and diversity of who we are – and is seeking a vision of who we can be.

From David Butka

This General Assembly was the first in 6 years were I have felt a full and true contribution to the beliefs of the religion and the truth within myself. When I was requested to give some

background information regarding the Action of Immediate Witness (AIW) process I began to notice how much the process captured my heart. Imagine finding something that you believed in, convincing over 150 other people they also believed in it and then getting each of them to sign their name. I had a hard time with the topic however that was dropped into my lap through a wonderful twist of fate.



About Heleni Thayer

Heleni was working on an Action of Immediate Witness (AIW) regarding electronic voting. She put so much effort, heart and soul, into the process of creating the AIW, finding research to supplement and pulling together contacts prior

to the assembly.

After the 4-day process was complete, with a practically unanimous vote, the AIW was accepted by the assembly. As the process took place, one could see the many other passionate individuals who brought to the table the Alien Tort Claims Act, Renewal of the Ban on Assault Weapons, Opposition of the Federal Marriage Amendment and bringing it all home in regard to Iraq: Sovereignty, the United Nations and Human Rights.

All was said and done from General Assembly but it was just the beginning of a journey that many are making. Please see the steps they have taken – and that you can take as well – by visiting www.UUVV.org.

For more information on the UUA General Assembly at Long Beach, go to www.uua.org/ga/ga04.

The complete text of the study action issue for 2004, Civil Liberties, and the study action issue, on Global Warming, which will be discussed again at the 2005 General Assembly and voted on at the 2006 GA, can be found at: www.uua.org/actions/.

It is not too early to think about going to General Assembly in Fort Worth, June 23rd - 27th, 2005. You do not have to be a delegate to enjoy this huge gathering of like-minded people. ☺

Increase Participation in November Elections

JUDY CHAMBLISS & JIM VETTER, CO-CHAIRS, ASC VOTES! TASK FORCE

Join the ASC Votes! voter registration and education task force in our vital efforts to mobilize participation in the upcoming elections. We are an active group with successes under our belt, but have much important work to do before November 2nd. Feel strongly about who the next president should be? Get involved!

Our main areas of focus are:

- Registering out-of-state and local voters on college & university campuses
- Opposing electronic voting that is not voter-verified
- Registering voters from under-served communities
- Mobilizing voters in swing states

We have campus campaigns at Berklee School of Music, Boston Conservatory, Boston University, Northeastern University, Simmons College, and Wellesley College. We need to broaden our efforts to reach others.

Members are leading the fight to stop the use of electronic voting machines that do not have a voter-verified paper ballot. They successfully passed an Action of Immediate Witness at the UU 2004 General Assembly. Help pass Senate and House bills to ensure a fair election.

Help us continue making connections and participating with urban-based community and faith-based groups.

Near election day, work with us to mobilize voters in the nearby swing state of New Hampshire and in more distant swing states.

A great deal is at stake. We welcome your participation on the task force during this crucial time. Contact Co-Chair Judy Chambliss at 617-232-2245 or jac.pelican@verizon.net. ☉



Eliza Blanchard to be Ordained in September

ASC's former ministerial intern, Eliza Blanchard, is set to be ordained on **Sunday, September 26th, 2004** at 4:00 PM at the UU church in Belmont, Massachusetts. Let's go and show Eliza our continued support – *Congratulations, Eliza!* ☉

Small Group Ministries

MARK WATANABE

For anyone who has faced the challenge of feeling connected to the bustling, urban faith community that is Arlington Street Church, participation in a Small Group Ministry might ease the process. At ASC, Small Groups are gatherings of mutually sup-

portive seekers who come together because of a common interest (e.g., Arts and Spirituality, Gay Men's Spirituality) or a common neighborhood (e.g., Brookline, Dorchester, JP). They are potential opportunities to make new friends and to engage in deeper conversations.

The rules of gathering usually establish some sort of behavioral covenant so that all participants feel they are sharing their feelings and experiences in a safe environment. There are often commitments to be intentional regarding attendance, confidentiality, and showing respect for all present. All other details are left to the group – consistent with our Unitarian Universalist affirmation of the democratic process! This year, we hope to identify, form,

and launch new Small Groups, with training of facilitators and periodic celebrations thrown in for good measure. Watch for further developments in *Inside ASC* or the church website. Need more information or have suggestions? Contact either Rabbi Berman at HBERMAN@ASCBoston.org, or Interim SGM Coordinator Mark Watanabe at backrowguy@earthlink.net. ☉

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