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Truth and Reconciliation

REV. KIM K. CRAWFORD HARVIE, SENIOR MINISTER

Dear Friends,

On Sunday afternoon, October 30th, 2005, people from across the city gathered to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama. Our march route, from First Church in Roxbury to the Boston Common, was the same three mile stretch that Dr. King walked in April of 1965 to protest segregation in Boston's schools.

One of my favorite memories of that day are of walking much of the route with then five-year-old Camilla Dunn, who held my hand and set the pace. Far from complaining, this third generation Arlington Street member, brought along by her wonderful grandmother, Emily, was thrilled to be there.

Another uplifting memory of that day is of meeting Father Bob Bowers, a priest at the Paulist Center on Tremont Street. We have many good friends in common; it was a joy to finally say hello. I took an instant liking to him, and hoped that we might find a way to reconnect in

the future.

This fall, almost a year to the day after our first meeting, Bob sent me an e-mail. Here is an excerpt from that correspondence:

"I am [now] working as a consultant for Outreach and Reconciliation, an initiative from The Paulist Fathers' national leadership. The



Camilla Dunn adding her own water during the Water Communion service on Homecoming Sunday, September 2005.

hope [is] to help people heal from some of the institutional hurt and pain caused by the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church. I have insisted that this program be focused completely upon healing, not on some membership drive. I believe that so many former Catholics were and are traumatized by the institutional failures of the Roman Catholic Church, but have rarely had the

chance to deal with that trauma. We are hoping to be a source of healing by giving people the forum to vent, to express feelings, to offer advice to the hierarchy, and, most importantly, to be listened to.

"I am very aware that many former Catholics are being nourished and find refuge at Arlington Street. You and your community have provided that environment of home, that sense of home that is not a physical space so much as it is a place [where] people are wholly recognized, welcomed, and appreciated. You have much to teach us.

"To that end, I was wondering if you would consider hosting an evening with former Catholics and me in a forum for listening and healing. I am NOT trying to win back [members] or poach from your community. I would like to learn how they journeyed, and to perhaps join in as a fellow seeker. I would be present as a Roman Catholic, and ready to hear whatever needs to be said. I would bring along one or two members of the team here, who are learning what it means to truly listen.

"If you [think] this may have merit, and it may appeal to some

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Sharing our Lives

SHERENE ARAM AND MARK WATANABE, CO-CHAIRS, PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We have been reminded again and again this Fall of the importance of telling our stories, of sharing our perspectives and our lives with one another, of the connections and sense of community forged by communication and shared experience. Following Joan Goodwin's passing, it was both comforting and inspiring to hear so many stories of ways in which Joan shared her gifts and enriched our community and the wider world. At our last Prudential Committee meeting, many of us chose to check in by sharing a special memory of Joan, or a piece of work she had left unfinished and that we felt called to pick up and carry on. We remember her

as a teacher, a writer and poet, an environmentalist, a mentor, a friend, a neighbor, a mother and grandmother, and as a pillar of the Arlington Street Church community. Each of us heard a facet of Joan's life that we had not known before and we were reminded of the many stories each of us here at Arlington Street Church carries within us. What are the stories, the parts of yourself that you have yet to share in this beloved community of memory and hope?

The Prudential Committee also spent time at our last meeting listening to committee chairs and members talk about their plans

for this church year and the work they hope to accomplish. These are amazing folks, with impressive agendas, ranging from the Building Committee's ongoing work to ensure that the MBTA construction project goes smoothly, to the Green Sanctuary Committee's plans to continue their Ministry



for the Earth film series and share their passion for the environment with our children, to the dedicated Sandwich Board team who feed us each week so we can stay after services on Sundays to enjoy concerts and Connections groups, Among Us conversations

and committee meetings. And so many, many more—members and friends keeping an eye on our finances, building our membership, offering educational programs for adults and kids alike, making music, raising money, working for justice here at home, in New Orleans and in the wider world, supporting and mentoring future Unitarian Universalist ministers, reaching out to those among us who need support and comfort and providing the worship services we come together to share each week.

As our senior minister, the Reverend Kim K. Crawford Harvie, says, "Come early and stay late". Share your stories, your gifts and your whole self. After

all, this community is built on the connections we make with each other, the work we do to together make the world more just and compassionate, the support and love we share with each other in times of joy and times of sorrow. May it be so. ☺

Mini Financial Update

Total Pledges to Covenant Renewal 2006 – 2007: **\$291,595**

Payments Received Through November 30th, 2006: **\$117,763** (40%)

Total Operating Income Through November 30th, 2006: **\$251,849**

Total Operating Expenses Through November 30th, 2006: **\$221,173**

Only Connect

SEVEN WAYS TO MAKE CONNECTIONS AT ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH



#1.

Join a Connections group

Our small group ministry program is, as the name indicates, all about making deeper connections with a few other souls from our congregation. Most groups are closed to create allow bonds to form over time, and will reopen once or twice a year. We are also beginning to experiment with some open groups, so that you can try it out and come in whenever your schedule allows.



#2.

Be hospitable:

Join ASWelcome

Help us make Arlington Street—and especially coffee hour—a less intimidating place by reaching out to those you haven't met yet (they may or may not be newcomers). Guidelines are available for "starting the conversation" if you want some suggestions.

#3.

Be hospitable: Volunteer with the Sandwich board

Find it hard to start

conversations at coffee hour with people you don't know? Why not help out selling sandwiches, hot dogs, and soup?

#4.

Watch movies and make a difference

Green Sanctuary and the Social Action Committee both have regular film series. Learn something new, meet others who share your passion and work together to change our world.

#5.

Join an ASCenter class or a book group

Ministerial interns, staff, and lay people offer a variety of programs to open your heart and mind.

#6.

Come to an evening worship

Take a break mid-week and recharge your batteries at *Wednesday Gathering: Worship* or *Wednesday Gathering: First Wednesdays*, or get

your work week off to a centered start at 2/4/6, evening worship at 6:00 PM on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 6:00 PM. Enjoy worship in a smaller, more intimate setting.

#7.

Be a regular church attendee

Just by coming to services every week, you'll stay more connected with the life and work of Arlington Street, and with your own spiritual center.

To learn more about any of these programs, call the church office at 617-536-7050 or e-mail me at AWill@ASCBoston.org.

See you in church!

Alison Green Will,
Membership and Leadership
Coordinator

P.S. For more ways to get involved, get a copy of upcoming publication: **Get to Know Arlington Street Church**, coming soon. ☺

Becoming a Green Sanctuary

MARILYN CASTRIOTTA, CO-CHAIR, GREEN SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

You've heard the good news: Arlington Street Church is Green Sanctuary Certified! The now framed certificate is sitting proudly on the mantle in the Arlington Street Church office.

What does it mean to be Green Sanctuary Certified? And how did we at Arlington Street Church accomplish this?

First there's the Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth, which affirms and promotes the seven principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association, including the seventh: "Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part." The Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth (UUMFE) sponsors the Green Sanctuary Program, a congregation-based certification program intended to:

- build awareness of societal environmental issues among Unitarian Universalists
- generate commitment for personal lifestyle changes
- motivate Unitarian Universalists to community action on environmental issues
- build a connection between spiritual practice and environmental consciousness
- build awareness of and rectify environmental injustices

A Green Sanctuary, according to the UUMFE, is "a congregation that lives out its commitment to the Earth by creating a sustainable life style for its members as individuals and as a faith community."

Then there're the certification

steps! The first of which is to establish a Green Sanctuary Committee. Arlington Street Church's Green Sanctuary Committee formed in 2002 with the encouragement of Sean Newton, former Arlington Street Church business administrator. Our beloved Joan Goodwin was one of its founding members.

The next step is to conduct an environmental audit. This provides a snapshot of where the congregation stands with respect to environmental behaviors. In 2003, a special Sunday morning collection along with a generous donation of \$500 by Green Sanctuary Committee members Debbie and Kevin Block-Schwen enabled Arlington Street Church to join Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light and receive an energy performance assessment.

Becoming accredited by the Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth as a Green Sanctuary requires completion of at least twelve activities in four areas: 1) worship and celebration, 2) religious education, 3) environmental justice, and 4) sustainable living. Some of the required twelve activities are one-time events, others are on-going. Thus the third step: create an action plan!

The fourth step, to apply for Green Sanctuary Candidacy and



complete all activities, occurred over the course of four years as the Green Sanctuary Committee worked gradually and steadily to promote sustainable awareness and practices within and beyond the walls of Arlington Street Church. Among its accomplished activities are pulpit editorials, participation in Earth Day Sunday service, a congregation-wide green pledge program, improved energy consumption in church and at home through the sale and use of compact fluorescent energy-efficient light bulbs, increased use of recycled office paper and supplies, "green tips for the everyday environmentalist" in the order of service, a Green Sanctuary environmental information table staffed at least two Sundays a month during coffee hour, an adult Simplicity Circle Class, a children's environmental class on the topic of Fair Trade, and a monthly film series covering a range of environmental issues.

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General Assembly: One Delegate's Journey

DON RICKTER

Each delegate has a unique set of experiences. "Each of us goes to a different General Assembly."

My first priority was to promote the Constitutional Right to Vote for the US. I had opportunities to talk with many social justice activists, as individuals and as groups. Unfortunately, the Commission on Social Witness, chaired by Rev. Susan Smith of Florida, had criteria that excluded the Study/Action Issue that was submitted by Arlington Street Church for this General Assembly. The issue is still vital and timely. We will have more controversial elections as long as the US Constitution gives the power to the partisan Secretaries of State to regulate the election of Presidential Electors.

The SAI (Study/Action Issue) that succeeded this year is "**peacemaking**". It was promoted ably by Deborah Kelsey of the Wayland Church. She is a bright, lively activist in social action. She and I talked of future cooperation in the Mass Bay District, especially with the help of Kate Wilkinson as an intern to coordinate work in our various congregations.

"Global Warming" was discussed, revised, and voted as a Statement of Conscience. Imagine debating 52 proposed amendments! The final version is on the Unitarian Universalist Association website: www.UUA.org/actions/ecology/06global-warming.html.

There were many high points this year. Phyllis and I were proud of our son Paul, making his first appearance at a General Assembly as the Unitarian Universalist Association Secretary. He reported that almost 4,500 attended. This makes St. Louis the third largest General Assembly ever. Next year we meet in Portland, Oregon, rated the best city in the US. Think about going there.



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We had the pleasure of meeting with Farley and Virginia Wheelwright, Jerry Davidoff, and numerous people from Massachusetts. Unfortunately Jack Mendelsohn fell the day before General Assembly began and broke his hip. We heard that he was recovering well, but his workshop had to be cancelled.

- Paul Sprecher made his debut as a minister during the Service of the Living Tradition.
- David Korten gave a powerful presentation of "The Great Turning", our critical moment in history.
- Mary Oliver read her poetry to a huge crowd at the Ware Lecture.
- Rev. Gail Geisenhainer gave the rousing sermon at the Sunday worship service. For a short description go to www.UUA.org/ga/ga06/5002.html.

Stay tuned to further issues of **THE WINDOW** when our other delegates report back on their General Assembly experience. And just as the series finishes, General Assembly 2007 will be here! ☺

Worship Calendar: Winter 2006 – 2007

Sunday, December 3rd, 2006

11:00 AM

Preaching

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

Music

Nowell, Randall Thompson

6:00 PM

“Wrestling with Jesus”

Wednesday, December 6th, 2006

Wednesday Gathering:

First Wednesday

“How to Give the Gifts Everyone Truly Wants” featuring Vera O'Brien, Lifespan Religious Educator

Sunday, December 10th, 2006

Preaching

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

Music

Veni, Veni, Miguel Felipe

Wednesday, December 13th, 2006

Wednesday Gathering: Vespers

led by Mr. Barb Greve, Intern Minister

Sunday, December 17th, 2006

11:00 AM

Preaching

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

Music

Starlight and *The Two Nowells*, Giles Swayne & *Deck the Hall*

6:00 PM

Winter Solstice and Chanukah Service

Wednesday, December 20th, 2006

Wednesday Gathering: Worship

led by Mr. Barb Greve, Intern Minister—followed by Christmas caroling!

Sunday, December 24th, 2006

11:00 AM

Preaching

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

Music

We Three Kings, J. H. Hopkins

5:00 PM

Christmas Eve by Candlelight:
Family Service with Arlington Street Church's Choir

7:00 and 9:00 PM

Christmas Eve by Candlelight:
Community Service with the Boston Gay Men's Choir

Wednesday, December 27th, 2006

Wednesday Gathering: Worship

led by Mr. Barb Greve, Intern Minister

Sunday, December 31st, 2006

Preaching

Mr. Kelly Weiman Asprooth-Jackson, Intern Minister

Music

Artist in Residence, Rodger Vine

Wednesday, January 3rd, 2007

Wednesday Gathering:

First Wednesday

“Telling Our Stories” featuring an open mic! E-mail Gathering@ASCBoston.org to sign-up

Sunday, January 7th, 2007

Preaching

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

Music

The Lamb, John Tavener

Wednesday, January 10th, 2007

Wednesday Gathering: Worship

led by Mr. Barb Greve, Intern Minister

Sunday, January 14th, 2007

Preaching

Mr. Barb Greve, Intern Minister

Music

TBA

Wednesday, January 17th, 2007

Wednesday Gathering: Worship

led by Mr. Barb Greve, Intern Minister

Sunday, January 21st, 2007

Preaching

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

Music

Ave Maris Stella, Grieg

Wednesday, January 24th, 2007

Wednesday Gathering: Worship

led by Mr. Barb Greve, Intern Minister

Sunday, January 28th, 2007

Preaching

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

Music

Ave Maris Stella, Javier Busto

Wednesday, January 31st, 2007

Wednesday Gathering: Worship

led by Mr. Barb Greve, Intern Minister

Sunday, February 4th, 2007

Preaching

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

Music

Gazing up at Stars, Mark Kilstofte

Wednesday, February 7th, 2007

Wednesday Gathering:

First Wednesday

“Miracles” Joan Yates and friends from the senior community

Sunday, February 11th, 2007

All Kinds of Love Sunday

Preaching

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

Music

TBA

Wednesday, February 14th, 2007**Wednesday Gathering: Worship**

led by Mr. Barb Greve, Intern Minister

Sunday, February 18th, 2007**Preaching**

Mr. Barb Greve, Intern Minister

Music

Artists in Residence, The Boston Choral Ensemble

Wednesday, February 21st, 2007**Wednesday Gathering: Worship**

led by Mr. Barb Greve, Intern Minister

Sunday, February 25th, 2007**Preaching**

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

Music

TBA

Wednesday, February 28th, 2007**Wednesday Gathering: Worship**

led by Mr. Barb Greve, Intern Minister

Spiritual Passions

A SERIES OF SUNDAY AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS
JANUARY – APRIL, 2007

Each Sunday afternoon, from January through March, from 1:00 – 3:00 PM, different members of the church community will introduce you to their spiritual passion. This year's offerings are listed below and will be listed both on www.ASCBoston.org and in our weekly newsletter, *Inside ASC*. Try something new! No registration necessary; all are welcome.

Introduction to Meditation Sunday, January 7th, 2007

Don't just do something; sit there! And when you sit, just sit. Very simple directives... simple, but not easy! Join Arlington Street Church's senior minister, Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, and members of Arlington Street Zen Center for Meditation 101, including answers to burning questions such as, "Where do I put my legs?" and "How do I stop thinking (without going to sleep)?" This ancient spiritual practice will bring profound benefits not just to you, but to all whose life yours touches. Wear comfortable clothing (and yes, you can meditate in a chair!).

Mandala Making as a Spiritual Practice

Sunday, January 14th, 2007

Mandala, a Sanskrit word that means "circle," is a sacred diagram most often created in sand or paint. It symbolizes the pure, perfected universe, and provides a visual framework for establishing feelings of peace, well-being and wholeness. Come join Megan Lynes in the spiritual practice of creating your own beautiful and unique mandala. No art expertise necessary. Bring any art materials you like for drawing, painting, or collaging, but enough materials will be provided for your use as well.

Ordination of Vera OBrien

Sunday, January 21st, 2007

[There will be no spiritual passion event this Sunday]

It has been Vera's spiritual passion to serve as a minister. On this day, make it your spiritual passion to exercise congregational polity and ordain her!

Wednesdays at Arlington Street Church

Wednesday Gathering has expanded to every Wednesday of the month! Every *first* Wednesday of the month is First Wednesday, a worship service celebrating our congregation's creativity. (In the Chapel at 6:30 PM). All other Wednesdays feature the Mid-Week Meal at 5:30 PM and a worship service following at 6:30 PM in the Clarke Room.

Over time, we will be adding additional activities to Wednesday Gathering following the worship services. If you are interested in leading a religious education activity or interest group on Wednesday nights, please contact Vera OBrien, our lifespan religious educator, at VOBrien@ASCBoston.org.

If that is not enough, watch for The Wednesdays, Arlington Street Church's literary salon, led by Alan Helms. Watch for winter and spring schedules in *Inside ASC*, our weekly newsletter; Snapshot, our e-newsletter; or at ASCBoston.org. ☺

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Corporation Meeting

Sunday, January 28th, 2007

The business of the congregation is one form of spiritual practice. The meeting begins at 1:00 PM and is followed by...

Zen Center

Meditation Retreat

Sunday, January 28th, 2007

Periods of sitting, walking, and dharma talks (teachings from the Buddha) will be followed by dinner at a local restaurant (BYO\$). Come join like-hearted seekers to savor a quiet afternoon and a delicious evening together. This 'passion' is led by Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie and members of Buddha's Belly Book Group and Arlington Street Zen Center.

Inside Out

February 4th, 2007

By listening to music imaginatively—from the “inside out”—concert goers can easily tune into thoughtful and emotional levels of musical expression at these free, one-hour concerts.

To support community-building and meaningful connections through music, each workshop concludes with an opportunity for audience members to informally share their listening experiences. Series founder Eli Epstein, a horn player with the Cleveland Orchestra for many years and currently a faculty member at the Boston Conservatory, collaborates with Cynthia Anne Hale, Ph.D., who works with imagination and creativity through psychological dream work, research, teaching, and psychotherapy.

At this workshop, the third of four, Boston Symphony Orchestra Wind Players perform music by J. S. Bach (*The Little Fugue* in g minor), Ravel (*Le Tombeau de Couperin*), and by the popular contemporary classical jazz composer, Paquito D'Rivera (*Tropical Airs*).

The Spirituality of Decluttering

Sunday, February 11th, 2007

Join Rev. Vera OBrien, our lifespan religious educator, in an exploration of the “stuff” in our lives and how it can enhance or distract from our spirituality. In the past two years, Vera has donated or recycled at least 50% of her family's possessions and will share the many life lessons and practical techniques she has learned along the way. There will be time to discuss and, hopefully, resolve your toughest decluttering challenges. Come and be inspired in time for spring cleaning!

Poetry as Passion

Sunday, February 18th, 2007

Join Arlington Street Church member and published poet Shea Mullaney as he explores the spiritual heights and “dark nights of the soul” to which poetry can take us. Bring in a poem that moves your soul and join Shea as he shares some of the poems that have inspired him. We'll also be doing a little writing, so bring a pen and paper!

Non-violent Communication

Sunday, February 25th, 2007

Too often we don't speak or we over react when we have a conflict or difference with someone. This workshop will teach you how to manage difficult conversations, communicating irritation, anger, love, and other powerful emotions with compassion and curiosity. Michael Keane, PhD is a clinical psychologist who specializes in family and couple's therapy. He teaches mediation and communication workshops. He has a passion for clear connecting conversations. He is a member of the Worship Committee.

Games!

Sunday, February 25th, 2007

Is cabin fever setting in? Join us for an afternoon of games for all

ages. Bring your favorite game; we'll bring some too. This passion is hosted by our senior minister, Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, and our lifespan religious educator, Rev. Vera OBrien.

Cooking for the Soul

Sunday, March 4th, 2007

Preparing food in community is a sacred act. Join together with other Arlington Street Church members and intern minister, Mr. Barb Greve, as we prepare, cook, and enjoy a meal together. Come ready to share great kitchen tricks and stories. No cooking expertise necessary!

The Art of Craft

Sunday, March 11th, 2007

It used to be said that “Idle hands are the devil's playground.” The converse is also true! Experienced knitters Ginny Merritt and Joan Yates will explore the meditative and soul-nurturing aspects of working with your hands. If you already knit, crochet, tat, embroider, quilt, or do needlepoint, cross stitch, beading, woodworking, scrapbooking, etc., bring your own handwork and join us. If you don't do handwork, but you've thought about learning, here is your chance to be inspired and begin learning a new skill.

Text Study

Sunday, March 18th, 2007

As Unitarian Universalists, the living tradition we share draws from many sources, including “wisdom from the world's religions.” But where might we find some of this wisdom and how might we interpret it as Unitarian Universalists? (Hint: maybe some of their holy books would be a good place to start.) This workshop—presented by lifelong Unitarian Universalist and intern minister Mr. Kelly Weisman Asprooth-Jackson—will supply you with some basic tools and methods for

When the Spirit Moves Me

BY GINNY MERRITT, CO-CHAIR, WORSHIP COMMITTEE

“The spirit moved me.”

It’s a cliché, and people usually say it when they are inspired, or sometimes they use it to justify an impulse. The spirit made me do it. “Moved” = “emotionally affected.”

But today my “beginner’s mind” looked at that saying for the first time and asked, “What if ‘moved’ meant ‘transported’ instead? What if it means “The spirit took me from one place to another?” What if it means “The spirit made me move?”

Many people, especially people in the act of creation, have experienced a force moving through them, of experiencing themselves

seem to be able to. He asserts, “My basic belief about the making of stories is that they pretty much make themselves.” My brother the evangelical minister believes that God literally held the pen in the hand of some poor shlob sitting at a desk writing the Bible in longhand. But that’s another story altogether.

I know that during times of heightened creativity, I enter a type of trance: time expands into infinity, yet also passes quickly, unnoticed. I am utterly focused, both relaxed and energized. The commentators sitting on my shoulder shut up and fly away to bother someone else for a while.

nection between spirit and the creative force. She believes that creativity provides a deeper connection to the power she calls God. For her, creativity provides a deeper, wider channel to God and God provides a deeper, wider channel to creativity. She writes, “Creativity is God’s gift to us. Using our creativity is our gift back to God.” She contends that all of us can become more creative, in whatever form our talents take, by cultivating our connection to the divine force(s) around us and eliminating the barriers that prevent us from becoming our truest selves.

Wednesday Gathering: First Wednesday

celebrates this connection between creativity and divinity on the First Wednesday of every month, twelve months a year. The service showcases Arlington Street Church members and

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as a channel for an animating force. Experienced writers often talk about their characters taking over and telling the author how the story should go. In *On Writing*, Stephen King describes his sense of being possessed by his characters who force him to write their stories compulsively. He has tried to stop writing, but doesn’t

Something seems to be flowing through me, until I am done, and I arouse myself to find something before me that is of me, but now separate from me. Sometimes I look at something I have written and can’t believe I wrote it.

Bestselling author Julia Cameron based her creativity course, *The Artist’s Way*, on this con-

their creative lives and features an invited guest who performs, demonstrates, teaches, inspires, and stimulates us all to cultivate our divine creative selves. Ginny Merritt, the worship leader, is joined by jazz improvisational pianist, Joe Della Penna. First Wednesday worship meets in the Hunnewell Chapel at 6:30 PM. ☸

Bring Many Names....

THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Over the years, it's been called the Personnel Committee, the Senior Staff Advisory Committee, and the Executive Committee, and now we have settled on the apt title, the **Human Resources Committee**. This (sub)committee of the Prudential Committee works to support the human resources—the persons—employed at Arlington Street Church: its ministerial, administrative, and program staff. In its monthly meetings, the Human Resources Committee reviews and recommends personnel policies, job descriptions, and staff goals. The committee also consults with the senior minister on management and organizational issues. Current Human Resources Committee members bring significant personnel experience to this work and include:

- Carmen Griggs, Chair
- Diana Miller
- Gaby Whitehouse

and Prudential Committee members:

- Sherene Aram
- Mark Watanabe
- Jenn Shaw
- Charlene Galarneau

Come to the January 2007 corporation meeting to learn more about the Human Resources Committee and participate in a discussion of staffing and organizational issues related to a growing congregation. For more information, speak with any Human Resources Committee member, or contact us through the church office at office@ASCBoston.org. ☉

Social Action Committee

LAURA PATTISON,
CHAIR, SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

The Social Action Committee (SAC) is continuing its work of creating opportunities for discussion of values and issues with our Friday Night at the Movies film series: Films of social and political significance. The first films in the series were *Got Democracy* and *Help America Vote on Paper*, shown on November 3rd, 2006. Upcoming films or topics are:

Ground Truth (December), *Water privatization* (January), *Iraq for Sale* (February), *Peace* (March), *Revolution will not be televised* (April) and *The Day I Became a Woman* (May).

The showing of the water privatization films will be cosponsored by the Green Sanctuary committee and the peace films will be cosponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Affairs committee.

Each film will be followed by a discussion, facilitated by a member of the Social Action Committee or guest speakers. We will try to point the discussion towards specific actions that can be taken to address issues raised in the film. Donations for the films will be gratefully accepted to fund Arlington Street Church's *Jubilee* initiative.

To get specific dates for the films or to learn more about them, go to Arlington Street Church's website at www.ASCBoston.org/films/. If you have questions about the films or suggestions, please e-mail us at SocialAction@ASCBoston.org. ☉

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The fifth and final step is to apply for Green Sanctuary Accreditation. This spring, the Arlington Street Church congregation voted affirmatively to apply for accreditation as a Green Sanctuary. Joan undertook the task of documenting all the completed activities and submitting our final report to the Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth. Appropriately, she was the Green Sanctuary Committee's representative at the Unitarian Universalist Association's General Assembly in June, where Arlington Street Church was recognized as one of fourteen nationwide Unitarian Universalist congregations that were green sanctuary certified in 2006.

In late September, the Green Sanctuary Committee gathered in the pulpit, where Joan announced Arlington Street Church's accomplishment. She listed a number of the certifying activities and asked congregants to stand if they had participated in any of them. Before long it appeared as though the entire congregation was on its feet! So you see, we were all involved in one way or another in becoming a green sanctuary!

Following Joan's unexpected and saddening passing just a couple weeks later, Kim rallied us in her October 29th sermon to "finish Joan's work." Let's continue to work toward strengthening our individual and congregational commitment to choices and actions more congruent with building a sustainable future for all of life. We are, after all, all in this together! ☉

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studying scripture, working definitions for numerous influential holy writings, and a little hands-on practice wrestling with and interpreting spiritual texts in community.

Corporation Meeting Sunday, March 25th, 2007

Voicing your opinion about this church's future is a spiritual passion! Come practice a different form of spirituality.

Dhikrullah (ذكر) **for Beginners**

Sunday, April 1st, 2007

To engage in Dhikr (pronounced zicker) is to have an awareness of Allah (G*d). Observed by practitioners of Islam, Dhikr is often ritualized through chant, song, and movement by many Sufi orders. Join intern minister, Mr. Barb Greve, in this **Dhikrullah for Beginners**, where we will learn how to prepare for Dhikr (Wudu) and engage in the ritual itself. No experience necessary. All ages and abilities welcome. Wear comfortable clothing.

Inside Out April 15th, 2007

See the "Inside Out" description on page 8 for more information about this interdisciplinary workshop.

In this final workshop of the four-performance series attendees will explore themes related to the creative process in all aspects of life. Boston Conservatory Chamber Players with Eli Epstein, conductor, perform Darius Milhaud's *Creation of the World*, inspired by music in Harlem jazz clubs and African creation myths.

See www.ASCBoston.org for the most up-to-date Spiritual Passions information. ☉

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of your members, I would love to talk more [about it with you]. Thanks for considering this. You are the very first group we have reached out to, and I can think of none better."

I was tremendously moved by this. Bob and I set up a date to meet, and were joined by Madaline Keros, who works in the offices of the Harvard Law School's Negotiation Clinical Program (HNCP), a semester-long course designed to teach students principles of restorative justice, victim-offender mediation, and other facilitative processes, with the goal of bringing some measure of peace to survivors of the Catholic sex-abuse scandal.

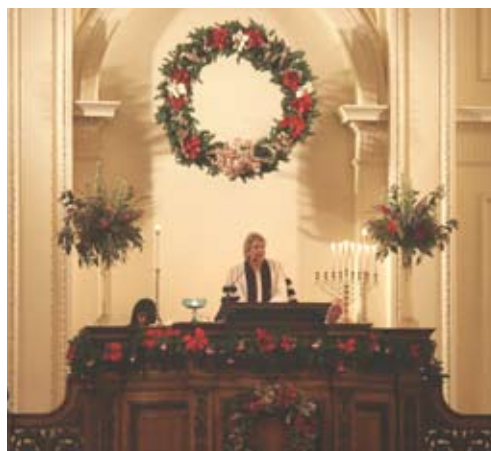
Bob has taken a formal leave of absence from the priesthood to give himself to this work. Like me, he is tremendously compelled by South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation (TRC) process, and by the models for peacemaking in Northern Ireland. Madaline comes to this work as a former case worker in a mediation center in the Appalachian region of Virginia, and as a Catholic.

After a wide-ranging conversation, circling around to heartfelt agreement on one of my favorite Catholic topics—the creation of an American Catholic Church, distinguished by its independence from Rome, its married clergy, and its absence from the

bedrooms of both its members and non-members – we agreed to join forces and enter into our own TRC project.

If you are a disaffected Catholic, and would like to join us in this venture, please let me know by calling Corey Spence at the church office (617-536-7050, ext. 10, or by e-mailing him at office@ASCBoston.org). Bob and Madaline will join us for worship on January 7th, so you can meet them, and then Bob, Madaline,

and I would like to gather our first group of ten or so on Sunday, February 4th, from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. If that date is not good for you, Bob has promised that he will return to Arlington



Street Church over and over, until every last one among you has been heard!

I am proud that Arlington Street is spiritual home and beloved community to so many who were turned away at their childhood doorsteps. I am honored that Arlington Street has been chosen to pilot this important project. And I am grateful to join with all of you in our great mission of love and service, justice and peace. ☉

Faithfully yours, with love,

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