

THE SMALL GROUP MINISTRY TASK FORCE PRESENTS  
**Gathering the Power of Small Group Ministry**

March 8 at Allen Avenue UU Church, 524 Allen Avenue, Portland, Maine

March 15 at First Universalist Church, 9 Easy Street, Pittsfield, Maine

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM each day

For all congregations <><> All interested people

Congregations that have Small Group Ministry and those considering starting

Congregational Leaders, Ministers, Coordinators, Facilitators

Bring a team!

Proposed Schedule:

9:00 AM Registration/gathering/refreshments

9:15 AM Welcome and Overview of the Conference

9:30 AM Sessions by Interest. Choose one on the Registration Form

1. "Starting Small Group Ministry Program in Your Church" *Rev. Helen Zidowecki*  
Leadership & congregational buy-in, role of minister, selection/training of facilitators,  
time-line and public relations. *Includes Small Group Ministry in smaller congregations.*

2. "Facilitators—New and Experienced" *Carol Hayden*

Facilitators, bring your questions and your comments, along with your hair-raising and hand-clapping experiences! There will be ideas and resources regarding facilitation

3. "Questions and Answers for Ministers, Coordinators, Steering Committee members" *Kathy Kellison*  
Bring your puzzlements and inquiries, your frustrations and "Yes!" moments. What are the challenges of coordinating and sustaining Small Group Ministry?

4. Children's Program for children under 12 years of age. (Youth can participate in the above sessions.)

12:30 Reconvene as total group to consider Likes and Wishes and What we are taking home

1:00 Adjourn (Lunch not provided)

REGISTER by February 29 at a conference fee of \$10. March 1 the registration fee is \$13. Children under 12 years are free.

To register, send this form to: Unitarian Universalist District Office, 10 Ferry Street, Suite #318, Concord, NH, or go on-line at [www.nhvt.uua.org](http://www.nhvt.uua.org) (with credit card and fee of \$1.50)

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# GATHERING THE POWER OF SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

Check One:  March 8, 2008 Allen Avenue  March 15, 2008 Pittsfield

*Please submit a separate registration form for each workshop, if attending both days.*

**Register by Friday, February 29 at \$10; cost as of March 1 is \$13 (children free)**

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Congregation Name \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Please list names and circle workshop choices below. 1) Starting the SGM 2) Facilitators  
3) Questions and Answers 4) Children's Program (give age in years)

Name1 \_\_\_\_\_ (Child, give age) \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Workshop Choice (*circle one*)      1 2 3 4

Name2 \_\_\_\_\_ (Child, give age) \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Workshop Choice (*circle one*)      1 2 3 4

Name3 \_\_\_\_\_ (Child, give age) \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Workshop Choice (*circle one*)      1 2 3 4

*Please note any considerations, such as Dietary & Mobility to make the conference comfortable for you:* \_\_\_\_\_  
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## **Your Congregation's experience with Small Group Ministry.**

*This information will be compiled for a conference handout.*

When your program started (date) \_\_\_\_\_ Just starting \_\_\_\_\_  
Considering phase \_\_\_\_\_ Congregational size \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of SGM groups that are meeting \_\_\_\_\_  
Congregational Contact regarding SGM \_\_\_\_\_  
Specific comments:

Specific items that you would like to have addressed in the conference: