





Day/Date	Time	Event	Room	Notes
<b>Thursday October 11</b>				
	8:00:am- Noon	MDD Board Meeting	Ponderosa	
	Noon	MDD Lunch		
	1:30 pm – 5:00 pm	MDD Board Meeting	Ponderosa	
	6:30 pm -	MDD Board Dinner with BUUF Board	Fellowship Hall	2032 Central
<b>Friday October 12</b>				
	8:am - Noon	MDD Board Meeting	Ponderosa	
	9:00 am – Noon	Exhibitor & Bookstore set up	Cottonwood	
	11:30 am – 9:30 pm	Registration	Atrium	
		Silent Auction items will be on display	Cottonwood	Can begin to make bids
	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	<b>President’s Forum</b>	Big Horn	MDD Board meets with Congregational leaders
	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Small group meetings	Gallatin	Upon request by small groups
	5:00 pm – 5:15 pm	Banner Carriers	Bitterroot	Banner carriers will meet with banners in the Stillwater Room
	4:30 pm – 5:15 pm	<b>All Conference Reception</b>	Missouri	Appetizer’s served – Hosted by Conference Committee
	5:30 pm – 5:45 pm	Welcome and Introductions	Missouri	Katherine Jabs, Donald Seibert, Montana Ministers, MDD Exec.
	5:45 pm – 6:00 pm	<b>Banner Parade</b>	Missouri	Rev. Wanda Daniel, Judy Fjell
	6:00 pm – 6:30 pm	<b>Opening Worship, Ingathering</b>	Missouri	Rev. Wanda Daniel, Billings UU Fellowship
	6:30 pm – 9:30 PM	Ranch Hands Buffet Keynote speaker	Missouri	Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker, President of Starr King School for the Ministry in Berkeley, CA is speaking on her book, <i>Saving Paradise</i>
	9:30 pm – 11:00 pm	<b>Western Band &amp; Dance</b>	Missouri	
<b>Saturday 10/13</b>				
	7:00 am – 8:15 am	Beartooth Buffet	Poolside	Breakfast
	8:00 am – 1:30 pm	Registration/Information	Atrium	Childcare begins 8:30 am – 8:00 PM
	8:00 am- 8:30 pm	<b>Worship Service</b>	Big Horn complex	Rev. Armida Alexander, Glacier UU Fellowship Kalispell, MT Big Horn, Lewis & Clark & Yellowstone combined (240)
	8:00 am	Exhibits, vendors and bookstore setup	Cottonwood	Exhibits, vendors & bookstores will be open all day & evenings.
	8:30 am – 10:30 am	<b>Business Meeting</b>	Big Horn	Complex - Open to all
	10:30 am – 10:45 am	Refreshment Break	Cottonwood	
	<b>10:45 am – 11:55 am</b>	<b>Morning Workshops Begin</b>		
	Workshop 1	Keynote Conversation - Rev. Rebecca Parker	Big Horn (100)	A conversation with Rev. Parker on her talk from Friday night.
	Workshop 2 	Worldviews and Spirituality -Walter Gulick Mr. Gulick is a professor emeritus of Philosophy, Humanities, and Religious Studies at Montana State University-Billings, and has taught abroad in five countries and has been awarded two Fulbright Fellowships .	Spruce (30)	Mr. Gulick will outline ways we engage the world through culturally shaped worldviews with a spiritual twist. Participants will be given outlines of alternatives to which they are encouraged to respond by offering personal experiences which illuminate (or question) the worldviews listed. The goal will be to deepen participants’ understanding of spiritual alternatives and their consequences.
	Workshop 3	<b>Interactive Worship Ideas</b> – Elizabeth Mount	Madison (50)	UU young people and young adults are experts in creating interactive worship services which appeal to many congregational members. Several models will be presented, including worship circles, integrating worship with community service, and Soulful Sundowns.

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	Workshop 4 	<b>MDD In Action</b> – Dea Ray, Chris Sealy and Deborah Holder  Rev. Deborah Holder is the new MDD Program Consultant and Cluster coordinator	Lewis & Clark (60)	Let's consider the possibility of all MDD congregations scheduling a Social Action Weekend in April 2008. Members of Jefferson Unitarian Church will tell you of their experience. We will see some of their video and Deborah Holder will explore how the district could help coordinate this exciting event across the inter-mountain west. Please send a congregational delegate. (PP)
	Workshop 5	<b>Junior and Senior High Youth Advisor Training</b> – Kathy Vaughn MDD Youth Coordinator	Ponderosa (18)	The nuts and bolts of working with youth –both junior and senior high will be considered. This is an opportunity to network with others doing the work and learn how to build community within your congregation and across clusters of congregations.
	Workshop 6	<b>Creation Spirituality for Unitarian Universalist</b> – Rev. Barry Bloom	Yellowstone (80)	Creation Spirituality is as old as the human experience on Earth. Together we will: remember what it feels like to feel awe as we look at the incredible power and scope of the universe; practice ritual to bring the here and now experience into being; talk about what it means to live a life of love and compassion; and review the science that affirms the wisdom that the ancient ones passed on to us (PP)
	Workshop 7	<b>Where Two Cultural Narratives Collide: The Corps of Discovery</b> – Alanna Brown (Bozeman) A scholar of Native American Literature,	Jefferson (25)	The workshop leader will draw directly from written translations of oral accounts surrounding the coming of the Corps of Discovery to the Northwest, as well as, oral accounts grounded in Sacajewea's own recollections. A more complex appreciation needs to arise in the consciousness of the dominant culture about "Manifest Destiny". .
	12:00 pm – 1:15 pm	Grand Montana Delicatessen	Poolside	Lunch
	1:30 pm – 2:40 pm	<b>Early Afternoon Workshops</b>		
	Workshop 8	<b>Story of Place, Story of Self</b> – Joan Trent Master of Environmental Science, 29 years as natural resource sociologist for Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service looking at the effects of Bureau activities on interested publics and communities; special interests: social impact assessment, sense of place, attitudes toward natural resource issue	Spruce (30)	The workshop will begin with a personal description of Ms Trent's own special place in Michigan and how it influenced her life choices in terms of family relationships, where she lives, how she views time, and the vocation she pursued. The workshop will then ask people about their special places and how they have been influenced by them. Finally, she will present some environmental psychology research findings that reinforce how the environment influences our quality of life through our relationships with places.
	Workshop 9	<b>Connecting with Social Software</b> – Sue Reymer. Ms. Reymer is a tech consultant with the Montana State Library and has presented numerous workshops on web development and social software for Montana librarians.	Ponderosa (18)	In this workshop, we'll look at some of the social software options available (blogs, wikis, online calendars, RSS, podcasts, etc.) and discuss ways they might be used by our congregations.. Everyone should leave with some new ideas and tools to try.
	Workshop 10	<b>Ways to Lead Congregations to a Multiracial and multicultural Future</b> – Barbara Avent  Ms Avent is a candidate for UU ministry and student at Iliff School of Theology, Mountain Desert District community ministry intern, and	Yellowstone (80)	This workshop will identify what is a multiracial/multicultural congregation. Why it is important to have a vision and what are the pros and cons of growing multicultural and multiethnic congregations. There will be time for participants to understand how stories are important in creating this type of congregation and participants will learn how to create and hold a vision. UU churches across the nation

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		Beyond Categorical Thinking (BCT) trainer..		who are already multiracial and multicultural will be discussed.
	Workshop 11	<b>Yellowstone River as Spiritual Connection</b> – Susan Gilbertz MS. Gilbertz is Asst Professor of Geography and Director of Environmental Studies at MSU—Billings.	Lewis & Clark	For some, the river and its environs seem to allow the spiritual connection to be made. Perhaps the debates concerning land uses and residential and industrial development are connected to deeply held convictions regarding (natures?!God’s?) perfection. This workshop will consider our own ideas about the places in which we experience spirituality: (PP)
	Workshop 12	<b>Congregations in Community</b> – Deborah Holder  Rev. Deborah Holder is the new MDD Program Consultant and Cluster coordinator. She will be joined by leaders of the New Mexico Councils Project	Madison	How do we worship? What do we teach in our congregations? How do we train and support lay and ordained leaders? How do we practice justice and healing both within and beyond congregational walls? These are “abiding questions” in every congregation. Building on New Mexico successes, Congregations in Community offers clusters of UU congregation’s opportunities to develop shared expectations and programs.
	Workshop 13	<b>Bonds Mission – A Unitarian School for Crow Children 1886-1897</b> From 1982-1985 Marge Pease researched the school’s history at the UUA Archives at Harvard Divinity School, seeking her husband’s family history as well.	Big Horn (100)	This dramatic presentation is the story of two Unitarian ministers and their wives who came to Montana from 1886 through 1897, building and administering a school for Crow Indian children. For eleven years they educated children toward possible assimilation in a boarding school by the Bighorn River. Remembrances by tribal members were always positive.
	Workshop 14	<b>MDD Conference Choir Practice</b> – Elizabeth Rose. Choir Director—UU Fellowship of Bozeman Professional Singer and guitarist.	Gallatin	The primary goal is to provide a choir for the MDD 2007 Conference. While doing this we will also introduce the participants to new songs to take back to their choirs and congregations. And we will have a lot of fun doing this.
	2:40 pm – 3:00 pm	Refreshment Break	Cottonwood	
	<b>3:00 pm– 4:10 pm</b>	<b>Mid Afternoon Workshops</b>		
	Workshop 15 	<b>Sustainability on a Shoestring: Cutting the Cost Concern</b> - Kristen Prinzing Ms. Prinzing teaches in the Environmental Studies Dept at MSU- Billings. She has a Masters of Education with an emphasis in environmental philosophy and citizen education. She directs a small nonprofit educational organization	Spruce (30)	This workshop will examine how to embrace sustainable practices in our congregations without invoking budgetary concerns and look at the bottom line of becoming green through using a short term, medium term and long term evaluative tool. We will discuss how large a role frugality and thrift can play in the greening of your congregation, and we will discuss the common concerns that people raise when faced with the prospect of becoming green.
	Workshop 16	<b>Junior and Senior High Youth Advisor Training</b> – Kathy Vaughn	Jefferson (25)	Continuation of Previous workshop (previously in Ponderosa)
	Workshop 17	<b>Seven Sure-Fire Suggestions for Spoiling a Sunday Service</b> – Rev. Marc Salkin  Rev. Salkin is a UU parish minister since 1973, with experience in small, large, and medium congregations.	Madison (50)	For anyone who has worship responsibilities on a Sunday, this workshop, will show how, in seven easy steps, disaster may be plucked from the jaws of victory and a really awful Sunday morning experience created. Workshop attendees will pool their wisdom and memories to create a list of practices guaranteed to drive all but the hardest attendees to the golf course or rival congregation.

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	Workshop 18	<b>JUUST Journey: UUSC Takes Us Around the World</b> – Rev. Liz McMaster  Rev. McMaster is a Retired UU minister with exposure to Central and South American social, cultural and political issues	Lewis & Clark (60)	Rev. McMaster traveled with UUSC's <b>JUUST Journeys</b> to Mexico this year on Globalization and Workers Rights, an adventure which exposed the plight of Mexican workers as a result of NAFTA and other US policies toward that country. The purpose of the <b>Journeys</b> program is to give UU's greater insights into the struggles of the world's people as related to environmental degradation, human rights, and political/social injustices. (PP)
	Workshop 19	<b>An Invitation to Engage</b> - Paula Cole-Jones & Deborah Holder Paula Cole-Jones is a life long Unitarian Universalist and member of All Souls Church in Washington, DC.	Big Horn	This workshop will share information, stories and strategies that have helped congregation address goals of multi-culturalism with sensitivity and integrity. Paula is an experienced trainer in her professional and volunteer lives.
	Workshop 20	<b>Young Adult Resources for Congregations</b> – Jessie Trovik: Jessie Trovik is the Young Adult and Campus Ministry Coordinator for MDD.	Ponderosa	Jessie will share the district and national resources available to congregations that seek to provide relevant and inviting program for young adults in their areas. We'll discuss how to get started, what are the unique needs of young adults, how much support is helpful.
	Workshop 21 	<b>Making Reproductive Rights a Reality</b> Anne Mahoney, Rhoda Whitney and Sally Isaacson All are members of The Freedom Fund. Anne Mahoney is Prof. Emeritus of Sociology at the Univ. of Denver. Ms. Whitney is a member at First Universalist Church and Sally Isaacson is a member of First Unitarian Society.	Yellowstone (80)	First Universalist Church of Denver established The Freedom Fund to help women exercise their reproductive rights when Colorado voters passed a constitutional amendment denying Medicaid funding for abortions in 1984. We will explore the need for this kind of assistance, resources, and materials to help UU congregations provide assistance in their local areas. We will share resources and information from the National Network of Abortion Funds (PP)
	4:15 pm– 5:00 pm	Choir 2 <sup>nd</sup> Practice	Gallatin	Led by Elizabeth Rose
	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Reception by Montana. Cluster Bookstore – exhibits – vendors open	Gallatin, etc Cottonwood	Gallatin/Bitterroot/Stillwater Complex Cash Bar Silent Auction items moved to Gallatin
	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Dinner - Trout Almondine, Swiss Steak Speaker	Gallatin	Dr. Janine Pease, Crow Indian Educator & Civil Rights Activist Crow Stories: Heroes, Tricksters & Homelands.
		Last Chance to bid on Silent Auction Items	Gallatin	
	8:00 PM	Silent Auction closes	Gallatin	Winners will pick up items.
	8:00 pm – 8:45 pm	<b>Indian Dancing &amp; Drummers</b>	Gallatin	
	9:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Vespers	Gallatin	Rev. Lois Van Leer, Rev. Shawn Parker Dennison, Judy Fjell
<b>Sunday, October 14</b>				
	8:00 am – 9:00 am	Big Sky Buffet	Poolside	Breakfast
	8:00 am - 12:30 pm	Exhibits & Bookstore open	Cottonwood	
	9:00 am – 11:00 am	Information Table	Cottonwood	Drop off evaluations, recycle name tags, etc.
	9:30 am – 10:30 am	Choir Practice	Billings Hotel	
	10:30 am – 11:30 am	<b>Worship – Billings Hotel &amp; Convention Center</b>	Billings Hotel	Rev. Lois Van Leer – UU Fellowship of Bozeman Montana Nursery Care Available
	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Post Worship – Coffee & Snacks	Atrium	
	12:30 pm	Exhibitor takedown & Bookstore closes	Cottonwood	