

Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



A Welcoming Congregation

September 2006

September Sunday Services

September 3, 10:00 A.M.

“Gathering of the Waters Ceremony”

Peggy Albers. We celebrate coming together in the fall and learn a little about each other in this annual celebration. Please bring a sample of water from your summer travels (or your own backyard) to mingle with our water from the past 11 years and tell us a little bit about your journey. This will be an intergenerational service with families encouraged to share their stories together. “Water – Abundance and Scarcity” will be the theme.

September 10, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

“Dimensions of Religion: The Ritual Dimension”

Rev. Bode. Scholar of world religions, Ninian Smart, identifies six typical dimensions of organized religion. This sermon series will explore each of these dimensions as they apply to religion in general and more specifically as they apply to liberal religion and our Fellowship. We begin with the ritual dimension.

September 17, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

“Dimensions of Religion: The Mythological Dimension”

Rev. Bode. The second sermon in this series exploring the various aspects of organized religion focuses on a religion’s myths, “myth” here used positively to refer to the central stories that are told and lived out in a given religion.

September 17, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

“Dimensions of Religion: The Doctrinal Dimension”

Rev. Bode. The third sermon in this series takes a look at the doctrinal dimension of religion, the attempt to give systematic shape and intellectual power to one’s religious approach.

Special Congregational Meeting on Growth

Sunday, September 17 - 12:30 PM

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The complete event calendar is available on our website: www.quuf.org.

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Looking Ahead to the 2006-2007 Church Year



I hope the summer months have treated you kindly and been a time of refreshment. I was able to take a deep breath from mid-June to mid-July, and I'd like to thank the QUUF lay speakers and the members of the Sunday Services Committee for again providing some very fine services – I've listened to most of them on tape – during my break from the pulpit. Those speakers to be thanked are: Dana Fickeisen, Karen Frank, & Daniel Nidzgorski; Kees & Helen Kolff; Don Berg; Val Hampson; Don & Celeste Dybeck; David Rymph; Joseph Bednarik. And the members of the Sunday Services Committee who arranged for these speakers are: Shary Irwin, Judy Tough, Jeanette Richoux, Debbie Neville, Helen Kolff, and Celeste Dybeck.

For our Capital Campaign and Building Committees the summer months have been anything but lazy and hazy. After the congregational go-ahead at our Annual Meeting on June 12, the Capital Campaign Committee organized a financial feasibility study conducted by UUA consultant Aggie Sweeney. Her written report is anticipated by the time you read this. Our Building Committee, following congregational approval to select an architect, chose local architect Richard Berg to design a building plan for us. (For more detail on these developments, please see pages 8 & 9 in this Newsletter.)

As we begin this new church year – September 10 is “Opening Sunday” – our entire staff will be returning with one exception, namely, Karmen Meier, who served us wonderfully as the Assistant Director of Religious Education for four years. Karmen is taking a full-time teaching position at the Mountain View Elementary School. We are grateful to Karmen for her splendid work here and wish her the very best in her new position!

We are pleased to welcome as our new Assistant RE Director, Jenell DeMatteo, who, fortunately for us, has previous experience in this position with the Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Bremerton. You will have a chance to meet Jenell on Opening Sunday.

As we undertake building expansion plans in this coming year, I thought I would begin with a sermon series related to the various dimensions of a religious community. Following the lead of English scholar of world religions Ninian Smart, I will address six dimensions of religion – the ritual, mythological, doctrinal, ethical, social, and experiential dimensions – considering them as they apply to religion in general and more specifically how they apply to liberal religion and our congregation. The idea of this opening sermon series is to assist us in clarifying who we are as a religious community and what we should be about, both inwardly and outwardly.

This promises to be a high-energy year in the life of QUUF. Fasten your seat belts!

August 22, 2006

Bruce A. Bode

PS. Don't forget the last service of the summer, the “Gathering of the Waters Service,” led by Peggy Albers on Sunday, September 3, 10:00 a.m.

Office Offerings

Days are shorter, nights are cooler, leaves already starting to turn. Fall is a mellow kind of season, but a very busy one at QUUF. On September 11th, office hours go back to 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday.

There is an opening for an office helper in the 3-5 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays slot. Easy, pleasant duty! Call Nancy if you can help.

THANK YOU to the newsletter assembly team for the July/August issue: Helen Oakland and Mona Steffle.



Are You A Chalice Lighter?

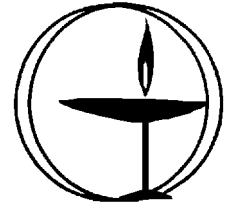
The Chalice Lighter Program is a unique giving circle coordinated by the Pacific Northwest District of the Unitarian Universalist Association. Individuals throughout the district join the program by committing to giving a minimum of \$10 when asked to do so - up to three times per year. By pooling these minimal contributions from hundreds of UU families, the district can raise thousands of dollars to meet specific needs of congregations. And of course, you are welcome to contribute more than the minimum \$10.

If 30% of the members of any congregation are Chalice Lighters, then that congregation qualifies to apply for a Chalice Lighter grant. When QUUF built its current building in 1996, we met that requirement, and we applied for and received a Chalice Lighter grant to fund our entryway.

Now, fewer than 15% of our members are Chalice Lighters. We hope to revive the enthusiasm for this worthy cause! It helps all of the congregations in our district, and if enough of us sign up, we may become eligible for a grant to help fund our building expansion. Brochures, including enrollment forms, are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Additional information is available at <http://www.pnwdd.org/pages/chalicalighters.php>

Special Congregational Meeting September 17



Special Congregational Meeting on Growth Sunday, September 17 - 12:30 PM in the Sanctuary

QUUF's Board of Directors has called a special meeting to discuss and vote on a capital campaign for building expansion. This is your chance to make your voice and vote heard in the future of QUUF.

Voting Procedure

- Thirty percent of current confirmed members constitute a quorum.
- Voting will be by written ballot. To pass, any measure must receive a majority of ballots cast.
- Confirmed members of QUUF are eligible to vote. Sign in and receive a ballot between the first and second services and after the second service.
- If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may file a proxy with the Secretary before the beginning of the meeting. Proxy forms will be available in the rear of the sanctuary for several weeks before the meeting. No person present may cast more than two proxy votes. Only members at the meeting may act as proxy.

Meeting Agenda

- Presentation of results of the Capital Campaign Feasibility Study.
- Vote on moving forward with a capital campaign to raise money for building expansion.

OTHER MEETINGS (irregular ones not listed)

Building & Grounds	2 nd Thurs.	4:30 p.m. R.E. 2
Membership / Hosp. Comm.	3 rd Thurs.	3:30-5:30 p.m. R.E. 2
C.Y.R.E.	2 nd Tues.	7-9 p.m. R.E. 3 & 5
Y.R.U.U.	2 nd & 4 th Sun.	7-8:30 p.m. R.E. 2

Children & Youth Religious Education

DRE Kathy Stevenson kstevenson@olympus.net

CYRE Calendar

Sept 3	Water Communion Intergenerational Service 10:00
Sept 10	Opening Sunday 9:15 & 11:15 All church Picnic HJ Carroll 4-7pm First YRUU 6-8:00
Sept 12	CYRE (Children and Youth RE) Committee 7:00
Sept 25	UU Drug Education (UUDEP) Parent meeting 7:00
Sept 30	QUUF Rummage Sale
Sept 29-Oct 1	Puget Sound Middle School Conference
Oct 13-15	YRUU PNWD Youth Con
Oct 15	Capital Campaign Kickoff Event
Oct 20	Harvest Potluck and Party
Oct 21	WAVE Food Drive

Quotes from last year's Bridging Seniors:

Sebastian Edgerton: *"Being a UU is like being a willow tree; I bend and turn in the wind of indecision -- the willow tree is like the free will and acceptance of UUism, and the wind is like me falling into the caring hands of a Unitarian community; You."*

Rob Goldstein: *"I understand and accept and value and cherish and enjoy so much more now than I ever did before UUism came into my life."*

WELCOME TO JENELL DEMATTEO who is our new RE Assistant. Jenell has been the RE Assistant at Kitsap UU Fellowship for 4 years, so comes to us with an understanding of Unitarian Universalism and what is involved in running an RE program.

REGISTRATION for returning children is done by simply affirming verbally or via email that you are registering your child. If your child was not active last year, please fill out the registration form. There is no longer a fee.

CURRICULUM this year for Sunday mornings will be UU Identity in the fall, Jewish and Christian Heritage winter/spring. Our title for the year is: Family Tree of UU Super Heros.

OUR RE LIBRARY has many new books for children, youth and parents. Please borrow, AND please return them when you are done.

YRUU (Young Religious UUs) 9-12th grades Greetings to returning YRUUers and a big welcome to interested new YRUU members! Marc Gordon has been joined by 3 additional adults, allowing for weekly meetings 6-8 pm on Sundays. If you didn't receive a letter, contact Marc or Kathy, or just show up Sept 10th, 6:00. Thanks to Daniel Nidzgorski, Gayle Kaune and Stephanie Anderson for your excitement and willingness to be Youth Advisors.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFERENCE will be held Sept 29-Oct 1 on Vashon Island.

Anyone in grades 6-8 (or home school equivalent) are invited to attend. Call Kathy immediately if you are interested.

UU Family Resources

QUUF adult library

QUUF children's library in RE Building hallway (includes parenting)

UUA Bookstore—www.uua.org/bookstore or 1-800-215-9076

UUA Links to many topics - www.uua.org

UU Families link - www.uua.org/families

UU World Magazine - mailed to members or on-line www.uuworld.org

Church of the Larger Fellowship - www.uua.org/clf-jewelry, sermons, RE

Uni-unique - www.uniuniques.com - jewelry, mugs, shirts, books

Needed: Compasses to borrow for the year. Speak to Kathy if you can help.

September 24 (Sunday): The **Clallam County Peace Coalition** will sponsor a workshop at the Port Angeles Unitarian Fellowship. Donna Zajonc will be speaking at the Unitarian service (10:30 am) which will be followed at 1:00 pm by a 90-minute workshop. Cost for the workshop, including her book "Politics of Hope" is \$17. If coming for the church service prior to the workshop it would be a good idea to bring a bag lunch. For more information contact Kassandra Kersting 360-582-0812 or wwkassandrak@netzero.com

QUUF Events

Opening Sunday - September 10

All Church Picnic

H. J. Carroll Park - 4pm – 7pm

To begin our new church year on September 10, the Membership Committee and Staff are planning a late afternoon/early evening potluck picnic. Please plan to join us at H. J. Carroll Park, Rhody Drive (Hwy. 19) in Chimacum, from 4pm-7pm for FUN, FOOD, and FRIVOLITY.

Bring a potluck dish to share, place settings (plates, cups, tableware) for your family, and drinks (non-alcoholic). The Membership Committee will provide watermelon and cookies. Picnic tables are available but it might be a good idea to bring folding chairs and a blanket. We will plan to eat around 5:30 after some fun and games. There will be softball, basketball, croquet and any other games you might wish to bring. There is also a trail to walk and a playground for young children. This will be a good old-fashioned family picnic. Contact Barb Dyer with questions or if you will need a ride. Hope you can join us for the fun.

QUUF Annual Rummage Sale, Sat. Sept. 30th

This is a reminder to start going through your “stuff” and finding treasures for our annual rummage sale. We will not be accepting computers and components or clothing. If you have certain items that you just can't store until Sept. call Susan Euro at 385-6287, she may be able to arrange temporary storage. If you are willing to help set up or work the sale, please sign up in the back of the sanctuary. We will need workers Wednesday through Friday before the sale and then of course the day of the sale. This is an important fundraiser for the church that you can help make a success by donating your gently used items and divesting of unneeded goods. Check the Sunday bulletins for more details or contact Susan Euro (385-6287) or Flossie Bode (385-3116)

Fiction Reading

Marcia Lewton will read choice selections from *Hello, Gorgeous!*, her new novel, at 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 24, in the QUUF sanctuary. This story will be of particular interest to fellowship members since it deals with the havoc a whole community endures when the minister is arrested for child molesting and a rified tech writer tries to freelance the story. Details can be found at <http://www.trafford.com/06-1298>.

First Friendship Supper of the New Season

The third Saturday evening is our usual date for this informal small group gathering. The host usually makes the main dish and others bring the rest for a shared, fun, delicious meal. This format is not cast in stone however, and if anyone has alternative ideas, let's hear them!

The other small gatherings are the Covenant Groups and the ALPs courses. Both provide a structured opportunity to become acquainted with others who attend QUUF. The Friendship Suppers are less structured (like **none** unless the host has some wild idea) and have no followup homework.

Starting in October, Patricia Weedman is going to take over the job of organizing these monthly gatherings. It is a small job, requiring an hour or two each month. If you have an interest in serving in the "organizer" capacity next year, speak to Patricia. It is a great way to get to know people.

For questions or to reserve a spot for the September supper, call Jenifer Taylor at 360 385-3666 (jentaylor@olympus.net)

Newcomer Orientations Begin October 18

The fall newcomer orientations begin October 18 and continue for two more Wednesday evenings. The membership committee offers these three times a year: a series of three evenings in fall and spring plus a Saturday in February. Anyone who has been attending services and/or other fellowship events and wishes to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and this fellowship is welcome. Attendance is especially important for those considering membership. Rev. Bruce Bode and members provide information, with much time for questions and discussion. Please register at the greeters' table where more information will soon be available, check with the office, or call Barb Dyer (379-0353). Childcare is provided for these 7 to 9 PM meetings.

**"Save the date -- October 15 -- for
"Imagine"!**

FALL IN THE ALPS Adult Learning Programs (ALPs)

September to December 2006

'Great Turning' Seminar, Bob Schultz, facilitator. Bainbridge Island author David Korten has published a new book, *The Great Turning: From Empire to Earth Community?* in which he considers the sobering prospect that humankind is now facing a "great unraveling" of the ties that have made our earthly existence possible, even good (sometimes). To avoid the potentially tragic consequences of peak oil, global warming, destructive militarism, and other forces pressing in on us, he argues that we must forsake "dominating hierarchies" and turn to an "earth community", i.e., one that is localized, feminized, bottom-up, earth-friendly, with community-based leadership, new stories and a new spiritual orientation. We'll discuss 2 or 3 of his chapters each **Thursdays, 3-5 PM, Sept. 14 to Dec. 14**. Bob is a retired professor of philosophy, Univ. of Washington, Bothel and University of Denver. For an overview of Korten's book, visit www.greatturning.org and click on the book title, or get a copy of *Yes! magazine*, Summer '06. To enroll and to obtain the book (\$19, at a group discount), call or email Jim Oakland (jhoakland@olympus.net, 379-6561). Enrollment maximum: 20. Questions? email or call Bob Schultz at rschultz@olympus.net or 379-3397.

National Security, Jack Salmon, facilitator. Political liberals often become anti-military and scorn national security, which in my opinion is an error. But political conservatives venerate national security and often verge on militarism, which in my opinion is dangerous. What's your opinion? How do you know whether you know what you're talking about? In the name of national security we pay taxes and blood, kill and are killed, become voluntary (or involuntary) slaves -- so do we have it? How much do we have? Do we need more? Can we live with less? How do we get it/enough of it? Can we have too much? Do people in other countries have national security? Does anybody really know? Can we trust anybody -- NY Times, President Bush, the barkeep at PT Brewing -- to tell us the truth about national security? **Four Tuesdays, 7-9 PM, Sept. 19-Oct. 10**. Discussion leader: Jack Salmon, retired professor of international relations and adjunct professor of strategy and policy for the US Naval War College.

Other Cultures, Other Peoples, Jim Oakland, facilitator. Most of us are so deeply and unconsciously immersed in our own culture that we don't easily grasp how differently other cultures can perceive events, people, life and us, or how similar acts can have quite different meanings. Consider a few intriguing questions: Is there such a thing as progress? Are modern technological nations really happier and better off than "primitive" hunter-gatherer societies? What is the cultural significance of gift giving? What are the subtle social and psychological rules we follow when we give a gift, and which obligate us when we receive one? How common is cannibalism today? What are the different types of cannibalism, and the beliefs associated with them? Does our economic system make sense when viewed culturally? In a series of *video lectures* (two each evening), Prof. Edward F. Fischer (Vanderbilt University) will introduce us to the discipline of Cultural Anthropology (including looking at these and other questions). Discussion will follow each lecture. **Wednesdays, 5-6:45 PM, Sept. 20 to Dec. 13**. Questions? call or email Jim Oakland, 379-6561, jhoakland@olympus.net.

Owning Your Religious Past, Bruce Bode, facilitator. This five-week class is geared for you who have been raised in a religious tradition other than that of the Unitarian Universalist tradition (though all are welcome). It provides an opportunity, in a small group setting, to examine your religious past: to see what you've left behind, what you've brought with you, what you might yet need to let go of, and what you might want to consider bringing forward, viz., how you might re-shape, re-configure, re-image, and re-imagine your religious past. Each session will use an exercise aimed at exploring different aspects of your religious past, such as: important places, special persons, and major changes and developments in regard to beliefs, values, behaviors, and understandings. **Tuesdays, 7-9 PM, Oct. 17-Nov. 14, >OR< Fridays, 10 AM-12 N, Oct. 13-Nov.10**. Feel free to invite friends or neighbors, though note that registration is limited to 20. I will lead as many classes as there is interest. Questions? call or email Bruce Bode, 379-0609, bruce@olympus.net.

Science and Religion Discussion Group, Jim Tough, facilitator. Meets the **first Sunday of each month beginning October 1, 7-9 PM, Sanctuary**. This year we will work our way through the new book by Daniel Dennett, *"Breaking the Spell, Religion as a Natural Phenomenon"*. Dennett has written widely on many topics including consciousness and evolution. This new work seeks to understand traditional religion using the tools of science, and discusses why and how it has commanded allegiance, be-

come so potent, and shaped so many lives so strongly. In his review of the book, Jared Diamond says: "How would a visitor from Mars dispassionately explain human religion? We'll never know for sure, but my guess is that the result would be something like this crystal-clear, constantly engaging, and enjoyable new book..." If this topic appeals to you, come to the Science and Religion Discussion Group and participate in the spirited discussion. Everyone is welcome. The first meeting will be organizational. Contact Jim Tough (385-3065, tough@olympus.net) for more details.

Voluntary Simplicity, Helen Kolff, facilitator. The NW Earth Institute discussion course, "Voluntary Simplicity," delves into the meaning and practice of simplicity, the material and psychological distractions that prevent us from caring for the earth. It helps us see the connection between our lifestyle choices and the condition of the earth. Topics covered are: The meaning of simplicity, Living more with less, Your money or your life, Do you have time, How much is enough, Swimming against the tide, The practice of simplicity, and A potluck celebration. There will be an introductory presentation on **Thursday, Sept. 14, 7 PM**, where you can decide whether to take the course and order your book of readings for \$16. The course will meet **Thursdays, 7-9 PM, Sept. 21- Nov. 9**. Questions? email or call Helen Kolff at 379-4858 or helenk@olympus.net.

Work: Drudgery or Bliss? Marcia Lewton & Karen Page, facilitators. Folks who remember the classes on Family, House, and Money that Karen Page and Marcia Lewton facilitated a few years ago will want to attend their new offering on the subject of work. This class, too, will be composed of three discussion periods and one for undertaking a simple hands-on project that can be taken home to rest upon your coffee table – or hidden in your closet. For the workaholics among you there are many volumes dedicated to toning your productivity. For the lazy there's a new book available by Tom Lutz called "Doing Nothing: A History of Loafers, Loungers, Slackers, and Bums in America." Industrious Karen and Indolent Marcia promise to make this class fun. **Tuesday mornings, 10AM–12N, October 3, 10, 17, and 24, RE 2.** Class size limited to ten. Questions? email or call Karen, 385-4389, rpage@olympus.net, or Marcia, 385-4560, mlewton@olympus.net.

Chanting, Toning, and Movement: Opening Yourself to Spirit, Karen Frank, facilitator. This is a participatory, experiential group with a minimum of didactic material (maybe 10%). We'll check in briefly then

use chants from various religious traditions, toning (nonverbal sounding), and movement prayer. We'll talk about our experience with these before we leave each gathering. Group members are encouraged to bring chants they know and share them with the rest of us. Try something new (or familiar) as we expand our connection to each other and to the Transcendent. I welcome anyone over about 12 or 13 years old. The time is tentative, but I'm thinking about Tuesday afternoon. This will be **a weekly, 8-week group starting the first week of October**. Call me up and let's talk about it. Karen Frank, 385-4255.

ONGOING GROUPS:

QUUF Book Club: Meets the second Sunday each month, Sept. 10 this month, at 7:30 pm, Discovery View Apartments Lounge, 1051 Hancock Street. Barbara Dyer, coordinator, 379-0353, dyer@olympus.net. We will select books to read this year so bring books to consider--fiction, biography, memoir, history, etc.

Early Bird Sunday Book Discussion: Rev. Bode, facilitator. Meets every Sunday morning, 8-9:00 am in QUUF RE 1. Contact Rev. Bode at bruce@olympus.net or Elaine Nelson, 379-9949, elaine@zynrgy.com for information.

Big Picture Discussion Group: Patricia Weedman, facilitator, 379-8161, briahna@earthlink.net. Call Patricia for information.

Contract Bridge: Contact Barbara Jensen, 379-0556.

Knitting: Tuesdays, 3-5pm. Conversation, friendship, advice on knitting projects. Beginners welcome! Contact Nancy Shipley 385-9024.

Meditation: Monday evenings 7-8:30pm. An ongoing meditation group meeting at the home of Clara Klug, 5515 Hendricks. Meditation for 45 minutes, then selected readings and discussion. Call Clara at 385-1084 for current information.

Widow/Widower Breakfast Club: Thursdays, 8:30am. Enjoy breakfast, support and friendship. Call Nancy Shipley, 385-9024 or Lars Watson, 385-5577.

Women's Support Groups: Confidential peer support groups for women. For information call Lee Faulkner, 379-3612.

Growth News

Building Options Committee (BOC) Completes its Mission

The Building Options Committee began its work last fall with two tasks in mind: to find out what kind of new space the congregation wanted and to select an architect.

Many congregational discussion meetings during the fall and winter gave input toward the former. The committee wanted to give all QUUF members a chance to voice their opinions and wishes. The summary of these discussions can be found at www.quuf.org under “Growth News – Analysis Tool for QUUF Space and Facility Requests”, posted January 26, 2006. In February the committee then presented four options for consideration at another series of discussion meetings. The relevant documents can be found at the same website, as can the final report and recommendation dated May 10th.

During the months that these discussions were taking place, BOC members visited churches and church websites and talked with members of other UU congregations about their building projects. Much information about aesthetic considerations, about building green, about materials, and about what worked or didn't work was gathered in this way.

The second task, selecting an architect, began in late January. Six architects and designers were interviewed, three chosen for a second interview. All three were given the same two-page list of questions to answer, and all went to considerable effort to demonstrate their eagerness for the project.

The question list was the result of all the information-gathering done at the congregational discussion meetings. It acquainted the architects with what new space members hoped we would get.

Finally, on July 24, after ten months and countless hours of work, the BOC completed its mission. Led by Irv Mortensen, Chair, committee members Maitland Hardyman, Marilyn Mitchell, Don Givens, Karen Page, Jim Tough, Jean Walat, David Rymph, and Marcia Lewton chose Richard Berg of Port Townsend to be the architect for the proposed QUUF building project.

The committee then disbanded, handing over the next phase of the project to the newly formed Building Design/Construction Committee chaired by Irv Mortensen.

Many more congregational discussion meetings will be held in the months to come so that people can contribute their thoughts toward the final design of the new space. Although it is unlikely that any one of us will get exactly the space s/he prefers, all the suggestions will be included and considered, thus it is important that everyone participate.

Introducing Richard Berg, Architect

Richard Berg received a B.A. in Architecture from the University of Washington in 1979. Following graduation, he joined Ibsen Nelsen and Associates in Seattle, where he worked on projects such as the Museum of Flight, and both the Inn at the Market and the Stewart House mixed-use residential/commercial project in the Pike Place Market Historic District. He was the project designer for the Merrill Court luxury townhouses in Seattle's Capitol Hill neighborhood.

Richard attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology from 1983 – 1986, attaining a Master of Architecture degree, while interning at the firm of Imre and Anthony Halasz, Inc. After graduation from MIT, he joined Whitaker Architecture and Planning, Inc. as an architectural project manager. His design work at Whitaker included residential projects, schools, and commercial projects.

In 1991 Richard became a licensed architect and accepted the position of architectural manager for Timbercraft Homes, Inc. in Port Townsend. At Timbercraft, he was the project architect for all of the firm's residential and commercial timber-framed projects from 1991 through the end of 1996.

In 1997, Richard founded Richard Berg Architects in Port Townsend. His practice has included commercial and residential projects in Jefferson and Clallam counties, as well as nationwide design consultation on timber-framed structures. Richard's extensive experience in design-build businesses has influenced him to focus his practice on good communication and listening, and building an effective team of design and construction professionals to achieve the client's goals in a timely and cost-effective way.

Richard has served as Chair of the Planning Commission for the City of Port Townsend and is currently on a citizen committee that establishes Design Guidelines for Port Townsend's commercial zoning districts. He also serves

on the Historic Preservation Committee for Port Townsend's National Historic District, and has been active in an informal group that organized several Town Meetings in recent years in Port Townsend.

A more complete bio and pictures of some of Richard's buildings can be found at his website: www.richardbergarchitects.com.

Capital Campaign Committee (CCC) Shifts into High Gear

Aggie Sweeney, UUA Consultant, spoke with some 35 QUUF members during late July and August, inquiring about their hopes and concerns regarding the Fellowship and their level of commitment to the building project.

She also gave information and welcome advice to the CCC about the upcoming capital campaign, which will kick off in October. The committee is now working on its timeline – a very tight one – and allocating duties to the various committee members. Thus far these include:

Aaron Tining,	Publications Chair	Carolyn Salmon	Study Interviews Coordinator
Alta Crawford	Publicity Chair	Kees Kolff	General Gift Co-Chair
Beth Wilmart	CCC Chair	Lynn Taylor	Board Treasurer
Betty Oppenheimer	Lead Gift Co-Chair	Marcia Lewton	Group Communications Chair
Bill Kaune	Campaign Treasurer	Robin Stemen	Lead Gift Co-Chair
Carol Collins	General Gift Co-Chair		

The results of the capital campaign will determine the size and scope of the building project, what can be included, what can wait till later, the size of the necessary mortgage, etc.

Many more people will be needed to carry this forward, new members and old-timers alike. If you are called, please say yes. If you'd like to be called, let Beth Wilmart know at 531-1431 or bwilmart@yahoo.com.

Marcia Lewton

Building Project Task Forces

A set of small ad hoc task forces are being formed to provide input to the design and furnishings of our expanded building space. The input will be based on the Analysis Tool developed by the Long Range Planning Committee (available at the QUUF website under Growth News). As we move the design from dream to reality, these task forces will research their topic and provide additional information on options and costs for that part of the building as requested by the Building Committee and architect.

Task forces will be formed on:

1. Building acoustics and sound system
2. Interior aesthetics and furnishings
3. Kitchen
4. Landscaping, including low water usage and maintenance
5. Library
6. Worship/Music space.
7. Religious Education - youth
8. Religious Education – adult
9. Outdoor space utilization.

More information will be available soon. If there is a particular aspect of the building that you are especially interested in, or have particular expertise in, please contact John Collins, chair of the Building Steering Committee.

Giving to the Community

QUUF is about to begin a new chapter in reaching out to the larger community. Beginning on September 10 and continuing on the second and fourth Sunday of each month, money collected during the regular offering will be contributed to organizations that need our help and that express in some way the liberal religious values of QUUF. The children will continue to receive a special offering for H.O.P.E on the first Sunday of each month.

A committee appointed by the Board, named the Designated Offering Committee, has been working to put this program into motion. The September 10 offering will be given to “**the gatheringplace**”, an organization which provides enrichment activities for people with disabilities. On September 24, we will have the opportunity to contribute to the **Boiler Room**, a youth oriented, community owned Coffeehouse providing a venue for growth, learning and the empowerment of youth.

All this is possible because of the ongoing generosity of the congregation. Please direct your suggestions and comments to Bruce or to any member of the Designated Offering Committee, chaired by Pam Daly, including Gayle Kaune, Jan Forrest, Sue Estes, Rod Mitchell, and Don Berg.

News from the Kitchen

- **Napkins** - Several large swatches of fabric await napkin making. Please call the office when sewing is your pleasure.
- **Reusable "Rags"** - All bacteria laden sponges are gone, replaced by disinfected cloth "rags".
- **Dishwasher detergent** - new box, safer for the environment.
- **Reusables are cool.** - Disposable cups, plates, utensils, napkins, table cloths are gone.
- **Recycle Basket for paper** - now in the kitchen for your convenience.
- **Laundry** - Please place dry towels and rags in bags hanging by door and used dry napkins in labeled picnic basket.
- **Clean up** - If your group leaves the kitchen before this occurs, expect a call to return.
- **Renters** - are encouraged to use reusables.

Thank you for respecting our 7th principle and living more sustainably, Kitchen Witch

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Reduced Rent 3+ months @ \$500 per month (& possible long term arrangement).
1 Bedroom + loft; spacious, sunny uptown house with view. Must like 2 good cats. Available Mid-October 'til late Jan 2007. Please call Leslie Lincoln 360 344-3446 or 301-3661.

Summer Sanctuary Flowers

Thank you for sharing your garden in the sanctuary:
Jo Ellen and Al Thompson

Donna Logan

Linda Okazaki

Sorcha Ashling

Ikue Goldstein

O'Neill Louchard

Leone and David Smith

Your beautiful addition to the service is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

The Sunday Services Committee

Please contact Donna when you have flowers to share.
drlogan@olympus.com or 385-0164



Carl Nomura follows through on his "Let's Do It" attitude. He has partially cleared the field next to the fellowship, readying it for an on-site event (more information to come). Thank you, Carl, for your leadership and work to get us moving. Now we need to rake the field and clear the debris, so watch for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.