

Unitarian Universalist Historical Society (www.uua.org/uuhs)

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Workshop: Thursday June 21, 4:30 - 5: 45 pm

Creating Congregational Histories

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Proposed Outline of Workshop

Introductions and Handouts

Philosophy and Definitions: History as spiritual practice:

- What is history?
- Why is history important?
- Why is congregational history important? How is it ministry?
- Who 'does' congregational history?
- Who and what is included in congregational history?

Practical Steps in Creating Congregational History

1. Identifying personnel

- Archivists / historians
- Job descriptions, mission statements

2. Preserving records

- Importance of record keeping
- Types of archives to keep
 - congregation, organizations, related ministries
 - local town
 - district
 - national
- What to keep
- Where to keep

- Access to records

- Types of archives to consult

- congregational

- local

- district

- national

3. Gathering, researching, organizing, interpreting

4. Creating 'objects' of history (written, visual, oral, electronic, etc.)

5. Presenting 'objects' of history

6. Learning and applying history

Resources List

Break-out groups or question-and-answer

Reporting to All

Going Out

- What will you do in your congregation to start, continue, improve historical work?

- What help would you use from UUHS?