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Dana Greeley Award

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CARE ABOUT WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT?

SPREAD YOUR MESSAGE AND COMPETE TO WIN THE GREELEY AWARD IN 2012!

The UU-UNO invites submissions of sermons or addresses that speak to building a more just international community. The award honors the memory of Reverend Dana McLean Greeley, the first president of the Unitarian Universalist Association and a strong supporter of the United Nations. Winners receive a \$1000.00 honorarium and the opportunity to deliver the winning address at General Assembly 2012 in Phoenix, Arizona .

What better incentive to write a great UN Sunday sermon?

For more information about UN Sunday visit:

<http://www.uu-uno.org/getinvolved/un-sunday/>

Send submissions by February 1, 2012 via email to greeleysermon@uu-uno.org. Papers highlighting the work of the UN or the UU-UNO, or both, will enjoy priority consideration.



The 2011 Dana Greeley Award winners are **Sarah Summers** of the Unitarian Church of Oneonta and her minister **Rev. Craig Schwalenberg**. This year's winning sermon is an unusual joint sermon on the Ethical Aspects of Climate Change where Rev. Craig Schwalenberg and Sarah Summers have a conversation from the pulpit about the work of the UU-UNO. The sermon covers the ethical aspects of climate change, but goes on to discuss all the other work that the UU-UNO does. Sarah Summers brings her own experience as a former intern at the UU-UNO to add personal touches this especially delightful sermon.

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Guidelines

1. Sermons must be the original work of the individual submitting and must not have been published previously. Though copyright of the sermon will remain the property of the preparer, the UU-UNO will have initial rights to publish and print the sermon and any further use of the sermon in print will acknowledge the UU-UNO's Rev. Dana McLean Greeley Sermon Competition as the source of inspiration.
2. All quotations must be documented. The sermon should be 2,500 words or less.
3. Submissions will be accepted electronically in Word or pdf format. The text must be typed, double-spaced, and in Times New Roman, 12pt font.
4. Submissions should include a brief cover letter about the author, including contact information (telephone, mailing address, email address). Do NOT include your name on the typed pages of the sermon entered, as all entries will be judged anonymously. Do number the pages sequentially. Send submissions to greeleysermon@uu-uno.org

Deadline for submissions is 1 February 2012.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who may enter? All Unitarian Universalists are invited to submit a sermon or address. Ministers or lay leaders who deliver a sermon on UN Sunday that features climate change are especially encouraged to participate.

Content of the sermon: While all submissions will be considered, those *highlighting the work of the United Nations and the UU-UNO will be given priority consideration*. Our website (www.uu-uno.org) describes our mission and programs.

Do I have to submit my sermon on-line? Yes.

What do you intend to do with the sermons? Beyond having them evaluated for the competition itself, we hope to use material from them in our communications and educational programs. We will, of course, properly attribute them to their authors. In addition to inviting the winner to deliver her/his sermon at General Assembly in Phoenix AZ in June 2012, we will post it on our website and may have it published.

May I submit if I deliver my sermons in a language other than English? We welcome the diversity of our UU communities, therefore the answer is yes. However because our resources are limited, we ask that any non-English submissions be accompanied by an English translation. (We welcome further suggestions on how to be more inclusive in this regard.)

How short/long should the sermon be? We have set a minimum length of 500 words and a maximum length of 2,500 words. The verbal presentation of the sermon should be no longer than 20 minutes.

When will the winner and runners-up be announced? The winner will be announced and the runners-up notified in March or April.

Where will the award be presented? The winner will be presented at General Assembly, and s/he will deliver the sermon publicly.

Will the UU-UNO provide my transportation to GA? Winner must provide his/her own transportation to Phoenix but the prize money should help cover the cost.

What is the UU-UNO? The Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office (UU-UNO) promotes the goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all, as reflected in the United Nations Charter. Through targeted education, advocacy and outreach, we engage Unitarian Universalists in support of international cooperation and the work of the United Nations. For more information, please visit our website: www.uu-uno.org

Other questions? Contact our office.