

# COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

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## WORKSHOPS & EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

The UU Church of Brunswick is hosting Ysaye Barnwell as she leads **Building a Vocal Community Workshop: Singing in the African American Tradition** on Saturday, June 16, from 10 am—4 pm. Ysaye Barnwell will envelop you in the joy of community through the music of the African-American vocal tradition, including calls and chants, spirituals, ring shouts, hymns, gospels, songs of the Civil Rights Movement, and songs of contemporary struggle. She will also introduce you to the values embedded in the music, the role of cultural and spiritual traditions and rituals, ways in which leadership emerges and can be shared, and the nature of cultural response to political struggle. Registration costs: \$50/single, \$75/couple, \$100/family. Registration deadline: June 8. Register at: <https://vsaveworkshop.brownpapertickets.com/>

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Allen Avenue UU Church, Portland, ME** is seeking a **Director of Religious Education**. Vibrant mid-sized Unitarian Universalist church in Portland, Maine is looking for a 30 hours/week Director of Religious Education starting August 15, 2018. Their ideal candidate will be passionate about creating community and growth for parents and families. A primary focus of the position will be training, support and recruitment of volunteer group leaders for our Sunday religious education program. For more information and to apply, please go to the information page on their website: <http://www.a2u2.org/director-of-religious-education-sought/>

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**CALLING ALL DRIVERS:** Five years ago, **YCAN (Yarmouth Cares About Neighbors)** launched a program to provide transportation to those who no longer could drive but still needed a lift to get to a doctor's appointment, supermarket, hairdresser appointments, among other places. **YCAN's Rides Program** has grown dramatically each year, and now needs more drivers. We offer rides Monday—Friday and when and how often you drive is up to you! If interested, Jean Rafford, who has overseen the program for years, can fill you in. Phone: 329-7295 or email: [jeanrafford@gmail.com](mailto:jeanrafford@gmail.com).

## TRAFFIC UPDATE

**Yarmouth Bridge Replacement:** Main St. will be closed on the evening of Friday 6/15 to work to demo the portion of the old bridge that is still remaining. This closures allows us to work as needed 24hrs per day starting Friday night until complete and re-open per contract at or before 4am Monday 6/18. The approved detour for traffic and pedestrians will be in place for this work.

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## UUA—NEW ENGLAD REGION NEWS

**OWL Facilitator trainings** are scheduled for 2018—2019. Registration is open for the following dates:

- August 17—19 (grades 7—9, 10—12)
- September 7—9 (grades 7—9, 10—12)
- November 2—4 (grades K—1, 4—6)
- January 25—27 (grades 7—9, 10—12)
- February 1—3, (grades 7—9, 10—12)
- April 26—28 (grades 7—9, 10—12)

Visit <https://www.uua.org/new-england/workshops-webinars/owl-trainings> for more information.

The **Renaissance Module: Multicultural Religious Education** will be offered August 27—29 at the Walker Center in Auburndale, MA. These modules are designed for both lay and professional religious educators. Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/renaissance-module-multicultural-religious-education-registration-45818983814> for more information.

Save the Date: **The New England Regional Assembly** is planned for April 26-27, 2019 at the Westford Regency Inn & Conference Center in Westford, MA. More details will be available this fall.

**Not attending GA this year?** Many wonderful portions of GA will be live streamed online for everyone to view. You can also register to participate off-site for even more content. Learn more at: <https://www.uua.org/ga/off-site>

## THE ARTS

Please mark your calendars now for a staged reading of the play *Lost and Guided* on Fri., 6/22 at the **Portland Museum of Art**. Both events include an opening reception, the performance and a post-performance panel discussion. *Lost and Guided* tells the story of how the lives of four young Syrians are changed forever after anti-government protests transpire in the city of Daraa. Throughout the next six years, each of them is forced to undergo a unique and heroic journey, while the turmoil in their country erupts into a full-fledged civil war. From the Middle East to the streets of New Orleans, *Lost and Guided* is an original play based on interviews conducted with Syrian refugees. However, the story is universal to all people forced to leave home regardless of race, religion, political affiliations, sexual orientation, other oppressions and war dealing with themes of love, friendship, and the struggle for happiness. Tickets are available here: <https://www.portlandmuseum.org/events/lost-and-guided>