

# **OUR WHOLE LIVES SEXUALITY EDUCATION FOR JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH**

OWL LEADERSHIP TRAINING

**SPONSORED BY CANADIAN UNITARIAN COUNCIL**

Friday May 30 – Sunday June 1, 2008

**UNICAMP OF ONTARIO**

638159 Prince of Wales Rd.,  
Honeywood, ON L0N 1H0

“Our Whole Lives” (OWL) is a positive, comprehensive, life span sexuality education program based on the values of self-worth, sexual health, respect, responsibility, compassion, right relations, justice and inclusivity. This is an excellent learning and leadership development opportunity for our congregations to plan for. Moreover, it is also a lot of fun for the participants! OWL lifespan curricula have long-term positive impacts on our congregations. Our faith has a long tradition of commitment to the importance of sexuality education, affirming the connections between our spirituality as Unitarian Universalists and our sexuality as human beings throughout our life-span.

This combined training will prepare congregational facilitators to teach the Grades 7-9 and Grades 10-12. OWL for high school aged youth is one of the most important programs we offer our young people. The values embedded in the curriculum for Junior and Senior high youth include:

- Promoting self worth
- Promoting sexual health - physically, emotionally, and spiritually
- Promoting personal responsibility
- Promoting justice and inclusivity of all persons regardless of sexual orientation, gender, age, ethnic background or physical ability

The ideal candidates selected by your congregation to attend this training will:

- ❖ affirm the values and goals of “Our Whole Lives”
- ❖ have a healthy sense of their own sexuality, gender identity and sexual orientation
- ❖ have previous experience working with / facilitating programs for youth
- ❖ have adequate knowledge and comfort addressing sexuality related issues
- ❖ attend all of the training sessions required for the course completion
- ❖ be an established member/friend of the congregation
- ❖ be recommended to train for this level of OWL facilitation by your community’s leadership

For additional information about the OWL lifespan programs please refer to the UUA website <http://www.uua.org/owl/index.html>. To order the materials through the UUA go to [www.uua.org/bookstore](http://www.uua.org/bookstore) or call 1-800-215-9076.

**UNICAMP of Ontario:** Unicamp is located within the UNESCO Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Reserve and boasts 50 beautiful, peaceful acres of meadows, coniferous and deciduous forests, marshes, streams,

caves and a 5-acre spring fed pond with two beaches. Unicamp is a place to relax, explore, meet new people and re-connect with self, community and nature

**Accommodation:** Accommodation, programming and meals are at UNICAMP, with a number of sleeping options, from tenting to cabins. Accommodation options for this weekend can be found at the UNICAMP website, [www.unicampofontario.ca](http://www.unicampofontario.ca) and **you will confirm and pay for your own accommodation** with them. We suggest sharing cottages or cabins will work well for this time! But campers who prefer to tent, bring your gear!

**Coordinator:** Sylvia Bass West, CUC Director of Lifespan Learning [sylvia@cuc.ca](mailto:sylvia@cuc.ca) 519-472-7073

## **Our leaders for this Junior/Senior High OWL Training**

**Monica Bennett** E mail: [monicaebennett@yahoo.com](mailto:monicaebennett@yahoo.com)

Monica has served the CUC as a Service Consultant in Central region, and has rich and varied experience in the not-for-profit sector. Since becoming a member of the Hamilton congregation in 1998 she has become a trained facilitator for all five curricula of the positive, comprehensive lifespan sexuality education program, Our Whole Lives. Monica's background in sexuality includes working as a volunteer at the University of Waterloo Birth Control Centre and as senior staff at Planned Parenthood in both Hamilton and Kitchener. She also has a strong background and experience in the anti-sexual violence movement which she says grounded her in anti-oppression theory and practice. Monica has also facilitated CUC Screening in Faith, Safe Church leadership workshops and is the mother of two children

**Bill Volger** E mail: [vogler@ptd.net](mailto:vogler@ptd.net)

William B. Vogler M.A., C.A.C. is Executive Director of Family Answers, a Family Service Agency in Pennsylvania. He is currently a Doctoral Candidate in the Administration & Leadership Studies program at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He has a Masters degree in Theology from the University of Chicago, and is a Certified Addictions Counselor.

Bill has been active in human services as a counselor, social worker and administrator since 1983. He was trained as a facilitator of the Our Whole Lives curriculum soon after it was developed. He has facilitated innumerable trainings since then. Bill has also facilitated the curriculum with middle school teens, as well as its precursor, 'About Your Sexuality.' He has taught Philosophy and Ethics for DeSales University and Cedar Crest College. Bill is married, and the father of three children ages 18, 15, and 9, and is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Lehigh Valley

### **What each participant or congregational group needs to bring:**

Please bring the Our Whole Lives and Sexuality and our Faith books with you




- \* your Our Whole Lives for Grades 7-9 curriculum
- \* the Sexuality and Our Faith for Grades 7-9 supplement
- \* your Our Whole Lives for Grades 10-12 curriculum
- \* the Sexuality and Our Faith for Grades 10-12 supplement
- \* a three-ring binder or folder to hold the handouts we'll distribute

Note – this is a very intensive workshop and also a lot of fun. Come well rested and ready to absorb a lot in a short time. IT IS REQUIRED that you attend ALL portions of this facilitator training.

**You will receive a pre-training letter from the trainers and a packet of handouts upon arrival.**

Limited OWL resources are available for loan through the CUC Lifespan Learning Library. To order resources for your congregation through the UUA Bookstore, please place your order right away so you have time to review the materials prior to training. Orders from the U.S. can take several weeks to arrive. [www.uua.org/bookstore](http://www.uua.org/bookstore) or 1-800-215-9076

**Approximate Weekend Training Schedule:**

-  **Friday May 30, 6 pm dinner 7–9 pm program (registration from 5 pm)**
-  **Saturday May 31, 8:30 am through 8:30 pm**
-  **Sunday June 1, 8:30 am through 2 pm**

**Fees:** \$150 CAD per participant (\$150 USD) includes program leadership, refreshment breaks, meals Friday dinner, Saturday full day and Sunday breakfast and lunch. **Accommodation extra, payable to UNICAMP.**

Please make program registration cheques payable to “Canadian Unitarian Council” (Junior/Senior high OWL training indicated in memo)

A 10 % reduction in cost is given to each additional participant from one congregation. Participant 1 from congregation pays full cost of \$150 and participants 2, 3, 4 and so on pay \$135 each.

**Mail this completed form and payment by April 21, 2008 to:**

**Canadian Unitarian Council,  
OWL registration,  
018-1179A King Street West,  
Toronto,  
ON M6K 3C5**

**Note:** Limited leadership development subsidies of up to \$100 are available to Canadian congregations through the Lifespan Learning office. These subsidies are to support professional and lay leaders serving lifespan religious education. A congregational commitment to supporting future leadership development is requested. Subsidy application can be found at [http://www.cuc.ca/lifespan/lifespan\\_subsidy.pdf](http://www.cuc.ca/lifespan/lifespan_subsidy.pdf)

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LEADER REGISTRATION

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Name

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Address/City/Prov/State/Postal Code

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E-mail

Fax

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Phone/day

Phone/evening

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Congregation & City

Your Role

**Lodging: arrangements made directly with UNICAMP of Ontario.** [www.unicampofontario.ca](http://www.unicampofontario.ca).

**Travel Logistics:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I can offer a ride from the Toronto airport

\_\_\_\_\_ I'd appreciate knowing transportation options from the Toronto airport

\_\_\_\_\_ I'll be taking a bus and would appreciate a pick up in Shelburne, ON

\_\_\_\_\_ I can offer a ride from Shelburne

**Special Dietary Requirements for meals**

Please note any special dietary needs and we will do our best to accommodate them

Omnivore \_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_ Vegan \_\_\_ food allergies (specify) \_\_\_ other (specify)

Is there anything else we should know that will help make your stay more comfortable?

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**CHILDCARE** may be available for program participants and should be arranged through UNICAMP on an individual basis. Your child(ren) may join you for meals and some social time. They will sleep in your

shared accommodation. Please complete child care\* registration forms from the UNICAMP site [www.unicampofontario.ca](http://www.unicampofontario.ca). A \$20 fee per day for child care will be paid directly to UNICAMP.

**Fees:** \$150 CAD includes program facilitation, refreshment breaks and meals, Friday night, Saturday and Sunday until lunch. (Does NOT include cost of your accommodation)

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**Please indicate additional participants' names, and whether payment is coming from individuals or the congregation.**

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**Payment enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment will come from:** \_\_\_\_\_

No registrations can be processed without payment of \$150 CDN funds (\$150 US for our neighbours from the States) payable to "Canadian Unitarian Council".

Send registration form and cheque by April 21, 2008 to the CUC Toronto Offices:

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