



Metro New York District | Central East Regional Group  
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Welcome!

As the District Executive for the UU District of Metropolitan New York (MNY), I extend greetings to you as you search for your vocational home. The congregation in which you are interested has asked me to tell you a little about what to expect were you to serve in this District.

Our District is comprised of 51 congregations with over 8000 Unitarian Universalist members covering parts of four states (Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut and New York). We have over 100 ministers in our database, many of whom attend and are a part of our UUMA chapter as well as several active cluster and study groups. Most clusters meet monthly for comradeship, conversation, and stimulating programs – truly a supportive environment. The Chapter meets the first Wednesday in October and again just before the District Annual Meeting in the spring (usually early May).

Besides myself as DE and administrative staff, we have three part-time staff that are available for phone and email consultation on specific issues, with the possibility of congregational visits under our adjunct consultant program. These consultants hold the portfolios of Right Relations, Growth and Vitality and Racial/Social Justice.

We are also part of the new CenEast Regional Group (CERG) with three other Districts: Joseph Priestley, Ohio-Meadville, and St. Lawrence. CERG employs three Regional Consultants: Renée Ruchotzke for Leadership Development; Mark Bernstein for Growth Development and Pat Infante for Faith Development. As we move forward with this collaboration, there will be other changes to our staffing model, all aimed at better service to our congregations and leaders.

You will find that our District has a busy schedule of offerings for you and the lay leadership of the congregation to deepen commitment to our faith and expand our skills in leadership. We post a monthly newsletter electronically, The Metro New York Minute, with information about the many happenings throughout the District. I invite you to view our informative website ([www.uumetrony.org](http://www.uumetrony.org)).

I invite you to contact me with any questions you may have about our District or your prospective congregation. I will be as forthcoming as I can be to assist you in your search process. I look forward to discussing with you the opportunities of serving a congregation in the Metro NY District.

Best wishes to you in your search!

In service,  
Andrea Lerner  
District Executive