

## 2007 LREDA CHAPTER CHART

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Central Midwest	2 Meetings a year Fall: A Retreat \ April: at our District Assembly Leadership meetings: 4 times a year to plan workshops /programs, etc., as well as a business meeting. Also we e-mail a newsletter	We offer opportunities for a higher cost for non-members (usually for the cost of membership dues)	The RE Consultant	The District RE Committee with the help of the RE Consultant	\$30 a year with the intention of starting a scholarship fund	Right now there are 2 people who serve on both. Communication is good with the District RE Consultant so chapter can plan their events to augment activities or provide something different
Heartland	Annual Retreat	Not at this time.	OWL Trainings scheduled by the RE Committee with support from our RE Consultant.	The District RE Committee with the help of the RE Consultant	\$35	
Joseph Priestley	Two clusters make up the chapter. Clusters meet monthly for professional support and programming. Chapter meets at annual LREDA conference, a day prior to the district conference and has one combined retreat yearly.	Clusters of the chapter schedule forums as needed for lay people. Non-LREDA members may be invited to attend a cluster educational forum.	The District Consultant in cooperation with clusters.	The District Consultant in cooperation with clusters.	Still deciding, now all RE professionals are welcome and encouraged to join LREDA. Probably will charge dues.	Chapter meets right before district annual conference at conference site. District consultant and news packet used to coordinate with district events. Different people do each.
Metro New York	4 Meetings per year 1.Sept/Oct. in NYC 2.Oct. LREDA Fall Conf. 3.Feb. LREDA Professional Day 4.April at District Annual Meeting joint with UMA	Yes – Fall LREDA Professional Day and April Joint Meeting with UUMA are open by invitation	District RE Consultant and Trainers	District RE Consultant	\$25. per year	Usually coordinated with District RE Consultant

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Mountain Desert	3 meetings a year: *Fall mtg at MDD Annual meeting. *Fall mtg w/UUMA chapter for program *Spring Retreat for members	Fall meeting during MDD Annual meeting is open to non-members	Chair of Lifespan Faith Development Service Area coordinates; local congregations put on the trainings.	Chair of Lifespan Faith Development Service Area coordinates; local congregations put on the trainings.	Continental LREDA membership required. MDD Chapter annual dues of \$17.	Fall meeting during MDD Annual meeting
North Atlantic	3 meetings a year. Fall: 10am to 2pm, program, open to all Winter: Retreat for chapter members Spring: 10am to 2pm, program & elections	Chapter offers a study group that focuses on a book or sermon. It is open to all religious educators.	Our chapter includes six districts. Mostly the districts organize the OWL trainings, not the LREDA Chapter.	Some of the districts organize Renaissance Modules. Also, there is one each at Ferry Beach and Star Island RE Weeks.	Requirements: Must be a continental LREDA member. Chapter dues are \$12.	It is difficult to coordinate with 6 districts and sometimes we duplicate things or run in to timing conflicts.
Ohio-Meadville	Annual Retreat	We have not considered hosting forums for non-LREDA members	The O-MD Lifespan Faith Development Committee coordinates 2 OWL Trainings per year	The O-MD Lifespan Faith Development Committee coordinates one Renaissance Module per year	Requirements: Must be a continental LREDA member Plus dues: Amount to be decided	Many folks are involved with both the LREDA Chapter and the Lifespan Faith Development Committee
Pacific Central	Fall: informational event at Starr King. Winter: Annual Retreat. Spring: Meeting includes joint meeting with the district UUMA	Not at present	Director of Faith Development coordinates, in conjunction with the PCD-RE Committee	Director of Faith Development, in conjunction with the PCD-RE Committee	Continental LREDA membership required. Dues: Sliding scale \$15-\$35.	The DFD functions as a coordinating force; some people and planning overlap on the RE Committee & LREDA, and we're working on creating a better system of integration.

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Pacific Northwest	Two meetings a year. Feb: at the district Annual General Mtg. Oct: at the LREDA Fall Conference	Chapter hosts Professional Days before the Annual General Meeting				
Pacific Southwest	Education both amongst ourselves and the "district" Peer Partner Program Jan: Joint 4 day meeting / retreat with UUMA chapter April: Pre-District Assembly professional days (2 days) Summer/Fall: Self care day and/or meeting at LREDA fall Bimonthly cluster meetings	Chapter offers open session (Friday morning) for professional development prior to District Assembly Peer Partner Program is open to non-LREDA members for one year Chapter presents workshops at District Assembly	District Staff organizes as part of integrated leadership training	District Staff organizes as part of integrated leadership training	Must be member of continental LREDA  Dues are \$25/year for program and scholarships	Chapter offers "add-on" professional days prior to District Assembly. Chapter organizes own events
Prairie Star	Chapter will do mentoring support and 2 Cluster meetings/ year Spring: an all District UUMA/LREDA Retreat before Dist. Annual Mtg.	LREDA Chapter will send out speakers on need to address non-LREDA members on various topics.	District RE Consultant	District RE Consultant	Requirements: Must be a continental LREDA member Plus dues of \$20	There is no district RE Committee
Seaway	Two meetings per yr. Fall: Retreat Spring: Joint professional training retreat w/UUMA chapter in US prior to Saint Lawrence District DA	Not at this time though our members are active in arranging workshops and hosting trainings in their region/ district	Canadian Unitarian Council's Director of Lifespan Learning and Saint Lawrence District RE Committee in conjunction with congregations, trainers	Canadian Unitarian Council's Director of Lifespan Learning and Saint Lawrence District RE Committee in conjunction with congregations, trainers	Must be member of continental LREDA Dues are \$20 in member's currency	Chapter members invited cross border to many events. Some members provide leadership in regional/ district bodies; chapter arranges own events

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Southeast	Inactive					
Southwest	Annual Retreat, meetings at SWUUC RE Conf. and LREDA Fall Conf.	No	District staff & RE Committee	District staff & RE Committee	Membership in continental LREDA & live or work in district.	Many of the same people are involved in the chapter and the District RE Committee

A FEW NOTES ON SOME CHAPTER'S ORGANIZATION:

North Atlantic: Elect a President, Programs, Scribe, Treasurer

Metro NY: Our organization is an Executive Board of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Scribe

MDD LREDA : President, past-president, president-elect, secretary, and treasurer.

With rotation, the person "elected" as president-elect serves three years by the time it's all over.

Seaway: President, Vice President, one from US and one from Canada-alternating, a Secretary/treasurer and a program planner.

Being bi-national, our distinction is really focused on RE professional connection, sharing ideas and resources, mutual support.

The UUA Saint Lawrence District and the CUC Eastern and Central regions have their own programming, through many of our members are active in their respective areas.

Ohio Meadville: The general agreement at this time is that the Lifespan Faith Development Committee functions to serve the congregations of the district and the LREDA Chapter will function to serve the professional development of the RE Leaders of the district

# **Liberal Religious Educators Association Pacific Southwest District Chapter**

## **Mission Statement**

*The purpose of the Pacific Southwest District LREDA Chapter shall be: the religious growth and learning of people of all ages, to support and encourage the professional and spiritual growth of religious educators, and to enhance the field of liberal religious education within the Pacific Southwest District.*

## **Bylaws**

### **PREAMBLE**

The Pacific Southwest Chapter of LREDA is established to support and promote the professional and spiritual growth of religious educators in the PSWD and encourage good professional practices in religious education within congregations of the PSWD.

### **Article I – Purpose**

The purpose of the PSWD Chapter of LREDA shall be to:

- A. Provide a network of encouragement and support for our members;
- B. Encourage the sharing of information and resources within our denomination and among members;
- C. Act as experienced resource people in the area of Unitarian Universalist religious education for groups and individuals within PSWD, including but not limited to religious education committees, paid and unpaid religious educators, RE teachers, youth advisors, and parish ministers;
- D. Maintain a continuing, participatory association with the continental Liberal Religious Educators Association.

### **Article II – Membership**

Any member of LREDA within the Pacific Southwest District is eligible to become a member of the PSWD LREDA Chapter. All dues-paying members of this chapter are eligible to vote.

### **Article III – Officers**

The officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, UUMA Liaison, Continental Liaison, and At-large member. All officers shall be members of this chapter.

The President shall call, convene, and preside over the membership meetings. The Vice President shall substitute in the absence of the President, and perform other tasks as assigned by the President. The Secretary shall take and distribute minutes of the meetings. The Treasurer shall handle the chapter's finances. The At-large member's portfolio is to be determined by the Board.

Nominations for officers shall be made by email or in person to the secretary by the end of the District Assembly retreat. Officers shall be elected by mail-in ballot that is to occur no later than two weeks after the District Assembly. All ballots shall be counted by a third party to be chosen by the President. All elections are decided by a simple majority.

UUMA Liaison and Continental LREDA Liaison positions require special connections or qualifications and may be exempted.

The Board may fill any vacated position through appointment until an election can be held at the next District Assembly.

The President and Vice President shall be elected in the even years for two-year terms. The Treasurer, Secretary and At-large member shall be elected in the odd year for a two-year term. No one shall serve more than three consecutive terms.

#### **Article IV – Committees**

Committees shall be appointed by the President and serve as needed.

#### **Article V – Finances and Dues**

Annual Dues are to be determined by the membership. Dues shall be payable at the beginning of each fiscal year, July 1 through June 30.

In the event of financial hardship a member may apply to the President for a full or partial waiver for that year, confidentially and without loss of rights and privileges of membership. Failure to pay dues by October 20 shall result in revocation of membership.

The Treasurer shall present a financial report at each meeting of the membership.

#### **Article VI – Meetings**

General membership meetings shall be held in conjunction with the annual Pacific Southwest District Assembly Professional Day(s) (this shall be considered our Annual Meeting), and two other meetings, to be determined by members.

#### **Article VII – LREDA Affiliation**

Having been chartered by the continental LREDA, this chapter shall cooperate with and support LREDA in appropriate ways.

#### **Article VIII – Bylaw Amendments**

Bylaw amendments must be submitted two months before the annual meeting. Bylaws will be amended by a majority vote of the membership present at any of this chapter's regularly scheduled meetings. A Quorum shall be 50% of paid LREDA membership. Proposed bylaw amendments shall be circulated to the membership no later than 30 days prior to the meeting at which they are to be discussed and voted.

Any member may propose bylaw amendments.

(Adopted June 2003)