

# Advanced Facilitation Workshop For Small Group Ministry

Saturday, February 26, 2011  
First Unitarian Society of Newton  
1326 Washington Street, West Newton, MA 02465

Registration and Coffee at 8:30

Workshop 9 – 4:30

The twin purposes of Small Group Ministry (or Covenant Groups) are friendship and spiritual growth. What is spiritual friendship? How do we as facilitators foster this sacred relationship? What is spiritual growth? How do we encourage this crucial and subtle process? Have You been facilitating a group for at least a year and a half and mastered the basics? If so and if You're looking for inspiration, support and challenge to enrich your service as a group facilitator, this workshop is for You. It will include didactic presentations and discussions on the foundations of facilitation such as presence, radical respect and non-coercion. The day will include an opening worship and small group experiences on themes related to your development as a facilitator. Small Groups are healing our broken, aching world ten at a time. Your role as a facilitator is vital in this healing work. I hope You'll join us for a day devoted to strengthening and celebrating your ministry as a group facilitator.

**Leader:** Rev. Dr. M'ellen Kennedy is a Small Group Ministry Consultant, co-founder of the SGM Network, an interfaith minister and community psychologist who has worked with lay-led small groups for over 25 years, offering training to hundreds of lay and professional leaders. If you have questions about the program, please contact Rev. Kennedy at [mellenken@aol.com](mailto:mellenken@aol.com) or 802-453-5469.

**Directions:** The First Unitarian Society in Newton, is located at 1326 Washington Street in West Newton, Massachusetts, at the corner of Washington and Highland streets. FUSN is across from the Newton police station, near the West Newton Cinema, where Route 16 crosses the Mass. Turnpike.

**Fee, Registration & Lunch:** The workshop fee, which includes an information packet, is \$40 for one person and \$35 for each additional person from the same congregation. \$20 for seminarians. (sheet on next page). Please register by February 22, 2011. Please bring your own sack lunch or a potluck item to share. Registration form is attached or downloadable at [www.smallgroupministry.net](http://www.smallgroupministry.net).

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## REGISTRATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CONGREGATION/CITY \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF YEARS YOU'VE BEEN FACILITATING \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT, IF ANY, PRESSING QUESTION, ISSUE, OR IDEA DO YOU BRING?

PLEASE NOTE SPECIAL NEEDS: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please fill out a separate registration form for each participant*

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Make checks payable to "Rev. M'ellen Kennedy", with "SGM Workshop" in the memo line.

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TOTAL enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ participants.

Mail to Rev. M'ellen Kennedy, 3764 Quaker St., Bristol, VT 05443