

# Small Group Ministry Facilitator Training

**Saturday, September 19, 2009,  
9 AM to 4:15 PM  
Registration & Coffee at 8:30**

**Hosted by the Unitarian Church of Montpelier, VT**

People come to our churches looking for an opportunity for friendship and spiritual growth. Many congregations have found that a strong Small Group Ministry (SGM) Program is an excellent way to address these pressing needs of both new and long-term members. A key to maintaining a strong SGM Program is on-going support and training for facilitators. The Unitarian Church of Montpelier is pleased to host this specialized Small Group Ministry or Covenant Group workshop tailored to the needs of **aspiring and current group facilitators**. Topics will include the power and purpose of Small Group Ministry; the essential components of a strong Small Group Ministry program; developing shared leadership within a small group; dealing with group challenges, and developing your confidence as a facilitator. There will be two actual group experiences focused on topics of concern for facilitators.

**Leader:** Rev. Dr. M'ellen Kennedy is a Small Group Ministry Consultant and co-founder of the SGM Network. She is a UU community minister and community psychologist who has been working with lay-led small groups for over 25 years. She has offered facilitator training to hundreds of lay and professional leaders and feedback on her workshops has been excellent. The following is a quote from a participant at a workshop offered by Rev. Kennedy in New Hampshire last year.

*The workshop was utterly amazing -- informative, helpful, and inspiring!*

*I am so grateful to you for offering the workshop, and look forward to spreading the word and the concepts. SGM has such great potential to strengthen, and deepen, the relationships and spirituality in our congregation. Thank you, thank you, many times over.*

For more info, contact Rev. M'ellen Kennedy at [mellenken@aol.com](mailto:mellenken@aol.com) or 802-453-5469.

**Directions:** To the Unitarian Church of Montpelier, 130 Main St., Montpelier, VT 05602  
From the south or north, take I-89 to exit 8. Go left at third set of traffic lights onto Main Street. Continue through intersection with State Street. Proceed two blocks to intersection with School Street. The white, steeple church building is on your left, directly across from the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. There is parking on the street.

**Registration:** Please fill out one form for each person attending. Please send this completed form and your check by **September 16** to Rev. M'ellen Kennedy, 3764 Quaker St., Bristol, VT 05443.

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**FEE:** The workshop fee, which includes lunch and information packet, is \$40 for one person and \$35 for each additional person from the same congregation.

I enclose a check to "Rev. M'ellen Kennedy" with "SGM Workshop" in the memo line for this amount:

\_\_\_\_ \$40    \_\_\_\_ \$35

**PLEASE NOTE MY SPECIAL NEEDS:** \_\_ Vegetarian \_\_ Vegan \_\_ Allergies (specify \_\_\_\_\_) Other:

TOTAL enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_