



# UU Small Group Ministry Program Development & Renewal with Peter Bowden



**Friday - Sunday, October 14 - 16, 2011**  
**U Bar U Retreat & Conference Center**  
**277 U-Bar-U Drive, Mountain Home, TX 78058**  
**UBarU.org**

## Hosted by First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Antonio

First UU San Antonio is proud to offer a weekend Small Group Ministry training with Peter Bowden, Unitarian Universalist Growth Consultant and co-founder of the UU Small Group Ministry Network. This training has been designed for clergy and lay leaders seeking to strengthen congregation-wide small group ministry programs. This program will cover the following core areas, as well as opportunities for worship, networking and hands on small group experience.

- *Small groups that are HEALTHY, GROWING and INTEGRATED into congregational life.*
- *Approaches to SELECTING, TRAINING and COACHING small group ministry leaders.*
- *Turning FACILITATORS into small group LEADERS and PARTNERS in shared ministry.*

Note there are many ways to structure small group ministries and covenant groups! This training will focus on models where small groups led by trained lay facilitators are integrated into the primary work and ministry of a congregation. Contact Peter via his site (below) if you have content questions.

### Registration Information

**Cost:** \$150.00. Cost includes dinner Friday, three meals Saturday, and breakfast Sunday.

**What to bring:** Sheets (single flat, long fitted, deep pocket or stretchy jersey), towels, pillow, and personal items (soap, shampoo...) long pants, closed toed shoes if you'd like to venture outdoors.

**Sleeping arrangements:** Dormitory-style with twin-bunk beds.

**Getting to U-Bar-U:** Directions to U-Bar-U may be found at [www.ubaru.org](http://www.ubaru.org), drop down "about" then "location." Rides *may* be available to and from the airport.



**Peter Bowden** is a Unitarian Universalist consultant specializing in congregational growth, outreach and evangelism. Peter is one of the founders of the UU Small Group Ministry Network, a national organization and non-profit dedicated to supporting small group ministries within our movement. Peter has led workshops on small group ministry throughout New England, at General Assemblies, the Ferry Beach and Star Island conference centers, and has consulted with congregations across the United States. You may read more about Peter's work on his website, [www.leadingcongregations.com](http://www.leadingcongregations.com).