

Summer Albayati-Dadah is serving UULM as a part time Student Minister based out of Orange County during the 2009 academic year. She is in her third year at Claremont School of Theology where she is pursuing a Masters in Divinity.

Summer is also the Youth Advisor and Board Trustee at Orange Coast Unitarian Universalist Church.

Summer is known for her percussion and vocal gifts, regularly contributing her talents to the choirs at OCUUC and CST. She has performed with her family since the age of 12 in various venues, most recently peace events, celebrations of diverse cultures, and fundraisers for children orphaned or wounded by war. She was founding director of the International Drummers for Peace in Orange County -- with 20 drummers of all ages and ethnicities -- and now leads the Claremont School of Theology drumming group.

Prior to entering seminary, Summer worked in the field of education serving communities of historically underserved minorities in special and gifted education, grant writing and teacher training. She is a founder of Orphan Whispers, a new foundation (currently seeking non-profit status), which will serve the material and educational needs of orphans in Iraq and other conflict and post-conflict societies.

Summer holds a B.A. in Psychology and Social Behavior from the University of California, Irvine, and a M.A. in Education from Pepperdine University.

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