



INTRO TO DRIVE TIME ESSAYS VOLUME 3 – RESOURCES FOR SMALLER CONGREGATIONS

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Hi. Welcome to Drive Time Essays Volume 3: Small Congregations, the third audio CD in our series, designed to provide helpful insights to leaders of Unitarian Universalist congregations.

Harlan Limpert, Director for District Services for the Unitarian Universalist Association, would like you to know that he is delighted that you've received this CD. The essays are read by me, Karen McCarthy, an active lay leader and a congregational Director of Religious Education. Musical interludes are composed and performed by Don Julin.

This CD focuses on smaller congregations – those that have fewer than 150 members – and many that have fewer than 50 or 75. There are more than 600 small congregations within our Association.

The essays you are about to listen to are from various authors, both lay and professional, young and old, from all walks of life, and with diverse experiences in congregational life. They had the unique needs of smaller congregations in mind as they shared their insights and experiences.

At the same time, much of the wisdom included will be equally helpful to midsize and larger congregations. So if you're from a larger congregation – keep listening! While every one of our congregations is unique, they all share the same challenge of creating a place where people can worship, learn, grow, find support, celebrate, and serve the larger community.

Similarly, while the primary audience of this CD is lay leaders, we have received comments from professional leaders who found the first two volumes of Drive Time Essays valuable, too.

For more information, go to UUA.org/leaders, or to your district staff members. These individuals serve as your “first call for help” on matters of congregational leadership, and can direct you to the best source of helpful information – whether it's from UUA staff at

headquarters, other colleagues in the districts, or other lay leaders who can provide help and inspiration.

We hope you enjoy Drive Time Essays Volume 3!

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