

For Religious Educators



**CALL FOR AUTHORS
TAPESTRY OF FAITH
Two New Curricula for Unitarian Universalist Youth**

The Lifespan Faith Development department of the Unitarian Universalist Association is seeking authors for two youth programs.

- ❖ ***Heeding the Call***, a social justice curriculum for junior high, not only examines the ways linked oppressions are perpetuated in our society, it exposes young people to ways to work towards a better world. True stories of courage, sacrifice and collaboration, role-plays, games, and a concluding project will feed youth's rising realization that as people of faith we are all called to love justice - not just with our words, but also with our deeds. Sixteen workshops.

- ❖ ***A Place of Wholeness*** will be sixteen workshops for high school youth. Youth – like adults and children – need to be able to talk about what it means to be Unitarian Universalist. Whether delivering an “elevator speech”, taking part in an interfaith dialogue, or conversing with friends at the lunch table, youth need practice in describing our multifaceted faith in terms that are personally meaningful and true. Building upon the faith development of Coming of Age and other UU identity programs, this curriculum encourages youth to look inward for a clearer understanding of their personal faith and to express that faith outward into the world.

Writing will begin in January 2009, with full manuscripts due late spring. Authors are provided with a Word-based template for program design and manuscript preparation. UUA staff work closely with authors in developing the curricula and suggesting resources.

Authors interested in applying should review programs currently online and other resources at www.uua.org/tapestryoffaith.

Criteria for Curriculum Authors

- Has proven writing skills, preferably in curriculum writing
- Is competent in developmental age-appropriateness
- Has ability to communicate UU faith and values
- Uses anti-racist and anti-oppressive lenses
- Meets deadlines
- Accepts and responds well to feedback
- Offers creative educational design
- Creates original material
- Understands and addresses diverse learning styles
- Is open to the vision of the Tapestry of Faith project

How to Apply

Please submit a resume or CV, a writing sample (preferably a curriculum-writing sample) and a cover letter with answers to these questions:

- For which program are you applying?
- Why are you interested in this program?
- What expertise do you have with this age group(s)?
- What skills and interests do you bring to your curriculum development and writing?
- What three attributes of a curriculum do you believe are most important to consider when developing youth programs?

If you have applied previously to be a Tapestry of Faith children's program author, please provide relevant updates to your experience and qualifications and answers to the questions above.

Please send your application electronically by December 12, 2008 to Jessica York, Youth Programs Director, at jyork@uua.org .