

## For Religious Educators



# UUA Call for Field-test Congregations

## Tapestry of Faith Children's Programs, Winter/Spring, 2009

The UUA Lifespan Faith Development Staff Group seeks a group of congregations diverse in size, location, and culture to field test two new, engaging Tapestry of Faith children's curricula in the Seeking Truth series. Congregations who agree to intentionally field test new curricula provide invaluable feedback that improves the quality of religious education programming for all our congregations.

### These programs offer:

- 16 sessions to complete between January and June 2009
- Introductory material to prepare and support leaders effectively
- Core stories that teach UU values, Principles and religious concepts
- Clear goals and learning objectives
- Activities based on a variety of learning styles
- Alternate activity choices to help you tailor each session to your needs
- Taking It Home sections with activities and resources for families
- Faith in Action activities to engage the group in living our faith within or outside the congregation
- Online format that is free, searchable, and adaptable.

### The programs:

- **FaithQuest Grades 2-3** (16 sessions): Interacting with stories from our faith heritage and stories about contemporary Unitarian Universalists, children build their UU identity and explore ways to use their personal agency in service to UU Principles. Children learn how UU faith helps us empathize with others and affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person.  
By Alice Anacheka-Nasemann and Lynn Ungar.
- **Windows and Mirrors Grades 4-5** (16 sessions): Through a lens of UU faith and justice, children look inward at themselves (mirrors) and outward at the communities to which they belong, especially their congregation (windows). How do we experience true affiliation with others who may, at first, seem very unlike us? How do we acknowledge our own perspectives and respect the perspectives of others? How do we move out from "me" to "we?"  
By Gabrielle Farrell, Natalie Fenimore and Jenice View.

For more information and to apply to be a Tapestry of Faith field-testing congregation, please contact the UUA's Lifespan Faith Development Staff Group at [fieldtest@uua.org](mailto:fieldtest@uua.org) or call Alicia LeBlanc at 617.948.4371.