

For Ministers, Religious Educators and Leaders



Call for Authors Tapestry of Faith Curriculum for Adults

The Lifespan Faith Development staff group of the UUA is seeking authors for a new, six-workshop program, **New UU**.

This program will introduce adults to Unitarian Universalism and invite participation and membership in the local congregation. Following the Tapestry of Faith model, workshops will include stories, conversation and activities to deepen participants' understanding of our faith traditions and practices.

Goals for the curriculum:

- Provide a warm, hospitable and accessible welcome to a congregation's newcomers
- Acquaint participants with the congregation: its mission, vision, practices, programs and governance
- Introduce participants to the history, values, beliefs and practices of Unitarian Universalism
- Introduce participants to a Unitarian Universalist philosophy of religious education
- Build community among participants and connect them with the congregation
- Invite participants to become members and share in the stewardship of the congregation
- Familiarize participants with the interconnections and opportunities provided by the larger Unitarian Universalist movement, including the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations.

Writing is paid and will begin in June 2009, with full manuscripts due September 1, 2009. Author(s) will receive a Word-based template for program design and manuscript preparation. UUA staff work closely with authors in developing curricula and suggesting resources.

Author Criteria

- Proven writing skills, preferably in curriculum writing
- Competence in developmental age-appropriateness
- Ability to communicate UU faith and values
- Use of anti-racist, anti-oppressive lens
- Ability to meet deadlines
- Ability to accept and respond to feedback
- Ability to generate original material

- Creative educational design skills
- Understanding of and ability to address diverse learning styles
- Openness 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:

- Why are you interested in this program?
- What expertise do you have in adult faith development?
- 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 adult programs?
- What are your ideas for creating a curriculum to engage adults of all ages and life stages?

Before applying, please review programs currently online and other resources on the [Tapestry of Faith](#) website. If you have applied previously to be a Tapestry of Faith author, please provide relevant updates to your experience and qualifications along with your answers to the questions above.

Please send your complete application electronically by May 9, 2009, to Gail Forsyth-Vail, Adult Programs Director, at gforsythvail@uaa.org.