



UUA Call for Fieldtest Congregations

Faithful Journeys

A Tapestry of Faith Children's Program for Second/Third Grade – Fall, 2009

The UUA is pleased to present Faithful Journeys, a Tapestry of Faith program for second and third grade by the Rev. Alice Anacheka-Nasemann and the Rev. Lynn Ungar. We seek congregations diverse in size, location and culture to fieldtest Faithful Journeys in the fall of 2009.

Defining what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist can be challenging. Adults often welcome this challenge; a questioning spirit is part of our faith. Yet, children need to learn who Unitarian Universalists are, what we believe and how we make decisions and act on our faith.

Faithful Journeys equips children with language and experiences to develop and articulate a strong Unitarian Universalist faith identity. Through historic and contemporary stories of Unitarian Universalist faith in action, participants grow in their own personal agency – their capacity to act faithfully as Unitarian Universalists in their lives. Stories introduce Fanny Barrier Williams, Christopher Reeve, Sophia Lyon Fahs, Ethelred Brown and others from our faith heritage. Activities range from making a Zen garden and planning a “minimalist” party to conducting an accessibility audit of the congregational building, staging a peace songs parade and playing a card-matching game to better understand our Unitarian Universalist Principles. Throughout the program, children have opportunities to share their own stories of faithful action and represent them with footprints or wheelchair tracks on a Faithful Journeys Path.

This program offers:

- 16 sessions to complete in the fall of 2009
- Informative introductory material to prepare teachers to lead effectively
- Goals and learning objectives for each session
- Core stories that teach UU values, Principles and religious concepts
- Engaging activities based on a variety of learning styles
- Session activity choices to help you tailor the session to your needs
- Parent resources and Taking It Home activities for families
- Faith in Action activities to engage the group in living our faith within or outside the congregation
- On-line format that is free, searchable and adaptable.

For more information and to apply to be a fieldtest congregation, contact fieldtest@uua.org or Alicia LeBlanc at 617-948-4371.