



# UUA Call for Fieldtest Congregations

## Windows and Mirrors

### *A Tapestry of Faith Children's Program for Fourth/Fifth Grade – Fall, 2009*

The UUA seeks congregations diverse in size, location and culture to fieldtest Windows and Mirrors, a Tapestry of Faith program for fourth and fifth grade by Gabrielle Farrell, Natalie Fenimore and Dr. Jenice View.

The metaphor of windows and mirrors represents the dynamic relationship among our awareness of self, our perceptions of others, and others' perceptions of us. This program nurtures children's ability to acknowledge their own experiences and perspectives and to seek out, care about and respect those of others. Sessions have a social justice focus, raising topics intrinsically filled with diverse experiences and perspectives – for example, faith heritage, public service, anti-racism, forgiveness and prayer. Underlying the program is the lesson that there are always multiple viewpoints and everyone's viewpoint matters.

Throughout the program, children work on their own Window/Mirror Panel, exploring the metaphor creatively in response to session topics. As a mirror, the panel reflects aspects of the individual child. As a window, it represents the child's view beyond themselves to the congregation, other communities to which they belong, and the world. Present a collective display of the children's Window/Mirror Panels at the program's conclusion to give the wider congregation a window into the children's experiences and a mirror to see themselves.

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](mailto:fieldtest@uua.org) or Alicia LeBlanc at 617-948-4371.