

# One and One

*One Action and One Tool from the UUA Ministries and Faith Development Staff Group*



## **Welcome!**

to “One and One” the new e-newsletter from the UUA Ministries and Faith Development Staff Group. In this weekly brief for busy Unitarian Universalist religious professionals, you will find one exciting thing going on at the UUA, and one useful tool. We are going to keep this simple and quick. Stay tuned and feel free to submit content ideas or feedback to [one-and-one@uua.org](mailto:one-and-one@uua.org).

## **One Thing Going On**

**HOT!** For those of you who haven't yet heard, the final report of the [Strategic Plan for Professional Ministries](#) is now available.

This five page document takes up an important task: How do we take the best from our faith tradition and at the same time live with radical creativity into the rapidly changing multicultural reality of the present day? Even more, how can we as religious professionals be better equipped to help our beloved Unitarian Universalism thrive?

We have an important religious message of unconditional love and ultimate oneness to bring to bear on a hurting world. Thanks to the more than 60 individuals and related organizations who offered feedback to the Strategic Review taskforce, this final report has clear and doable recommendations, while also offering bold questions for all UU religious leaders to consider for the future. We invite you to partner with us to engage these questions, and will be looking to the leadership of the various UU professional organizations as one important way to carry on the conversation.

Check out [Rev. Christine Robinson's blog](#) for an ongoing dialogue on the Strategic Plan.

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## **One Useful Tool**



It's interim ministry season, a time of transition that may feel daunting to our congregations. Nevertheless, this is often a richly rewarding period in which to examine history, assess present life, and look toward the future.

The Rev. Barbara Child suggests five key aspects that characterize the work of an interim minister.

- >to hold up a mirror so you can see some things you have had no particular reason to notice for a while;
- >to help you come to terms with your history, celebrating glories, grieving losses, letting go;
- >to work with your lay leaders and staff to unstick stuck places and get the kinks and tangles out – in other words, to give the operating system a tune-up;
- >to enable you to experience a different model of ministry and worship so you can see that more than one style can be effective in meeting your needs and enriching your spiritual or religious life; and
- >to give you a chance to try out some new ways and greet your future in the spirit of adventure.

For basic information on the interim period refer to the [Transitional Ministry Handbook](#).

## **About One and One**

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