

# One and One



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

One and One is produced by the UUA Ministries and Faith Development Staff Group. In this simple weekly brief, busy Unitarian Universalist Professionals will find one exciting thing going on at the UUA, and one useful tool. Please submit content ideas or feedback to [one-and-one@uua.org](mailto:one-and-one@uua.org).

### *One Thing Going On*

#### *Getting Strategic About Growth*

Earlier this year, the Unitarian Universalist Association established the Office of Growth Strategies, whose primary goal is to encourage the strategic mobilization of resources, purpose, and partnerships in order to grow current and future Unitarian Universalist congregations. Under the leadership of Rev. Stefan Jonasson and Tandi Rogers, the new office will review and evaluate previous growth initiatives, identify and highlight current success stories among UU congregations and those outside our faith, develop up-to-date online resources for congregational growth, and encourage collaboration and alignment for growth across UUA staff groups and regions.

While Stefan and Tandi share responsibility for the overall direction of the new office, Stefan's focus will be on helping congregations grow through successfully negotiating size transitions, while Tandi's focus will be on emerging congregations and technological innovations for growth. Working together, they will endeavor to promote realistic and effective strategies to help congregations grow in strength, numbers, and influence. They welcome the insights that religious professionals serving our congregations may have to offer and aspire to support them, as they can, in local and regional efforts to grow Unitarian Universalism.

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### *One Useful Tool*

#### *A New World Religions Program for Youth: Building Bridges*

Unitarian Universalist youth today come of age in a religiously pluralistic world, and many are engaging in interfaith leadership. It's important that UU youth understand what members of other religions find valuable and holy. **Building Bridges**, the new Tapestry of Faith world religions program for youth in grades 8 and 9, deepens understanding of our own, inclusive UU faith as youth study its relationship to other religions. Continuing the legacy of previous UU world religions programs, *The Church Across the Street* and *Neighboring Faiths*, this 23-workshop program by Mary K. Isaacs explores beliefs and practices of people of many faiths through discussion, activities, and engagement with followers of the religions represented in the youth's local community. Resting on the premise that all religions emerge to serve fundamental human needs, the workshops highlight major faiths and note times and places in history when religions emerged in clusters. Congregations are invited to field test; contact [fieldtest@uua.org](mailto:fieldtest@uua.org).



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