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One Thing Going On

Deepen Understanding of Sexuality/Spirituality in Ministry

Need to know more about human sexuality? Want to increase your skills for preaching, pastoral counseling, and youth education about sexuality issues?

The Religious Institute is pleased to offer two online courses on sexuality issues this spring. *Sexuality Issues for Ministers* is designed for clergy and seminarians, **and there is now a new *Sexuality Issues for Religious Educators* course for professional and lay religious educators.**

Here's what people have been saying about our courses:

"Thank you for a terrific class and for creating such a dramatic impact on my ministry."

"This course has made me think differently about sexuality, power, sex, communication, and so many more dimensions of working in community."

The courses are unique online learning opportunities that facilitate personal reflection and skill development. They combine self-directed and interactive learning, and are designed to increase ministers' and religious educators' knowledge and skills at the intersection of faith and sexuality. Although specifically designed for Unitarian Universalist clergy and religious educators, the courses are open to professionals of all faiths.

Topics addressed include understanding personal boundaries and history, sexuality and religion, child, adolescent and adult sexual development, dealing with attraction and boundaries as a religious professional, safer congregations policies and practices, pastoral care and counseling, preaching (in the ministers' course) and sexually healthy religious education classrooms (in the religious educators' course).

These courses will run from March 1, to May 31, 2014. There is a registration fee of \$125 to audit or \$200 to receive a certificate of completion.

Registration is limited and is now open to the first thirty respondents for each course. For more information, course outlines and reading lists, or to register, go to this link <http://www.religioustudies.org/course>

One Useful Tool

The Generosity Path

With easy-to-read guidance, *The Generosity Path: Finding the Richness in Giving* sheds new light on our finances—connecting money to our values, beliefs, and loves and promoting skills and strategies in charitable giving. Available at: <http://www.uuabookstore.org/productdetails.cfm?PC=1864>. The book includes spiritual exercises, journaling prompts, and a small group discussion guide.

“Ewert provides a framework for readers to free themselves of unreasonable fears about poverty and from unrealistic fantasies about wealth. He awakens the slumbering philanthropist in us by providing tools to help us become part of a generous community. He reflects on ways in which we are already generous and helps us find ways to expand our generosity, no matter our life circumstances. The Generosity Path has earned a spot at the top of my recommended list of spiritual stewardship resources.”

--Wayne Clark, author, *Beyond Fundraising*

For a brief video describing this resource: www.youtube.com/embed/8VQocvidqPo