

Lifespan Faith Development
Report to the UUA Board of Trustees
January 2008 Meeting

Submitted by Sarah Gibb Millspaugh, Adult Programs Director, while Judith Frediani, Director of Lifespan Faith Development, is enjoying a well-earned sabbatical.

Curriculum Office

Judith A. Frediani, Director of Lifespan Faith Development, *Tapestry of Faith* Project Director
Adrienne Ross, Office and *Tapestry of Faith* Project Manager

Curriculum Office Transitions

This fall we brought on a consultant for the *Our Whole Lives* sexuality education project, Jane Detwiler. Jane works 10 hours per week in collaboration with LFD's "OWL Team" (the Director, the Youth Programs Director, and the Adult Programs Director) to support the use of *Our Whole Lives* in our congregations and maintain the *Our Whole Lives* teacher training system. She is a welcome addition to our team.

We are seeking to fill two full-time positions in our staff group: a Children and Families Resource Coordinator and an Office Manager. We look forward to introducing these two new staff persons in our next Board report.

Children's Curricula

Judith Frediani, Director of Lifespan Faith Development
Susan Lawrence, Managing Editor

Our office is hard at work developing *Tapestry of Faith* children's programs. Several curricula are in the writing, editing, and testing stages of development. For a full listing, please see the *Tapestry of Faith* Project Status Report below.

We are delighted to report that the first series of Children's programs, "Living Faith," will be published online in January, 2008. "Living Faith" is one of *Tapestry of Faith's* four series for children, each of which includes half-year programs for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Twenty congregations have committed to field test one or more of the "Living Faith" curricula beginning in January.

The development of our "Seeking Truth" series of *Tapestry of Faith* children's curricula is well underway, with each curriculum in various stages of author selection, writing, and editing.

We will launch the third children's *Tapestry of Faith* series, "Creating Love," with a call for authors in January.

Youth Curricula

Jessica York

Youth Programs Director

Every youth program resource within *Tapestry of Faith* is transitioning to a new phase of development this winter. *Coming of Age: A Handbook for Congregations* is now in the hands of the UUA Publications staff for copy-editing and publication in print. I am editing two older curricula, *Families* and *Exploring Our Identities Through Poetry*, for online publication in early 2008. Author Richard Kimball is just completing the sixth grade “Living Faith” curriculum *Amazing Grace: Exploring Right and Wrong*. Its field test is scheduled for fall 2008.

January will see a call for authors for two new, year-long curricula for youth: one will explore Unitarian Universalism, theological diversity, and religious literacy; the other will be a tool for youth to discuss how their faith informs everyday life situations.

Please see the “*Tapestry of Faith* Project Status Report” below for details.

Adult Curricula

Sarah Gibb Millspaugh

Adult Programs Director

I am guiding the development of multiple *Tapestry of Faith* programs for adults this winter, with the *Spirit in Practice* curriculum heading into field test and the *Our Whole Lives* program for young adults heading into print. Several adult resources are being written by our talented authors, and I am editing several more for online publication.

A call for authors in December yielded great interest in the next phase of *Tapestry of Faith* adult programs: two curricula on different aspects of our Unitarian Universalist history, and one on living Unitarian Universalism in our everyday lives.

Please see the report below for details.

***Tapestry of Faith* Project Status Report**

Published in Print – as of January 2008

Adults

- *Our Whole Lives: Sexuality Education for Young Adults, Ages 18-35* by Rev. Dr. Michael J. Tino, Laura Stuart, MPH, and Rev. Sarah Gibb Millspaugh
- *Sexuality and Our Faith: A Companion to Our Whole Lives for Young Adults* by Mandy Keithan (UU) and Lynn Young and Rev. T. Michael Rock (UCC)

Toolkit Books

- *Nurturing Children and Youth: A Developmental Guidebook* by Tracey L. Hurd
- *When Youth Lead: A Guide to Intergenerational Social Justice Ministry* by Jill Schwendeman

- *Stories in Faith: Exploring Our UU Principles and Sources through Wisdom Tales* by Gail Forsyth-Vail

Published Online – as of January 2008

Children

- Living Faith, Grades K-1: *Creating Home* by Christy Olson and Jessica York (field test version)
- Living Faith, Grades 2-3: *Moral Tales* by Alice Anacheke-Nasemann and Elisa Pearmain (field test version)
- Living Faith, Grades 4-5: *Toolbox of Faith* by Kate Tweedie Erslev (field test version)

Adults

- *Spirit of Life* by Rev. Barbara Hamilton-Holway (field test version)
- *Spirit in Practice* by Rev. Erik Walker Wikstrom (field test version)

Being Edited After Field Test for Publication

Youth

- *Coming-of-Age: A Handbook for Congregations* by Rev. Sarah Gibb Millspaugh (print resource), primarily for junior high youth
- *Families* edited by Tracey L. Hurd, based upon a program originally created by Helen Bishop and Susan Grider, for junior high youth
- *Exploring Our Identities Through Poetry* by Karen Harris, for high school youth

Adults

- *Principled Commitment: A Program for Unitarian Universalist Couples* by Melanie Davis, Stephanie Haymaker, Rev. Craig Hirshberg, and Rick Bellingham.
- *Spirit of Life* by Rev. Barbara Hamilton-Holway (field test ends January 2008)

Being Edited for Field Test

Children

- Living Faith: Wide Age Span: *Miracles* by Rev. Christopher Holton Jablonski
- Living Faith: Wide Age Span: *Gather the Spirit* by Rick Kimball
- *We Give Thanks* by Jenice View and Gabrielle Farrell
- Seeking Truth, Wide Age Span: *Circle of Trees* by Kate Tweedie Erslev

Being Written

Children

- Seeking Truth, K-1, *The Wonderful Welcome Table* by Gaia Brown and Aisha Khadr Hauser

- Seeking Truth, 4-5, *Windows and Mirrors* by Gabrielle Farrell, Natalie Fenimore and Jenice View
- Living Faith , Grade 6: *Amazing Grace: Exploring Right and Wrong* by Richard Kimball

Adults

- *UU Values and Ethics*, by Rev. Dr. William Murry and Rev. Ginger Luke
- *UU Theology: What Moves Us*, by Rev. Dr. Thandeka
- *Leadership: Harvest the Power*, by Rev. Matt Tittle and Gail Tittle

Author Selection/Proposal Phase

Children

- Seeking Truth, Grades 2-3
- Creating Love, Grades K-1
- Creating Love, Grades 2-3
- Creating Love, Grades 4-5

Youth

- *Building Bridges: Engaging Youth with Theological Diversity*
- *Virtue Ethics in Today's World*

Adults

- *Theological Diversity: Different Beliefs/One Faith*
- Unitarian Universalist History (general)
- UU History of Resistance and Transformation
- Living UU Values

Office of Youth Ministries Board Report January 2008

Implementation of the Consultation on Youth Ministry

We are in the final stages of assembling the Youth Ministry Implementation Working Group, which is charged with putting the recommendations of the Summit on Youth Ministry into action. Charlie Burke has accepted a place in the group as the Board of Trustees representative. This group will begin meeting in February, at the same time as the YRUU Steering Committee. Over the next few months, members of the Office of Youth Ministry will be meeting with regional groups of District Staff to talk about the results of the Summit and the work of implementation.

We have received a grant from the Panel on Theological Education to hold a roundtable on the preparation of ordained clergy for ministry to and with youth. This event will be held in March with representatives from theological schools, the MFC, UUMA, UUA Ministry and Professional Leadership, seminarians, and youth. The report from this meeting will be available by March 30, 2008.

YRUU Steering Committee

The YRUU Steering Committee meeting in October was a success. The committee began important conversations about working with the Steering Committee of DRUUMM Youth and Young Adults (which met concurrently) and with the Youth Ministry Implementation Working Group. These conversations are continuing through conference calls.

This year's Steering Committee is made up entirely of white youth. This has led them to start working to be in relationship with the UU Allies for Racial Equity group, to help white youth and the Association as a whole become better white anti-racist allies.

The Steering Committee will be meeting again in February with the Youth Ministry Implementation Working Group. Updates from that meeting will be sent to the Board and the Association.

General Assembly

The Office of Youth Ministry has completed workshop applications for Youth Caucus programming at General Assembly. The programming this year is similar to past years, except that the separate youth and young adult worships and the Friday night bridging ceremony will be combined into a larger joint worship that all GA participants will be encouraged to attend. Jenny Lotze (HUUPER), Amelia Harati (HUUPER), Will Floyd (YRUU SC representative) and India McKnight (staff) have chosen new Youth Caucus staff to work with staff members staying on from last year. Morgan Ives is the Youth Female Chaplain, Nick Allen is the Community Specialist, Dani Everton is the Worship coordinator, Alexis Blackman is the Adult Female Chaplain and Jeff Lamicela is the Sponsor Coordinator. They are still looking for an Adult Male Chaplain and a Gopher. GA Youth Caucus's Anti-Racism Lead Trainers and Identity Group Coordinators will be from Groundwork. We will begin planning the pre-site meeting in Ft Lauderdale on April 3-6, 2008 after all positions are filled.

Chrysalis Training Program

This fall, the Office of Youth Ministry has seen an increase in the number of Chrysalis trainings requested as compared to the 2006-2007 church year. We've had 10 training requests, resulting in 8 trainings from September through November. There were four Chaplain trainings (in the Heartland, Pacific Southwest, St. Lawrence and Pacific Central districts), two Leadership Development trainings (in the Southwest and Mass Bay districts), and two Basic Advisor trainings (in the Ohio Meadville and Western Canada). We're looking forward to five trainings in the new year, in the Ohio Meadville, Mid-South and St Lawrence districts, and the British Columbia and CUC Eastern regions.

This spring, the office is convening a meeting to re-vision the Chrysalis Training Program. It will take place February 28-March 2 at the Walker Center in Newton, MA. We are inviting 10 youth and adult Chrysalis trainers and two district staff to participate in this process.

DRUUMM YaYA (Diverse and Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries Youth and Young Adults)

The DRUUMM YaYA Steering Committee met in conjunction with the YRUU Steering Committee during October. They had a joint accountability discussion that will require follow up in the future, and participated in facilitation training with Jodi Slezak. They elected Co-Chairs for the committee and are discussing a site for their Annual Youth and Young Adults of Color Spring Summit.

**Lifespan Faith Development
Travel Schedules
January – April 2008**

Sara Eskrich

Feb. 1-3	UU Allies for Racial Equity Conference	Memphis, TN
Feb. 7-11	YRUU Steering Committee and Youth Ministry Working Group Meetings	Craigville, MA
March 5-8	Roundtable on Youth Ministry in Theological Education	Newton, MA
March 15-18	Sexuality Education Advocacy Training	Washington, DC
April 10-14	YRUU Steering Committee and Youth Ministry Working Group Meetings	Newton, MA

Judith Frediani

January 2	Return from sabbatical	
January t.b.a.	<i>Tapestry of Faith</i> author meeting	Washington, DC
February 8-11	Youth Ministry Working Group Meeting	Craigville, MA

Jesse Jaeger

January 2	Return from sabbatical	
Feb. 7-11	Youth Ministry Working Group Meeting	Craigville, MA
Feb. 28-Mar. 2	Chrysalis Re-visioning Roundtable	Newton, MA
March 5-8	Roundtable on Youth Ministry in Theological Education	Newton, MA
April 10-14	Youth Ministry Working Group Meeting	Newton, MA

Darrick Jackson

February 7-10	YRUU Steering Committee Meeting	Craigville, MA
March 3-5	First Year Minister's Retreat	Boston, MA
March 5-8	Roundtable on Youth Ministry in Theological Education	Newton, MA
April 3-6	General Assembly Pre-site	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
April 10-13	YRUU Steering Committee Meeting	Newton, MA

Rek Kwawer

Feb. 7-11	Youth Ministry Working Group Meeting	Craigville, MA
April 10-14	Youth Ministry Working Group Meeting	Newton, MA

Susan Lawrence

January t.b.a.	<i>Tapestry of Faith</i> author meeting	Washington, DC
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India McKnight

Jan 17-20	DRUUMM YaYA SC Meeting (Tentative)	Long Beach, CA
Jan 24-27	Commit to Community Field Test (Tentative)	Seattle, WA
February 7-11	YRUU Steering Committee Meeting	Craigville, MA

Feb 22 – 24	Interweave Convocation (Tentative)	Denver, CO
Feb. 28-Mar. 2	Chrysalis Re-visioning Roundtable	Newton, MA
March 15-18	Sexuality Education Advocacy Training	Washington, DC
April 3-6	General Assembly Pre-site	Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Sarah Gibb Millspaugh (based in Aliso Viejo, CA)

January 7 – 11	LFD staff group meetings	Boston, MA
January 28-31	Pacific Southwest UUMA/LREDA retreat	R. Palos Verdes, CA
March t.b.a.	LFD staff group meetings	Boston, MA

Jessica York (based in Montgomery, AL)

January 7 – 10	LFD staff group meetings	Boston, MA
January 29	Mid-South District Religious Education Summit	Mobile, AL
March 5 – 8	Religious Professionals of Color Retreat	San Francisco, CA
March t.b.a.	LFD staff group meetings	Boston, MA