



CALL FOR AUTHORS

UU Theology Renaissance Module

The Resource Development Office in the Ministries and Faith Development staff group of the Unitarian Universalist Association is seeking an author or authors to write a new Renaissance module that can be offered as a distance learning opportunity.

Program Background

The Renaissance program has a distinguished tradition of on-site training for religious educators, lay leaders, seminarians and parish ministers. It is also a major component of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) Religious Education (RE) Credentialing program. Each module provides standardized basic training in a specific area useful to those in religious education leadership. Thus far, participation has been limited to those who are able to gather over the course of several days and who have the funds to do so. Current and emerging technology allows the Renaissance program to become more accessible to a broad spectrum of participants by incorporating a variety of distance learning technologies, including independent study and reflection as well as interactive online options such as webinars.

Goals for the New Program

- Introduce some of the key theologians in Unitarian, Universalist, and Unitarian Universalist history
- Increase understanding of the origins of Unitarianism and Universalism
- Deepen understanding of contemporary UU theological diversity
- Consider the implications of UU theologies for religious education/faith development programming
- Strengthen one's own theological stance and ability to articulate it.

UUA staff work closely with authors in developing the module, and provide a template and style sheets for this project.

Authors interested in applying should familiarize themselves with [existing Renaissance modules](#).

Criteria for Authors

- Has proven writing skills, preferably in curriculum writing
- Has ability to communicate UU faith and values
- Uses anti-racist, anti-oppressive, multicultural lenses
- Meets deadlines
- Accepts and responds well to feedback
- Offers creative educational design, including an understanding of online learning environments
- Understands and addresses diverse learning styles
- Understands and promotes the vision of the Renaissance program.

How to Apply

Please submit a resume, a writing sample (preferably a curriculum-writing sample) and brief answers to these questions:

- Why are you interested in this program?
- What expertise do you have with this topic?
- What skills and interests do you bring to your curriculum development and writing?
- What three attributes of professional development do you believe are most important to consider when developing a Renaissance program?
- What support would you need to write a Renaissance program to be used in professional development of Unitarian Universalist religious professionals and lay leaders?

Please send your application electronically by June 15th to Pat Kahn, Children and Family Programs Director, Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, pkahn@uua.org.