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Call for Authors

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Two Tapestry of Faith Multigenerational Programs

The Lifespan Faith Development staff group of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) seeks authors for two new programs:

Wisdom from Hebrew Scripture

Wisdom from Christian Scripture

Each eight-workshop program will engage Unitarian Universalists of all ages and life stages—children, youth and adults—with stories and themes drawn from our fourth Unitarian Universalist Source. Following the Tapestry of Faith model, workshops will use conversation and activities geared to a range of learning styles to broaden and deepen participants' knowledge of scripture and their understanding of its historical and theological contexts. Participants will discover meaning and wisdom from our Jewish and Christian faith heritage to use in their own lives.

Goals for the Curricula

- Provide multimodal, multigenerational experiences that are welcoming and challenging to all
- Offer resources and activities for Unitarian Universalists to access beauty, wisdom and meaning from the Hebrew and Christian scripture
- Acquaint participants with the cultural and religious importance of stories and texts from Hebrew and Christian scripture, particularly those which are important to our Universalist, Unitarian and Unitarian Universalist heritage
- Give participants a lifelong approach to exploring the historical and socio-political context of scriptural narratives
- Offer an opportunity for re-examination of literal interpretations of Hebrew and Christian scripture, including those texts which are cited to support particular social and religious points of view
- Build community among participants across the lifespan.

Writing will begin in August 2009, with full manuscripts due February 1, 2010. Authors will receive a Word-based template for program design and manuscript preparation. UUA staff work closely with authors in developing curricula and will suggest resources.

Authors interested in applying should visit the Tapestry of Faith website and review programs currently online and other resources: www.uua.org/tapestryoffaith

Criteria for Curriculum Authors

- Expertise in multigenerational program design
- Solid grounding in Hebrew scripture and/or Christian scripture
- Proven writing skills, preferably in curriculum writing
- Ability to communicate UU faith and values
- Anti-racist, anti-oppressive, multicultural lens
- Proven success at meeting deadlines
- Readiness to accept and ability to respond well to feedback
- Creative educational design capability
- Ability to create original material
- Understanding of and ability to address diverse learning styles
- Openness to the vision of the Tapestry of Faith project.

How to Apply

Please submit a resume or CV, a writing sample (preferably a curriculum-writing sample) and a cover letter with answers to these questions:

- For which program are you applying?
- Why are you interested in this program?
- What skills and expertise do you have in faith development for multigenerational groups? In faith development for children, youth and adults?
- What expertise do you have in understanding Hebrew and/or Christian scripture?
- What experience, skills and interests do you bring to the development and writing of multigenerational programming and/or curricula?
- What three attributes of a curriculum do you believe are most important to consider when developing multigenerational programs?
- What are your ideas for creating a curriculum to engage people of all ages and life stages?

If you have applied previously to be a Tapestry of Faith author, please include relevant updates to your experience and qualifications with your materials.

Send your application electronically by SEPTEMBER 14, 2009, to Gail Forsyth-Vail, Adult Programs Director, at gforsythvail@uua.org.