

For Religious Educators and Leaders

Field-test Children's RE Curricula!

Three New Tapestry of Faith Programs – September, 2010

The UUA seeks congregations diverse in size, location, and culture to field-test three new [Tapestry of Faith children's curricula](#) in the Beloved Community series: Love Surrounds Us (K-1), Love Will Guide Us (2-3), and Love Connects Us (4-5). Congregations that participate in field-testing new curricula provide invaluable feedback that improves the quality of religious education programming for all our congregations.

Each program offers:

- 16 sessions to complete between September 2010 and January 2011
- Introductory material to prepare and support leaders effectively
- Core stories that teach UU values, Principles, and religious concepts
- Clear goals and learning objectives
- Engaging, developmentally appropriate activities geared for various learning styles
- Alternate activity choices to help you tailor each session to your needs
- Taking It Home sections with activities and resources for families
- Faith in Action activities to engage the group in living our faith within or outside the congregation
- Online format that is free, searchable, and adaptable.



Love Surrounds Us (Grades K-1; by Lynn Kerr and Christy Olson) explores all the Principles in the context of Beloved Community. The program focuses on communities kindergarteners and first graders know—their family/home, school, and neighborhood—to emphasize the love children give, receive, and feel in community. Children experience and live out UU values in community. They come in knowing they are Unitarian Universalists, and leave knowing why.

Love Will Guide Us (Grades 2-3; by Alice Anacheke-Naseman and Cathy Cartwright) emphasizes love as a constant guide as children approach life's questions and choices through the lens of our Unitarian Universalist Sources. Wisdom from our Sources helps participants answer questions such as "Where did we come from?" "What is our relationship to the Earth and other creatures?" and "How can we respond with love, even in bad situations?" Children learn that Unitarian Universalism values asking questions, even as they shape their own answers.

Love Connects Us (Grades 4-5; by Michelle Richards and Lynn Ungar) celebrates important ways Unitarian Universalists live our faith in covenanted community, using stories of faithful action motivated by love. Moved by love and gathered in spirit, we embrace our responsibility toward one another and the world at large. We encourage one another's search for truth and meaning. We strive to be active in peace-making and other efforts to improve our world.

Apply to be a field-test congregation for Tapestry of Faith! Contact Alicia LeBlanc, 617-948-4371, fieldtest@uua.org.