

One and One



One Action and One Tool from the UUA Ministries and Faith Development Staff Group

One and One is produced by the UUA Ministries and Faith Development Staff Group. In this simple weekly brief, busy Unitarian Universalist Professionals will find one exciting thing going on at the UUA, and one useful tool. Please submit content ideas or feedback to one-and-one@uua.org.

One Thing Going On

Two Models for GLBTQ and Straight-Allied Youth

GLBTQ teens are particularly at risk for being isolated, vulnerable, bullied, or silently in pain. While our congregations are generally welcoming, there are examples of congregations out there who are going the distance by reaching out, and reaching in to create safe, joyful space for GLBTQ youth and their straight allies. Here are two examples:

Model 1: BAGSLY is a support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning, and straight-allied youth that has been in existence for over ten years. Currently, it is an outreach program of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Birmingham, AL. The group is youth-led and supported by adult advisors. Youth from all over the metropolitan area participate in twice-monthly meetings, which include check-in, updates on local happenings, games, and a program. Programs vary from how to start a GSA to the life story of a transgender individual to watching and discussing a movie. Sponsored events include both the social (prom, bowling, picnics) and the civic-minded (AIDS Walk, MLK Day Rally). For more information, see www.bagsly.org

Model 2: The Ogden OUTreach Center, the Unitarian Universalist Church of Ogden's drop-in program for bisexual, gay, lesbian, and transgender (BGLT) youth and young adults. Watch the [video](#): Ogden UUs Reach Out to BGLT Youth.



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One Useful Tool

Announcing ... A New Association for UU Membership Professionals!

UU membership professionals are a varied lot. It seems no two have exactly the same title, job description, or duties. But their jobs all focus on members and community within their congregations, including: welcoming guests, attracting and retaining members, organizing activities, matching volunteers to committees and interest groups, and much more.

Now, after years of quiet organizing, they have formed a professional association. UUAMP, the Unitarian Universalist Association of Membership Professionals, has a [website](#) where membership professionals share information on welcoming and engaging new community members, use of social media, and nuts and bolts like job descriptions. UUAMP has hosted workshops at GA and the Large Congregations Conference.

The fledgling association will be a valuable resource for membership professionals and a path to establishing professional connections. Upcoming UUAMP projects include a mentoring program for new membership professionals, webinars and workshops to address common membership issues, and ongoing dialog about consistent standards for membership professionals across the UUA.

If you are a UU membership professional, this is your invitation to join UUAMP. For more information, including how to get involved, check our [website](#).

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