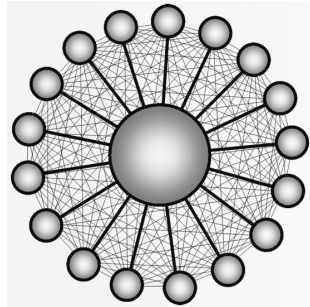


FOR MINISTERS; MUSIC DIRECTORS; RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DIRECTORS; AND LAY WORSHIP LEADERS, COMMITTEES, ETC.

AN UPDATE FROM THE OFFICE OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC RESOURCES



Nearly three hundred people have taken the web survey “Help Shape the Future of WorshipWeb” since it was posted at the end of October. The vast majority have been ordained ministers, followed by music directors, directors of religious education, and lay members of worship committees. Most had never used WorshipWeb before and, so, were seeing the possibilities with fresh eyes.

And what possibilities there are! The current WorshipWeb is essentially a searchable collection of various kinds of readings, sermons, and services. As such it has been invaluable to many. Yet internet technology makes so much more possible, and so over the coming months this searchable service element site will become just one of seventeen modules through which congregations will be able to access information about music, drama, dance, multiculturalism, video, lay worship programs, and so much more. The future may even hold real-time interactive opportunities for discussion and collaboration that might help communities work *together* to help deepen worship experiences in Unitarian Universalist congregations around the country and across the globe.

The data from the survey will help set the priorities for moving forward with this project. Rev. Erik Walker Wikstrom, the UUA’s Worship and Music Resources Director, will be analyzing the data in December, but there’s still time to participate. Go to:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=UdzjWunVGOTOz3ahcWJj6Q_3d_3d

You can also link to the site from WorshipWeb:

<http://www.uua.org/spirituallife/worshipweb>

And if you or your congregation have experience or expertise to share, or you know of a colleague or a congregation that is doing exemplary things in worship, please contact Rev. Wikstrom (ewikstrom@uua.org or worshipweb@uua.org). The Worship and Music Resources Director is not intended to be some kind of “worship guru” with all of the answers, but a “researcher, gleaner, compiler, facilitator, convener, catalyst, and organizer.” Many of our congregations are doing truly inspiring, transformative things on Sunday mornings (and at other times during the week!) so there is no dearth of wisdom on which we can draw. Together, with and through our formal and informal associations, we can achieve the vision of the Office of Worship and Music Resources: *to discover, develop, and disseminate the resources needed to deepen the worship experiences of Unitarian Universalist congregations.*