Call for Proposals – Family Ministry Training September 24, 2015

The Faith Development Office is looking for authors or teams of authors to collaborate on developing a structured learning opportunity on the topic of Family Ministry. Because this will be designed for shared ministry teams, we encourage teams of authors who hold diverse roles in the congregation, e.g. ministers, religious educators, and lay leaders.

Some topics might include:

* Definitions – what is family ministry? How do we define family?
* Theory and different models
* Including multiple cultures and family structures
* Family ministry as a lens to all that we do in congregations or UU communities; e.g. is programming accessible to and supportive of families?
* Supporting families through transitions, milestones, tough times, broader societal concerns
* Helping families understand ways to incorporate UU values into their everyday lives
* Sunday morning and beyond; in-person and virtual connections; communication strategies and accountability questions
* Suggestions for teams to assess where they are now, how to define success and how to track

Some elements of the vision for this training are:

* Designed for shared ministry teams (professional and lay) to participate together
* Modular workshops with a mix of online and in-person options (rather than the traditional 15 hour Renaissance module format)
* In-person could be tied to a district/regional event or happen within geographical clusters
* Some portion could be self-guided with use of video
* Flexibility to offer “for credit” as a Renaissance module (with a final project) or “non-credit” as stand-alone workshops

How to Apply:

Please submit a resume, writing samples (such as a curriculum-writing sample, workshop or other training), brief answers to the questions below, and an outline of your overall vision for this structured learning opportunity and which components you would like to work on. Because of the modular aspect of this project, we are open to having more than one writing team working on different components.

* Why are you interested in developing this program?
* What is your understanding of family ministry? Of shared ministry?
* What experience and expertise do you have with these topics?
* What skills and interests do you bring, particularly in leading trainings or crafting training materials?
* What, if any, is your experience with the UUA’s Renaissance Program (participant? leader? author?)

Submit materials electronically to Pat Kahn at pkahn@uua.org by November 13, 2015.