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

Leap into Action!!

The Leap of Faith Program
is a pilot project of the UUA which pairs
congregations that "aspire" to great gains
in growth with congregations that have
proven success in this area. Together, these
congregations create dynamic learning
communities where they are challenged to
go deeper in their efforts. The eight aspiring
congregations in the pilot this year have
reported some exciting new insights in the
many ways of doing church well. They each
visited a larger congregation to explore what
the next level of numeric growth will look
and feel like.

As this first pilot year of Leap of Faith closes, we are ramping up for the final year of the pilot at the national level. Our outside evaluators will have early results for us at General Assembly, and you can attend a workshop there describing our process. Eight new aspiring congregations have been identified for next year and we have room for up to four more. If your congregation is over 250 members now and poised for all kinds of dynamic ministry please contact your District Executive to ask about participating in Leap of Faith. And for more information, click here for a recent article in UUWorld.

One Useful Tool

Struggling with implementing Policy Governance in your Congregation?

Check out this website from Unity Consulting www.unityconsulting.org. Unity Consulting is owned by Unity Church-Unitarian in St. Paul. Their mission: to liberate the leadership of progressive congregations and related organizations to awaken compassion, transform lives, and bless the world.

At Unity Consulting's website you can get information about a pre-GA conference on congregational governance (June 22, 2011), as well as information on webinars and other services. They also offer free downloadable slides from past workshops. What is particularly helpful is their framing of policy governance for religious organizations.

For more information on Policy Governance, a creation of John Carver, you can go to the source: www.carvergovernance.com. There you will find a wealth of additional resources.



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