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Military Ministry Toolkit for Congregations

Is your congregation considering outreach to active duty military personnel, veterans and their families? Do you, other staff, or lay leaders want to make a safe, welcoming space in your community for sharing members' stories of involvement in war or military life?

The UUA Faith Development Office now offers the [Military Ministry Toolkit for Congregations](#) online (PDF, 54 pages) at no charge to congregations. The toolkit provides six one-hour workshops for adults in Unitarian Universalist faith communities that seek to become more intentionally open and inviting to military service people, veterans, and their families.

Included is a 23-minute video, [Embracing the Unitarian Universalist behind the Uniform](#), which can help begin a conversation in your congregation about why and how to explore military ministry. Schedule an event to watch and discuss the video in order to inspire support for deepening and strengthening this aspect of the congregation's ministry.

The workshops are intended to be used as a series with a committed adult group. Study, reflection, and discussion guide participants into questions such as:

- How do we support families who have someone serving in the military?
- How can we be welcoming to military personnel who are discovering Unitarian Universalism?
- How can we invite stories of veterans and their families into congregational life?
- How can we hold honest and faithful conversations about war and peace

that make room for multiple perspectives, experiences, and truths?

The Toolkit is a revision of the Bridgebuilders program which was created under the auspices of the Church of the Larger Fellowship. The revision was written by Rev. Dr. Monica L. Cummings and Gail Forsyth-Vail of UUA staff and Rev. Seanan Holland, a Unitarian Universalist military chaplain.

One Useful Tool

UU Membership Professionals

The Unitarian Universalist Association of Membership Professionals (UUAMP), recently published a **free on-line guide to searching for and hiring a UU Membership Professional**. Take advantage of this excellent resource. UUAMP was founded in 2011 to help paid membership professionals find the resources and other support they need.

Some of the traditional areas of responsibility for a UU Membership Professional include:

- Welcoming Visitors
- Creating and Supporting a Membership Pathway
- Volunteer Coordination
- Visitor and Membership Administration; and
- Continuing Education

To learn more, please visit <http://www.uuamp.org>