



# Syllabus

## UU Leadership Institute

### 001 - Centered Leadership Part 1

#### Module 1: Being in Covenantal Community

- UU Leadership Institute Covenant
- What Do We Promise One Another as Unitarian Universalists?
- A Free Faith is a Covenantal Faith
- Congregational Covenants are Declarations of Interdependence
- Compassionate Communication (Rev. Carlton Elliot Smith)
- Restoring Covenant
- More Resources on Covenant
- **Optional Activity for Teams:** *Practicing Compassionate Communication*

#### Module 2: Being in Congregational Community: Making Decisions

- Congregation: A Specific Form of Faith Community
- Mission and Vision as Guides
- Where Decisions are Made
- Governance and Ministry: A Partnership
- Good Followership
- Ways to Participate: Healthy Boundaries
- Handling Disappointment
- **Optional Activity for Team:** *Video Case Study*

#### Module 3: Community as a Spiritual Practice, Part 1

- Holy Abrasion of the Spirit (excerpt) Rev. Nancy McDonald Ladd's sermon from the 2016 General Assembly Sunday Morning Worship: [\*In All Thy Getting, Get Understanding\*](#)

#### Module 4: Participating in a Faith Community

- Process Theology & Creative Interchange
- Connecting to Mission
- Sharing Our Gifts
- *Gifts, Are You the Problem? Shift the Narrative* (Peter Block)
- Questions for the Five Conversations of Belonging
- Know Thyself
- Friedman's Theory of Differentiated Leadership
- Faithful Dissent
- Iceberg of UU Culture
- **Optional Activity for Team:** *Map Your Congregation's Iceberg of Culture*



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### Module 5: The Meaning of Membership

- The Meaning of Membership
- Connection (Brené Brown)
- Finding Your Sweet Spot for Service
- Evangelism and Generosity
- **Optional Activity for Team:** *The Accidental Diminisher*

### Module 6: Community as a Spiritual Practice, Part 2

- Open Source Faith (Rev. Christine Robinson)
- Church as Wikipedia (Landon Whitsett)

### Module 7: The Interconnected Web: The UUA and Beyond

- What is the UUA?
- Other UU Organizations
- Congregational Polity is Our Heritage
- Congregational Polity 101 (Rev. Dr. Susan Ritchie)
- Summary of Agreements from the Cambridge Platform, 1648
- Congregational Polity for Today
- Reimagining Congregational Polity (Rev. Sue Phillips)
- **Optional Activity for Team:** *The Historical Parade of Membership*

### Module 8: The Congregation is the Curriculum: Faith Development

- The Congregation is the Curriculum
- Faith Development is All We Do (Connie Goodbread)
- Being in Community
- Healthy Communication
- Restoring Covenant
- **Optional Activity for Team:** *Creating and Sharing Credo*s