

Training of Trainers for Our Whole Lives, All Levels Call for Applications

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Port Orchard, WA



Applications are now being accepted for an All-Levels Training of Trainers for *Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education* and its *Sexuality and Our Faith* companion program. **The deadline for applications is 5 p.m. Eastern, October 10, 2023.**

This training of trainers is sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Association and the United Church of Christ.

Facilitator trainings contribute to the safe, successful, and meaning-making experience of comprehensive sexuality education. Trainers help prepare facilitators develop the comfort, knowledge, and facilitation skills necessary to implement Our Whole Lives (OWL) programs.

As a trainer, you will:

- Foster a supportive environment in which participants can learn and grow with constructive feedback;
- Model how to facilitate activities in the curriculum;
- Demonstrate the integral relationship between sexuality and spirituality (regardless of your personal belief system);
- Assess participants' comfort with the curriculum, as well as their ability to embrace and model Our Whole Lives values;
- Assess participants' preparedness to implement *Our Whole Lives* in diverse settings as well as *Our Whole Lives* when supplemented by *Sexuality and Our Faith* in UU and UCC settings;
- Confidently address conflicts within groups;
- Comfortably and capably facilitate discussions around anti-racism, anti-oppression, gender identity, sexual orientation, and multiculturalism in multi-racial spaces.

Trainers receive a standard financial honorarium for facilitator trainings; therefore, service as an *Our Whole Lives/Sexuality and Our Faith* trainer is a source of income as well as an opportunity

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to change lives for the better. While invitations to train cannot be guaranteed, approved trainers are expected to be available for a minimum of three trainings per year, which may involve travel.

We encourage you to apply if you have:

- Knowledge of and appreciation for the *Our Whole Lives/Sexuality and Our Faith* curriculums, *Our Whole Lives* values and/or experience facilitating *Our Whole Lives*;
- Knowledge of human sexuality throughout the life cycle;
- Demonstrated commitment to comprehensive sexuality education;
- Willingness to express the progressive sexuality values of United Church of Christ and/or Unitarian Universalist faith traditions;
- Training or teaching experience as a teacher, counselor, or ministry or health professional in human development, sexuality, or related subjects.

People of the Global Majority, disabled people, and LGBTQ+ candidates are encouraged to apply. The UUA and UCC are committed to developing a diverse and talented trainer pool.

Application Instructions:

- Send a cover letter and a resume or CV clearly demonstrating the following:
 - Relevant experience and background, including whether you are already using or have used *Our Whole Lives* in a faith or community setting;
 - At least one example of a controversy that arose while you led a group and how you addressed it;
 - Experience integrating anti-racism and anti-oppression discussions in multiracial spaces, including skills in which you are particularly proficient and your areas for growth;
 - Why you are interested becoming a trainer for the *Our Whole Lives/Sexuality and Our Faith*;
 - Your faith tradition or spiritual affiliation, if you have one;
- Provide three references, including their relationship to you, their telephone number, and their email address.
- Email your application with “OWL TOT Application” in the subject line to Andrea Burse, bursea@ucc.org. *Applications without this subject line may be lost.*
- Application deadline is 5 p.m. Eastern, October 10, 2023.
- Applicants will be notified of their application status by October 24, 2023.
- Accepted applicants will receive event registration forms that must be submitted with payment by November 8, 2023. Paid registrants will receive an email with event details in November.

Costs:

- Approved training participants will pay a registration fee of \$500, which includes the following:

- ✓ 4 full days and 2 partial days of training;
- ✓ PDFs of all levels of the Our Whole Lives curriculum;
- ✓ Dinner Thursday evening, breakfast, lunch, and dinner Friday - Monday, and breakfast Tuesday;
- ✓ Multiple-occupancy cabin lodging at Pilgrim Firs Thursday night through Monday night. Private rooms are not available, but you may make other arrangements at your own cost).
- Partial scholarships may be available to accepted applicants for whom the registration cost would be a financial hardship. Please contact Melanie Davis, mjdavis@uaa.org or Amy Johnson, johnsona@ucc.org , or more information.

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For more information about this training or about the curricula, please contact Melanie Davis, mjdavis@uaa.org or Amy Johnson, JohnsonA@ucc.org

To learn more about *Our Whole Lives/Sexuality and Our Faith*, visit our webpages and FAQ at <http://www.ucc.org/owl> or <http://www.uaa.org/re/owl/>.