

# UU Common Read: Developmental Editor

The UUA's Lifespan Faith Engagement Office seeks a developmental editor for congregational resources for an upcoming UU Common Read, [Authentic Selves](#).

We seek an experienced adult curriculum developer or developmental editor with an idea for how UU congregations might process this book from a faith development perspective in this moment.

We welcome proposals that engage UUs with the broad themes raised by the stories in the book, such as personal authenticity and acceptance/welcome. Proposals may look to contemporary UU theology, such as trans theologies that lean into a queering of dominant social constructs and a changing of culture more widely.

Proposals should include some mix of resources that will allow for:

- 90 min. of faith engagement materials for any adult UU groups
- 90 min. of caucus group guidance for trans/non-binary-specific adult groups

A proposal may also include:

- Resources beyond discussion materials, for example, audio/visual supplements or activities
- Engagement opportunities for children, youth, older adults, or multigenerational groups

Note that *Authentic Selves* shares a number of personal/family stories. Some subjects who share their stories in the book may be willing to develop further resources. Though you may include ideas for this in your proposal, we ask that you refrain from reaching out to featured individuals unless you're already in close relationship with them.

**Timetable:** Work begins Nov. 2024; early discussion guide drafts due February 2024; publication-ready materials due mid-April 2024.

**Compensation:** Up to \$3,500 to be paid at \$50/hour in benchmarks to be determined

- Paid hours include monthly project check-ins with LFE staff.
- Additional funds up to \$1,000 will be available to the developmental editor to engage paid contributors.

**Experience helpful for this consultancy:**

- adult group facilitation experience
- lived trans/non-binary experience and/or training or professional development such as offered by the Transforming Hearts collective
- discussion guide development experience

Please send your proposal, resume, and a letter/email of interest to Susan Dana Lawrence, [slawrence@uua.org](mailto:slawrence@uua.org), Managing Editor, Lifespan Faith Development. Inquiries accepted on a rolling basis through November 10, 2023.