



Reconceptualization of the Youth Ministry Renaissance Module: Request for Proposals

Application Deadline: Tuesday, April 30, 2024

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Expected Start Date: June 1, 2024

Expected Completion Date: December 31, 2024

Compensation: Commensurate with the level of revision to be completed, up to \$5000, to be shared between co-authors

NEW MODULE GOALS

- Articulate the dynamics of relationships with youth, located within a lifespan ministry and multigenerational context;
- Explain and support the implementation of youth safety, bearing in mind incorporating basic pastoral care skills and the change management that's necessary for implementing newer youth safety practices;
- Examine adolescent human development, faith development, and the spiritual lives of teens in the context of today's world, including UU identity development and the adolescent need for deep connection and belonging;
- Equip participants to empower youth to discern for themselves the values they hold and commitments to which they want to devote their time, such as in broader congregational life (i.e. worship, justice making, leadership, religious exploration, pastoral care, etc);
- Explore dynamic, iterative, and responsive youth programming, including Coming of Age programs, Our Whole Lives programs, and Bridging;
- Discern measures of success for youth ministry;
- Investigate the history and culture of Unitarian Universalist youth ministry; and
- Create space for learning community to share tools that assist in achieving the above-mentioned goals, including the ever-evolving use of technology.

CONSULTANT REQUIREMENTS

- Deep understanding of leadership in congregational faith development.
- Experience in writing curricula inclusive of the needs of all peoples and caucusing necessary for this purpose, including identities such as race, neurodivergence, varying socioeconomic statuses, gender identity and sexual orientation, disability, and family structure.
- Willingness and ability to work flexibly and collaboratively with co-author(s) and UUA staff.
- Ability to take initiative, set priorities, and manage time well.
- Skill and ability to develop experiential curriculum that reflects the *Our Whole Lives* values of Self-Worth, Responsibility, Sexual Health, Justice and Inclusivity.

- Skill and ability to develop multimedia curriculum with use of video and other media. This module will utilize the [UU Institute](#) learning management system on WordPress for asynchronous content delivery.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

- Apply with another person as co-author team or apply as an individual willing to partner with a co-author of the UUA's choice.
- Your cover letter should include why you are interested in working on this project and your relevant professional qualifications. Include an explanation of how your unique "lens" as a curriculum developer will help enhance this revised module; in addition, describe your availability to work on the curriculum during 2024.
- Create and submit an outline for a new *Youth Ministry Renaissance Module* that includes the ideas you recommend and your rationale for making them. This will be for a 6-session curriculum. Include an outline of each session with learning objectives and rough workshop plans with overviews of activities and the session timelines. Also include rationale for each session's suggested components. Your edition should incorporate best practices for online course layout.



HOW TO APPLY

People with disabilities, people of color, Hispanic/Latinx, and LGBTQ candidates are encouraged to apply. Send cover letter, résumé, inclusivity curriculum writing sample, and proposal via e-mail to sgmcneill@uua.org.

The application deadline is flexible with the goal to start the project in mid 2024.

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