

Fall 2014 Linkage
“Gathering and Governing”
Sources of Authority and Accountability

1. Congregations

- **Called and elected leaders**

- Planned conversations with ministers and board leaders of 100 congregations (Nov. 1-Dec. 15, 2014)

- Congregations are geographically diverse (20 per region), diverse in size and delegate representation at GA over past 3 years (1/5 having had no delegate representation); are not the same congregations surveyed in 2013 and 2010

- Facilitators for the conversations include those chosen by regional/district boards, by denominational affairs committees of congregations, and members of UUA Board

- Called and elected leaders to take online survey may be through lay leaders list-serve, Raiser’s Edge lists, UUA social media, UUA website, Board Facebook posting, District and Regional newsletters/ announcements, UUMA announcements.

2. Current and Future Generations of UUs

- **Youth**

- survey publicized to LREDA leaders, through LREDA list-serves and website, Blue Boat blog/newsletter, Youth Ministry Facebook page, YAYA twitter,

- interview with Youth Observer

- discussion with Luminary Leaders?

- facilitated discussion at Youth Cons in November in MidAmerica Region?

- ask Youth Ministry staff to publicize

- **Young Adults**

- survey advertised through Blue Boat blog/newsletter, Young Adult Ministry and Campus Ministry Facebook pages, facilitated discussion with young adult campus ministry San Diego

- invitation to take survey posted on appropriate list-serve

- ask Young Adult Ministry staff to publicize

- **Other Generations**

- survey invitation through UUA social media, UUA website, District and Regional newsletters and announcements, Board Facebook announcements

- **Unaffiliated Unitarian Universalists**

--survey invitation to leaders of emerging communities and congregations

3. Heritage, Tradition and Ideals of Unitarian Universalism

- **Historical Figures in Unitarian Universalism**

--Discussion of “Basic Principles in Congregational Polity, with Primary Source Voices,” prepared by Susan Ritchie for the UUA Board of Trustees, October 2014

- **Proceedings of UUA Board, Administration and General Assemblies**

--Fifth Principle Task Force Report to the UUA Board (2009)

--UUA Board Resolution on Transforming Governance (2010)

--“How We Gather” and “How We Govern” Reports to the UUA Board (2013)

- **Ministers, denominational leaders, Unitarian Universalist historians and theologians who interpret and evolve our understanding of our heritage, traditions and ideals**

--interviews with former UUA Moderators Denise Davidoff and Gini Courter

--history of UU gatherings provided by Rev. Dr. Susan Ritchie at GA 2014

--participation by Rev. Dr. Susan Ritchie and Denise Davidoff in Transforming Governance Working Group

4. Vision of Beloved Community

- **Voices that Call Us to Our Better Selves and Stories of Oppression and Counter-Oppression**

--GA 1969 and Empowerment Controversy--Moderator’s Report at GA 2010

--Race and General Assembly 2004-2005, A New Commitment at General Assembly 2006 (Chapters 25 and 30, “The Arc of the Universe is Long: Unitarian Universalists, Anti-Racism and the Journey from Calgary,” Roush, C., Spencer, L. and Takahashi Morris, L.

- **DRUUMM and other UU communities with a specific vision of Beloved Community**

--invitation to take survey to members of DRUUMM, ARE, TrUUst, EqUUal Access, JTW Transformation Committee, Interweave

--invitation to take survey through Mosaic Makers group

--Interview with Rev. Clyde Grubbs

5. Spirit of Life, Love and the Holy

- **Individual Spiritual Practice**
- **Board worship**

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