



Final Report: Reflection Questions

Gathered Here was an Appreciative Inquiry process designed help UUs discover our common aspirations and unleash the power of our faith. A structured “Appreciative Inquiry” process, it helped participating communities forge *positive grassroots relationships* through dialogue around *positive questions*.

To continue fanning the flames of Gathered Here, you may choose to remain in dialogue about what we’ve learned and what it means to you, your community, and our faith as a whole. The following questions will help you as you do so.

1. Which of the Positive Core elements described in the final report do you see as *most alive and present* in y/our UU community? Tell me a story that illustrates how it is expressed.
 - Who was involved? How?
 - How did this experience strengthen or deepen the people and the community(ies) – both within and beyond our faith?
 - How did this experience affirm or promote UU principles, furthering our religious commitment to create “the kingdom of heaven on earth?”
2. Which of the Positive Core elements do you find most *personally appealing*? Why?
3. Which of the Positive Core elements do you find most *provocative* – most challenging to the status quo, within y/our community? Within our Association as a whole?
4. *Paint a picture* of what y/our community would look like, if this Positive Core element (cited in #3, above) were fully expressed. Do the same thing with respect to our Association.
5. Now, think about the Possibilities for the Future that are outlined in the report. Which of these do you find most *appealing*?

6. Which of the Possibilities for the Future do you find most *provocative*?

7. What *additional* Possibilities for the Future do they stimulate you to imagine?

8. Which *three* Possibilities for the Future (either those outlined in the report, or those that you've just envisioned in #7, above) do you believe to be most crucial to the ongoing vitality of ...
 - ... y/our community?
 - ... y/our UU "cluster" of communities or congregations, including your District or Region?
 - ... Unitarian Universalism as a whole?

9. What *first steps* will you take, to help bring to life the positive changes you've just envisioned? They may be large steps, or very small ones. Consider the following:
 - What can *you alone* do, that will begin to make a difference?
 - *Who else* might you speak to or influence, in order to "move the needle" in the direction you've envisioned?

10. Who else do you believe might enjoy or benefit from reading and reflecting on the Gathered Here report and process? How might you encourage them to do so?