



Community Conversation Participant Guide

- Find a partner – someone you don't know well, who is as different from you as possible.
- Interview each other.
- Each person has 10 minutes to answer two questions: Question #1, and *one* other question *of their choice*.

FIRST, ANSWER THIS QUESTION:

1. Tell me about the congregation/community/etc. you belong to.
 - How long have you been coming here?
 - Why do you like coming?

THEN, ANSWER ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS (YOUR CHOICE):

2. Tell me a story about something good that's happened here. It may have been something good that happened to *you*, or to someone you know. It may have been something your congregation did to help the community or the world.
 - How does this make you feel?
 - How is this (or was this) important to your friends and your family?
 - What do you want to have happen again, here in this congregation/community/etc.?
3. Remember when someone here that made you feel welcome, said "hello," and invited you to join in and become friends. Now, tell me about that time. What do you remember?
 - How did it make you feel?
 - How did the *other people* change or grow or feel after you joined in and became friends?
4. Do you have a favorite person or story from Unitarian Universalist history? If you don't, who is someone from this congregation/community/etc. that you admire?
 - *What* do you admire about this person or these people?
 - What issue or challenge did they face?

5. What issues do UUs care about? How do you know?
 - Have you seen UUs getting involved in these issues? If so, tell me about what you've seen.
 - Why do we UUs keep working on challenges, even when it might be hard?
6. How does being a UU help you to think and act at church? At school or work? With your family and friends?
7. Think about five years from now. A really important change has taken place in the world. It's something you and other UUs care about deeply. More than a thousand UU congregations and communities helped make it happen. Let's imagine the story.
 - What is the positive change that UUs helped bring about?
 - With what other groups did UUs join to make this happen?
 - In this story, people worked to make something happen even though it wasn't always easy. Why were they willing to keep working together, even when it got hard?
 - What did you learn here in this congregation/community/etc. that made *you* want this important change in the world?
8. Think about ten years from now. Many thousands of UUs and their friends/allies - people of all ages and stages of life, of many cultures and backgrounds - are gathered in a giant tent. It may be a real tent, or an imaginary one. Everyone feels joyful and connected. There is mystery and celebration.
 - What do you imagine is happening?
 - Describe the people surrounding you.
 - Why did these people come together?
 - What is special about what *you* bring to this gathering?