Welcome to the Faith Development Office Webinar

Before we get started........

Please mute your microphone and turn off your camera.

Find the Meeting Chat box and introduce yourself.
“Housekeeping”

Audio problem? Mute audio on your computer. Call in by phone.

We’ll have time for questions at the end.

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Theme Based Ministry:
Highlights from LREDA Fall Conference
October 2015

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Child/Family Worship Template

**Introduction**: A sentence names the thematic angle in everyday language.

**Hymn**: A song captures the theme - we sing our values of being such a people.

**Greeting**: We literally greet the theme as it is alive in our greeting with each other.

**Chalice**: Symbol of our faith as a people.

**Mindfulness Practice**: Spiritual practice/skill education to use in living theme.

**Moment of Inquiry**: Container to challenge cultural messaging or norm concerning theme.

**UU Source**: Interacting with wisdom about the theme.

**Reflection**: What does the Source have to teach or remind UUs of with theme?

**Closing**: Send out to carry into groups/ world.
Parenting As Spiritual Practice

Template

* Settling in silence
* Celebrations/Mournings on prior month’s theme
* Theme and how it relates to mindfulness, NVC
* Mindfulness exercise
* NVC and theme in Unitarian Universalism
* NVC exercise in pairs
* Gratitudes
Technology and Faith

A UU Laboratory at LREDA
Chalice Lighting: Contact
Check in

“What do I have faith in?” Think about it. Record your answer on smart technology (cell phone, tablet, or lap top).
Activity: “Video Days”

• Watch your video. Fun, I know!
• Share the “gist” of your video in one sentence or phrase in the Chat Box.
• Pick one of your colleagues chat’s that resonates.
• Consider the following prompt:
  – Recognizing that revelation continues to unfold for us as UU’s and that we are a Living Tradition that incorporates new ideas into our theological framework, how has this interpretation of faith shaped yours (100 characters or less)?
• Share your reflections using the web, Twitter, or cell phone and your message will broadcast on our screen. As you see someone else’s text that grabs your attention, write it down or remember it. (polleverywhere.com)
Spiritual Practice

• Take the chat that you selected and repeat it softly aloud three times.
• Sit silently for one minute in contemplation.
• Ponder any a-ha’s or epiphanies that resulted.
“Enlightened leadership is spiritual if we understand spirituality not as some kind of religious dogma or ideology but as the domain of awareness where we experience values like creativity, insight and focused attention.”
Deepak Chopra
Workshop Template

Opening fun about theme
Introduction
Listening Circle, may tie to theme
Reflection on theme from worship story
Learning activity exploring theme through Source/Room
Recap
Closing
SoUUI Surfing

A UU Youth Ministry Approach
Field Trip: The UU Afterlife!
Example Field Trip: The Center and Xander’s Story
Guest Speaker: Slam Nuba
Reflection Session
Attend a Worship
Sending It Home

Group Me app [https://groupme.com/](https://groupme.com/)

Monday – blessing
Tuesday – bedtime prayer
Wednesday – Meditation after school/work
Thursday – Teaching story with prompts
Friday – Interfaith or social justice event
Saturday – Sabbath
Sunday – info about the worship service and RE

Started with a pilot group – the RE Committee
Questions?

Closing Words
Resources

Theme Based Ministry web pages on UUA.org:
http://www.uua.org/re/themes

Call and Response blog post on TBM:

Full Week Faith website:
http://fullweekfaith.weebly.com/

Call and Response blog post on Full Week Faith:
http://callandresponse.blogs.uua.org/31-kinds-of-families/

July 2014 webinar on Full Week Faith:
http://www.uua.org/re/teachers/webinars
Upcoming Webinars

Money Talk with Children and Families
Gail Forsyth-Vail, Pat Infante, Elizabeth Terry
Tues. November 17 at 1 pm Eastern
or, Wed. November 18 at 9 pm Eastern

Coming soon!
Tues. December 15 at 1 pm Eastern
or, Wed. December 16 at 9 pm Eastern

Four Kinds of Fun
Gail Forsyth-Vail and Pat Kahn
Tues. January 19 at 1 pm Eastern
or, Wed. January 20 at 9 pm Eastern
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