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Please take time to read through the catalog. There is a wide variety of curricular material available for loan. Additionally, the "Worship and Other Resources" section will point you to some wonderful resources, including collections of stories for use in children's worship or classes, and material for your Coming of Age programs. Take a look at the "Book" section - perhaps you can find a book that will complement your curriculum. And don't forget to browse through the "Music" holdings, at the end of the catalog. There are many new resources, especially in the "Worship" section – look for sections highlighted in red in the online catalog, or bold black in the print version. My hope is that material will not sit on the library shelves, but instead, will be used by people all over the St. Lawrence District. If you are working in religious education, share the catalog with your minister, adult education coordinator, small group ministry facilitator—anyone who might be able to use these resources. A catalog is sent in the late summer or early fall of every year to all of our religious education leaders.

This catalog is also available online from our district website at sld.uaa.org – go to "Lifespan Faith Development" and then to "Gould Catalog". And please be sure to keep up-to-date with the UUA's free Tapestry of Faith curricula as they become available online – go to <http://www.uaa.org/religiouseducation/curricula/tapestryfaith>.

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CURRICULUM MATERIALS—PRE-SCHOOL THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL

THE) AGE OF REASON

GRADES 2 & 3

This program is designed to engage young UU's in their own special Rite of Passage at the universally recognized stage of development...the age of reason. The program is designed to coincide with the Roman Catholic First Communion rite. The core message is "Sink Your Roots~Stretch Your Wings~Find Your Own Truth". Intended to be separate from Sunday morning RE time, but could be adapted for class use. 5-6 meetings. Layne Richard-Hammock 2005

ABOUT SEXUAL ABUSE

JUNIOR HIGH

This manual predates the current OWL curriculum on human sexuality. It was a supplement to ABOUT YOUR SEXUALITY. 1990

****Adapting Small Group Ministry for Children's RE: Volume I** **Ages 5-12**

Implementation of Small Group Ministry model for children's religious education, from concept, to implementation, to second year refinements, with 31 sample sessions, focusing on wisdom stories. It contains step-by-step information about what was done, what was learned, and what outcomes, intentional and unintentional, occurred during the first two years at North Parish in Andover, MA . By Gail Forsyth-Vail.

****Adapting Small Group Ministry for Children's RE: Volume II** **Ages 5-12**

Twenty-seven additional worship and small group ministry session plans. Included are sessions on stories from the Jewish and Christian scriptures, as well as stories and plans concerning social justice projects, evolution, the interdependent web, and a "Great Debates about God" series. The volume contains more extensive material background and storytelling notes on the worship stories. By Gail Forsyth-Vail.

THE ADVENTURES OF GOD'S FOLK

Ages 5-7

A multimedia curriculum that focuses on stories from Biblical and North American folk traditions that have affected UUism. Stories include Bezalel, David & Solomon, Jesus, Elijah, the Pilgrims, Sacajawea, Harriet Tubman, and Johnny Appleseed.

AROUND THE CHURCH, AROUND THE YEAR

Ages 5-7

The 9 units in this program are designed to help children feel a part of the UU community and to understand the faith & practices of UUism. The focus is on the children's own experiences with life & death, human relationships, & personal identity. 34 sessions. 1990 edition

ARTICULATING YOUR FAITH**SENIOR HIGH TO ADULT**

How to rise to the occasion when talking about Unitarian Universalism. 5 session course. A creative way to explore and express the basics of Unitarian Universalism. 2002

AS IF IT MATTERS:**Senior High to Adult**

VHS Video tape and curriculum guide student organizing material put out by the Gay-Straight Alliance Network. Features youth from the San Francisco Bay area.

BEGINNING UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM:**Grades 3-6**

This curriculum is designed to enable children to claim their religious identity as Unitarian Universalists. The seven units are based on the UU Principles and Purposes.

BEYOND PINK AND BLUE**Ages 13-15**

In 12 sessions, this program invites adolescents to examine our cultural understandings of gender identity and gender roles, sexuality and what it encompasses, and how stereotypes and prejudice influence the way we think as males and females. 1994

BIBLELODEON:**GRADES 4-6**

Twenty-four 90 minute sessions. Introduces Hebrew and Christian scriptures by presenting the best-known bible stories with such props as the Biblelodeon microphone and such interactive challenges as investigating the Cain-Abel crime scene. Connections between biblical events and UU Principles are explored. Part of The Shelter Rock curriculum series, *Sheltering Spirit*. 2004

BIBLE STORIES FOR ELEMENTARY AGES:**Elementary**

29 lesson plans for elementary ages.

BUDDHISM AND ISLAM**Upper Elementary**

8 sessions on Buddhism and 9 sessions on Islam. Written for people new to the R.E. classroom and who have little background in the religious traditions. Activity based lessons. 2003. Rachel Brown

CARING FOR OUR PLANET EARTH:**Ages 5-14**

Through music, discussions, art projects and social action projects, this 5 or 6 week program teaches children to protect and care for nature and the environments. The program can be a follow-up to HONORING OUR MOTHER EARTH or it can stand on its own. 1990

CARRY THE FLAME

A Self-Discovery and Religious Identity Program for UU Youth. Activity book formats in three levels; early elementary, middle elementary & upper elementary and junior high that provides a structure for religious identity. 1993

CELEBRATING FAMILY:**Ages 5-14**

As family structures have taken varied forms, we need to give children a sense of belonging, a sense that their families are unique and precious, as real as any other. Through stories, games, discussion, special art projects, music, and family activities, this five-week program explores My Family, Kinds of Families, What's Special about My Family, and What Makes a Family, and concludes with a celebration of all families or an Intergenerational worship service. Revised in 2002, Tirrell Kimball.

CELEBRATING ME & MY WORLD:**Preschool**

This curriculum has the goal of helping children develop a positive self-image, feeling at home in the church, becoming familiar with some basic aspects of UUism, appreciating our connectedness with nature, learning to cooperate, & developing their abilities to express themselves. 37 sessions 1995

CELEBRATING OUR ORIGINS IN THE UNIVERSE:**Grades 1-5**

15 - 22 weeks of reading and active learning experiences in which children learn & celebrate the origins of the Universe, our world, and human beings.

CELEBRATING OUR ROOTS AND BRANCHES:**Ages 5-7**

Children are given the opportunity to explore the likenesses and differences of the various cultural, ethnic, and racial ancestries of North Americans.

CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

Over 300 observations. Fun, easy ways to bring the world's cultural celebrations into your home or classroom. 1996

CHALICE CHILDREN:**Preschool**

A program consisting of 36 sessions plus five alternative lessons. Introducing the concepts of birth, death, dreams, nature and holidays to preschoolers, while nurturing spiritual growth, creativity and sense of community. 1997

COMING OF AGE AND CELEBRATION PROGRAMS: (1990 REVISION) age 12-14

This program describes an elective process developed for youth who are interested in Unitarian Universalism and who may want to join the church.

COMING OF AGE: DEEPENING TIES WITHIN YOUR CONGREGATION Grds 7 & 8

This year long program is comprehensive, challenging and effective. It offers the entire content of a CoA program, as well as guidance to administer the nuts and bolts of the program from recruiting mentors to retreat planning to planning a journey retreat. 2006

COMING OF AGE PROGRAM; JOURNEY INTO ADULTHOOD: Eighth Grade

Includes peer pressure DVD, orientation, UU history and credo writing. A Coming of Age ceremony and service. By Laura Spencer, 2004.

****Compass Points** by Gaia Brown, Michelle Richards & Terry Stafford. **Middle School**
A year-long curriculum for 6th – 8th graders (expandable to high school) to explore themselves, their beliefs, their UU faith, their relationships with others and the world. Excellent for use in Coming of Age programs. 2006

CONNECTING WITH THE EARTH: Primary, Junior, Youth & Adult

This environmental curriculum consists of 1-2 sessions for each age group plus plans for an intergenerational service on oceans/rivers/lakes, the arctic, prairies, and the woodlands. 1993

DARE TO KNOW: Senior High

“Isms” linking youth to a broad range of ideologies (or “isms”) about the nature of existence and the purpose of life. Is designed to be taught either as a full year of 28 sessions or as five independent modules of five or six sessions each. Written by Jeff Liebmann

DECISION MAKING: ages 10 & up, grades 3-6

A program of applied ethics, designed to sharpen the skills and clarify the value judgments people must use in making life's important choices. UUA, 1968 (Kit)

(A) DISCOVERING YEAR: 4, 5 AND 6 YEAR OLDS

Twenty-five 75 minute sessions. Nurtures children's spiritual and religious growth through connections to their ever-widening environment. They explore selves, friendships, families, church, nature, and religious and cultural days. Part of the *Sheltering Spirit* series written by Richard and Terrell Kimball. Green Timber Publications, 2004

DOING PLAYS WITH KIDS: Preschool through High School

This curriculum employs "doing a play" as a vehicle for the religious growth of children in both content and process consisting of a step by step process of planning, producing, and performing a play as an 8 week course.

DR. SEUSS: Elementary

Two mini curricula using stories from Dr. Seuss as a basis for lessons.

DR. SEUSS AND UUs:

Two more story-based mini curricula. See also, Lessons from Dr. Seuss.

Ethics and Service Middle School and High School

Guides teachers and students in developing community service-learning projects that also promote ethical awareness, values-based reflection, and problem solving.

EXPERIENCES WITH THE WEB OF LIFE: Elementary

A full-year curriculum for five to eight year olds (45 sessions). Groups of 12-16 sessions are suitable for single semesters. Our spiritual connection with all living things is reinforced. A closing ritual closes each lesson. From the Paint Branch UU Church. 1999.

FAITH FOOTSTEPS: Primary

28 lesson plans on Bible stories for primary ages.

Families: A Curriculum for Unitarian Universalist Youth: Jr/Sr High

Involves an exploration of how families are welcomed in UUism. Involves teaching junior and/or senior high youth how to take art-quality photographs and oral histories of long-term members, weaving connections between youth and the congregation. 2003 Helen Bishop

FREE TO BELIEVE: Grades 1-3

Twenty-four 75 minute sessions. Explores Unitarian Universalism principles using hands-on activities, stories, games, songs and discussions. Also focuses on life's big questions (about God, death, the creation of life) through the lens of UU sources. Part of *Sheltering Spirit* curriculum series. Green Timber Publications, 2005

FROM LONG AGO AND MANY LANDS ages 7-9

42 stories from many cultures that deal with the themes of life, death, faith, & human diversity accompanied with a teacher's guide. 2nd edition, 1995

GOD IMAGES: Grades 5-6

This year-long curriculum provides an opportunity to explore many images of God derived from our Jewish and Christian heritages, from a variety of world religions, and from modern science. The vehicles of imagination and creative artwork are utilized.

GOD POWER: GRADES 7-8

Fifteen sessions for 7th and 8th graders. Each session includes opening ritual and activity, Readings and closing meditation.

Gods and Goddesses: Ages 3-10 12

lessons. For ages 3-10. Children learn UU Principles through the vivid stories of ancient Greece. Perfect for summer. Rebekah Coleman. 2003

(The) Gospel According to the Simpsons; the spiritual life of the world's most animated family. Teens/youth groups

Book and Leader's Guide. 10 sessions based on the book written by Mark I. Pinsky. Each session is devoted to one episode of the popular TV show. i.e. "What Is a Skeptic?" Could also be used for a retreat. 2005

GROWING TIMES:**Preschool**

A three year program with sections on self, feelings, relationships with others, nature, celebrations, and the church.

GROWING UNITARIANS:**ages 7-10 & 11-14**

A British publication that contains 4 years of sessions that focus on the belief that the individual is his or her own authority in the matter of belief & that the sharing of Unitarian beliefs is the main vehicle of religious growth & learning.

A GROWING UP YEAR:**Grades 7-9**

This one-year program is designed to help young people synthesize their experiences in home, school, and community with their experiences in their UU congregations. Its goal is to broaden knowledge and understanding of the role of religion, specifically UUism, in their lives and in the world. It includes guidelines for a "coming of age" ceremony at year's end. 3 copies.

****Hands-On Nature: Information and Activities for Exploring the Environment with Children.** Edited by Jenepher Lingelbach and Lisa Purcell, published by the Vermont Institute of Natural Science. *Hands-On Nature* was first published by VINS in 1986 as an outgrowth of its highly successful ELF (Environmental Learning for the Future) program. The book soon became the number one choice of nature educators across the country. In 2000, VINS' ELF staff completed a revised and expanded second edition, containing updated background information, plus many new activities and explorations, all of which have been used successfully with thousands of children in classrooms, summer camps, home-school groups, and after-school programs.

A great choice for UU summer RE sessions! 2000.

Please note that a set of UU-based supplemental lessons for this curriculum are included on the "Nurturing the Spirit-Nature Connection" CD, listed in "Worship and Other Resources" or for purchase from the UU Ministry For Earth.

HANUKKAH TEACHING KIT:

Compiled in 1973 by Mary-Lib and Martin Kronman, this kit contains a guidebook, dreidels, and a Menorah. The guidebook includes songs, recipes, games, and crafts to celebrate the holiday.

HOLIDAYS AND HOLY DAYS:**Grades 3-4**

An "oldie but a goodie". This curriculum includes intergenerational and worship ideas. Children learn about the origins and meanings of holidays and religious celebrations from a wide variety of cultures. Learning is built on hearing stories, doing crafts, and participation in activities and songs (a cassette tape is included). The program is divided into 3 calendar sections: Fall, Winter, and Spring. * **Note:** The library has an updated copy (2005-6) with a poster and UNICEF material.

HONORING OUR MOTHER EARTH:**Ages 5-adult**

Through the use of ceremonies & rituals, myths & stories, song & dance, and arts & crafts, the students explore Native American culture and religion. The 6 week program includes a final celebration or intergenerational worship service. 1988
Revised edition 1999 (12 lessons).

HOW CAN I KNOW WHAT TO BELIEVE?:**Ages 11-15**

This program helps youth explore and formulate their attitudes and beliefs about people, God, death, and religion. It explores humanist roots through the lives of Buddha, Erasmus, Margaret Sanger, Felix Adler, and others.

HOW OTHERS WORSHIP:**Junior High**

21 lesson plans for grade 7

IMAGES FOR OUR LIVES, I & II:**Grades 1-8**

I: Judeo-Christian Heritage; II: World Religions

Presented in trimester length units, this program's goals are to help children develop a sense of self, to become aware of their religious and spiritual dimensions, and to become acquainted with the myths and legends of the great religions of humanity.

IN OUR HANDS:**AVAILABLE FOR GRADES 1-3 AND SENIOR HIGH**

These semester-long sessions involve children and youth in exploring their own ideas and feelings about the issues of peace and justice. The program helps develop understandings about conflict and unfairness and to explore constructive ways of both resolving conflict and promoting peace and fairness in their own relationships.

IT STARTS WITH ME! A COURSE FOR OLDER CHILDREN ON COMMUNITY SERVICE, ACTIVISM, & THE SPIRIT OF GIVING:**For ages 10-13.**

32 lesson plans that focus on the concept of community and an awareness of oneself as part of a community. Also, simple acts of kindness, human rights, environmental protection and the importance of volunteering. (2000)

****JESUS AND HIS KINGDOM OF EQUALS:****Grades 4-7****An Interdenominational Curriculum on the Life and Teachings of Jesus**

Jesus and his Kingdom of Equals introduces students in grades 4 to 7 to an interpretation of the historical Jesus based on contemporary biblical research, principally from the Jesus Seminar. The 33 sessions use drama, simulations, crafts including clay and weaving, songs, social service initiatives, and other creative hands-on activities to reinforce values concerning such teachings as respect for all, sharing worldly goods, conflict resolution, friendship, and forgiveness. This curriculum is an updated, interdenominational version of the earlier UU-specific "A Kingdom of Equals" (see description in this catalog). It is by the same authors, and the two editions may be used in tandem. 2001, Binkley & McKeel.

JUST BECAUSE I AM**Preschool & Early Elementary**

A book and teacher's guide with 13 lessons on self esteem based on the beliefs that all children are inherently valuable, that they have a right to feel good about themselves, and that a child's value is unconditional. 1994

KEEPERS OF LIFE: BOOK & TEACHER'S GUIDE**ages 5-12**

Discovering plants through Native American stories and earth activities for children. 1994

KEEPERS OF THE EARTH: BOOK & TEACHER'S GUIDE**ages 5-12**

A collection of 23 North American Indian stories & related hands on activities designed to inspire children & to help them to feel a part of their surroundings. 1989

A KINGDOM OF EQUALS: Jesus' Radical Path to Love & Justice**ages 9-12**

A 33-session Unitarian Universalist curriculum on the life and teachings of Jesus, based on the four New Testament gospels. The revised, interdenominational "Jesus and His Kingdom of Equals" by the same authors (see above) may be used along with this earlier version. This version is more UU-specific, with references to the 7 Principles, etc. Binkley & McKeel, 1996.

LESSONS FROM DR. SEUSS:**Kindergarteners**

Using 12 stories from Dr. Seuss, this program, through discussion, reading, and activities emphasizes important values illustrated by Dr. Seuss. 12 sessions

LIFE & TEACHINGS OF JESUS:**upper elementary**

25 lesson plans for grade 5.

LIFE ISSUES FOR TEENAGERS (L.I.F.T.):**Ages 15-18**

This structured program explores ethical, social, and political issues and concerns that are important in the lives of teenagers. Issues addressed are: understanding values, family dynamics, sex roles, peer pressure and conformity, choices in drug and alcohol abuse, loss and grief, and spiritual identity.

LIFE JOURNEY:**Young teens**

This yearlong curriculum explores human development from birth to old age. Participants learn to recognize physical, social, and emotional elements of each of life's stages. A variety of imaginative activities are used, including guided imagery exercises, visitor panels, games, and interviews.

LIVING IN UUville:**Jr/Sr High**

Exploring Unitarian Universalist Purposes and Principles. 10 sessions, 60-75 minutes each. Can be run by adults or adult-youth teams, but is specifically designed to also work with youth program leaders. Jeff Liebmann, 2004

LIVING THE PROMISE**Upper Elementary**

There are thirty lessons in this value-oriented curriculum which is based on the Hebrew Scriptures. The goal of the program is to have students become familiar with significant aspects of the Bible in a way that holds meaning for them and is also fun. Ideas such as trust, personal responsibility, and justice are emphasized. 1991.

LOVE AND HELP: A Workbook Program in UU Identity**Ages 7-11**

Originally designed for UU Cub Scouts, this workbook can be used by girls or boys, in or out of scouting, with a helping parent or teacher. Through various activities, children learn about self, family, religious community, and Unitarian Universalism.

Upon completion of the program, children are eligible to receive an emblem and certificate from the Youth Office of the UUA. 28 pages of activities. Jill Bauer. 1984

MAN, THE MEANING MAKER:**Ages 9-12 (Grades 3-7)**

This is an exploration of the process by which different people arrive simultaneously and naturally at different interpretations of the same experiences and sensory stimuli.

MESSAGES IN MUSIC**Ages 12-14, Junior High**

The lessons in this curriculum introduce youth to the 7 UU Principles and the sources from which they evolved. They help the students to understand the Principles, to probe the meanings of beliefs, values, creeds, and covenants and to observe how these Principles are adhered to or violated in the culture around them. 23 sessions. 1993

MOSES, HIS LIFE & TIMES:**grade 4**

12 lessons.

NO PUNCHING JUDY:**primary-high school**

A curriculum on the prevention of domestic violence

NEIGHBORING FAITHS:**GRADES 7-9**

Introduces youth in grades 7-9 to the faith traditions and practices of other religious groups in their community. Can easily be adapted for senior high youth and for adult religious education programs. Eleven units with 34 ninety-minute sessions. Neighboring Faiths invites your adaptation and creativity. 1997 (see also: Religions, Encountering People of Other Faiths for supplementary material). Also, in "Books" section, "What You Will See Inside a Mosque" and "What You Will See Inside a Synagogue".

New UU Course for Kids:**Grades K-6**

4 week course; Stories and activities are used to help children learn what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist. Could be offered when *New UU* Adult sessions are held. Edited by Eric Posa and Connie Dunn. Age Level, K-6, 1998

ON THE PATH: SPIRITUALITY FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS

ages 15-adult

The ten sessions in this program feature spiritual exercises, journal-writing, prayers, and other activities to help participants discover and deepen their own spiritual resources. 1989

OUR WHOLE LIVES

Grades K-1

Eight class sessions . Supports parents in educating children about birth, babies, bodies and families. ((UUA)

OUR WHOLE LIVES:

Grades 4-6

Eight-session program for learning about and discussing the physical and emotional changes of puberty. (UUA)

OUR WHOLE LIVES:

Grades 7-9

Comprehensive and age-appropriate approach to human sexuality in 27 sessions. Begins with parent orientation. This is the newest, revised edition. (UUA) 2005

OUR WHOLE LIVES:

Grades 10-12

14 sessions offer highschoolers the knowledge, life principles and skills they need to express their sexuality in life-enhancing ways. For Sunday School or youth group settings. (UUA)

PARADIGMS LOST AND REGAINED:

Older Teens/Adults

Sacred Life Skills. Ten (60-75 minute) sessions. This curriculum has to do with basic life skills and keeping balance in one's life. Jeff Liebmann. 2003

Parent's Guide for Grades K-1 and 4-6:

Session-by-session guide helps parents answer children's tough questions about sexuality issues. See also "Raising Healthy Kids: Parents Talk About Sexual Health", two videos to accompany Our Whole Lives K-1 and 4-6.

PEACE EXPERIMENTS: Activities for UU's Learning to be Peacemakers

Wide variety of activities for preschool through high school. Four sessions for each age group and an intergenerational celebration. Grew from an idea of the Reverend Carol Brody, former Ohio-Meadville District Consultant, when she was the MRE at the First UU Church of Columbus.

1985 (edited by Terry Hermsen, Unitarian Universalist Peace Network)

POPCORN THEOLOGY

Middle School

This curriculum uses recent feature films to help young youth explore issues of theology and ethics, including recognizing injustice, offering forgiveness, finding inner peace, searching for truth, overcoming doubt, being open to the "other" and making ethical choices. 18 sessions. Michelle Richards. 2007

PRINCIPLES FOR UU AND ME**Grades K-7**

Our 7 Unitarian Universalist Principles through worship, education, and lived experience. Excellent for "Way Cool Sunday School" programs, yet versatile enough for any RE class. Hands-on curriculum with 28 lessons that are divided into activities for younger and older children. Some activities are: pop/country music, games, art movement, field trips, meditation, yoga, pagan celebrations and more....2004

(THE) QUESTING YEAR:**Grades 5-8**

Twenty-four 75 minute sessions. Engages participants in four quests designed to help them seek and develop their own answers to deep life questions about human faith and the web of all existence. Includes the Mystery Quest, the Inner Quest, the Action Quest, and the UU Quest--all challenging and fun. Part of the Sheltering Spirit Curriculum Series. Green Timber Publications, 2004

RACE TO JUSTICE**Junior High**

Fifteen sessions use role plays, real life stories, and games to celebrate human diversity as a positive, enriching fact of life, while revealing the destructive nature of racism. May be adapted for Senior High. 1995

RAINBOW CHILDREN**ages 5 to 8**

This 12 session program illustrates how to provide pro-diversity and anti-bias values to children through activities and stories. 1995

RAISING HEALTHY KIDS: PARENTS TALK ABOUT SEXUAL HEALTH: (FOR PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN)

Two age-appropriate videos that are recommended for use with **Our Whole Lives**.

RELIGION IN LIFE: BOYS:

This independent-study program about UUism is great for junior-high boys. Participants will need the UU Pocket Guide. (UUA) 1993.

RELIGION IN LIFE: GIRLS:

Independent-study program for junior-high girls to explore and understand their UU beliefs. Also fulfills the Girl Scout Emblem program. (UUA) 1992

RELIGIONS; ENCOUNTERING PEOPLE OF OTHER FAITHS:

Introduces youth to other faith traditions. Features nine session plans with discussion topics, articles, activities and games.

SACRED THREADS: AN ASIAN RELIGIONS CURRICULUM**Senior High**

20 sessions on what it means to be religious in Eastern cultures & what ideas people of various religious persuasions share.

SEXUALITY AND OUR FAITH:

Companions to Our Whole Lives for religious communities. **K-1, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12.**
(UUA)

SHELTERING SPIRIT HANDBOOK: written for all religious education leaders and teachers. Supports Sheltering Spirit curricula, traces the faith development of children, collection of chalice lighting words. See also: A Discovering Year, Free To Believe, Bibleodeon, and The Questing Year. Green Timber Publications, 2004.

SIDE BY SIDE: A CURRICULUM FOR MOTHERS AND THEIR PRE-ADOLESCENT DAUGHTERS. See Adult resources.

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY FOR YOUTH: Youth frequently do not want “curriculum” per se, yet need and want more than just “hang out” time. Small Group Ministry provides a format with some structure and a great deal of latitude. Includes section on: Five Steps to Building Community, Faith In Action and 18 general session plans. Helen Zidowecki, June 2005.

SPECIAL TIMES:**Grades 1 & 2**

Twenty-six sessions introduce 6 & 7 year olds to the historical richness of UUism with lessons that celebrate Jewish & Christian holidays and other special times such as Thanksgiving and everybody's birthday. Stories for each session are enhanced by conversations, songs, games, dramatic play and craft projects. 1994. (note: see Celebrations Around the World in Misc.section)

SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE:UU identity for **grades 2-5.**

35 sessions. A curriculum that offers more “doing” and less typical arts and crafts. *Sports* is the first theme of this curriculum. Other key words are: science, medicine, food, winter holidays, building, exploring and the Web of Life. Kate Tweedie Erslev, 2005

STARTING SMALL**Multigenerational**

Subtitle: "Activating Your Congregation on Children's Issues". Divided into four sections: K-2, 3-5, 6-12, & adult, this program of 6 or 7 sessions is designed to educate and activate adults and children to help end childhood poverty in the United States. Includes audio tape of songs. 1992

A STEPPING STONE YEAR ('83 & '89 EDITIONS):**Ages 8-11**

As a beginning course in Unitarian Universalism, this curriculum focuses on the premise that religion helps people to find answers to life's important questions. This is a complete year-long program that includes sample letters, craft projects, how-tos, discussion questions, background reading, & worship ideas.

STICK UP FOR YOURSELF:**upper elem. & middle school**

Every kid's guide to personal power & positive self esteem. 10 parts of 30 - 45 minutes on self-esteem & assertiveness.

STORIES ABOUT GOD**Ages 5-7**

The purpose of this curriculum is to offer children a variety of experiences with that which people call God, to help develop a language with which they can speak of God, and to expose them to a wide variety of stories about God from world religions, feminist experience, science, and from the experiences of life. 30 sessions 1992

STORY TIME:**Preschool**

This literature-based curriculum has 60 lessons that help young children focus on feelings, relationships, nature, & holidays. Revised edition, 1998

SUPER HEROES; Bible People**Grades 1-3**

19 sessions. A values-based curriculum for U.U. children. Gaia Brown. 2002

THINKING THE WEB:**Senior High**

MORAL ISSUES AND SYSTEMATIC THINKING FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH. Helps youth discuss complex legal issues that have broad moral implications in society, especially focusing on the Unitarian Universalist perspective articulated in resolutions passed at annual General Assemblies. 25 sessions, divided into four major units. Written by Jeff Liebmann

TIMELESS THEMES:**Grades 3 & 4**

This program has 34 sessions that introduce children to stories from the Hebrew and Christian Bibles to help them better understand the heritage that shapes our culture. The program includes a teacher's guide, songbook, and a cassette tape of the songs in the songbook.

TRADITIONS WITH A WINK!**MIDDLE SCHOOL**

UU identity for Middle Schoolers. 44 detailed lesson plans. Teacher background info and a Coming of Age Celebration. By Kate Tweedie Erslev. 2000

TRAVEL IN TIME:**Grades 5 & 6**

This 16 session program introduces UU history and beliefs. In a "time machine" constructed by the group, participants visit major figures that have influenced the course of liberal religion - John Murray, William Ellery Channing, Dorothea Dix, Louisa May Alcott, and others. Detailed lesson plans and an extensive appendix make this an easy to use curriculum.

TREASURE HUNTING:**Ages 4-7**

This 35 lesson program is designed to reach the emotional and spiritual life of the young child. Each lesson explores a different UU Principle or value through crafts projects, stories, songs, games, and discussion. 1991

TREASURE HUNTING—TAKE TWO:**Ages 4-7**

A complete revision of a “golden oldie”. A full year of one hour sessions for ages 4-7 by Ellen Schneider and Gaia Brown. 2002

TRUTH AND MEANING**Senior High**

25 SESSIONS. QUESTIONS ABOUT THE WESTERN RELIGIOUS HERITAGE OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH. Factual information on specific questions, generally relating that information to UUism and then specifically to the students and their spiritual growth. Written by Jeff Liebmann

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ALPHABET**Preschool**

The curriculum includes 30 sessions, each one with a lesson plan, story about a UU, & activities, with a focus on relating activities to the church setting. 1989

UPDATE: ABOUT YOUR SEXUALITY AND ABOUT SEXUAL ABUSE**Junior High**

The Pacific Central District RE Committee created this revision to accompany the current AYS & ASA curricula. It is not a complete curriculum in itself, but is designed to be used in conjunction with the others by currently trained leaders.

THE U.U. KIDS BOOK:**Elementary age children**

This Brotman-Marshfield publication is designed for use by individual kids and is an entertaining collection of puzzles, stories, games, projects, and more. Borrowing this book will be for the purposes of previewing only. 1989

UP, UP & AWAY:**Ages 8-10**

The 15 sessions in this program provide an opportunity for children to learn about the religious values & commitment of the men & women who helped to spread Universalism throughout the North American continent. 1994

WALKING THE RAINBOW PATH; CELEBRATING ALL THE COLORS OF LOVE**Grades K-3**

A curriculum for K-3 children. 28 lessons. A developmentally appropriate way for children to clearly understand the Unitarian Universalist Principles. Rev. Laurie Bushbaum. 2002

WE ARE MANY, WE ARE ONE**Preschool**

This 36-session program emphasizes the purposes, affirmations, principles, & values of UUism. It builds an appreciation of nature, celebrates the uniqueness & values of every participant, & the values of various religions & cultures. 1996

WE BELIEVE:**Multi-age**

The seven UU Principles come to life in more than 20 hour-long sessions, which are designed for small, multi-age groups. It features stories & activities, crafts & music, plus worship services. Ideal for families at home, family-style church schools, & new congregations. 1990, Audio-cassette companion music tape. Revised edition, 1997.

WE CAN GET ALONG:**pre K-elementary**

A child's book of choices: 15 lessons on positive conflict resolution. '97

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?**Jr/Sr High/Adult**

A documentary VHS video. Superb for teaching about multiculturalism and religious pluralism. Depicts American (Buddhist, Muslim, Pagan, Native American, Jewish and Catholic) teenagers talking about spirituality and freedom of religion. Accompanied by an in-depth, 28 page activities and discussion guide. www.newday.com 2004

WHAT IS RELIGION FOR OTHERS AND FOR US?:**primary**

27 session plans containing stories, activities, & discussions on our ways of being religious, fostering a feeling of belonging to a caring religious community, and to awaken awareness of different ways of thinking and of being religious.

WHY DO BAD THINGS HAPPEN?:**Ages 10-13**

This is a one semester or longer curriculum based on the answers of various religions to basic issues of life and death. It includes "idea pages," illustrations, a detailed leader's guide, and a bibliography.

SUPPLEMENT TO WHY DO BAD THINGS HAPPEN?

This 1996 supplement by the East Shore Unitarian Church in Bellevue, Washington includes 5 group building sessions plus 25 lesson plans to be used with the regular curriculum.

WORDS TO LIVE BY: Creating a Personal Credo:**youth/ young adults**

Designed by life skills educator Judith A. Burch, creator of "It Starts With Me", this 10 session program explores our human search for purpose and meaning. Offers participants an opportunity to identify, articulate and evaluate their core beliefs and values through the process of writing and sharing a personal credo. 2004

WORTH & DIGNITY OF ALL PEOPLE**Grades 1-8**

A 5-session curriculum in four age levels with suggestions for related programs for preschool & senior high with games, music, & stories on the following topics: building a caring group, understanding people with disabilities, learning about racism, ageism, & sexism, confronting homophobia (7th & 8th Gr.), and the UU Principles. 1994

YOU THE CREATOR**Middle School**

Emphasis is on the participant in this program of 37 sessions. Seven themes weave through the program: religion & creation, religion and creative arts, arts & creativity, creativity & self, practical creativity, universal creative force, & creativity for all. The sessions mix discussions, continuum work, role plays, explorations, and creative activities. 1993

YOUTH PROGRAMS REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

The 1997 report to the UUA Board of Trustees on the findings of the review committee. Interesting historical perspective on our youth ministry.

Y.R.U.U. (YOUNG RELIGIOUS UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST) RESOURCES:

Blessing to all beings- an anthology of spiritual writings by and about YRUU.
Deep Fun- a compendium of YRUU games.
The YRUU Song Book, second edition.

YRUU Resources: Local and District

6 components of a balanced youth program
code of ethics
first time conference attendee packet
social justice resources; anti-racism movie guide and much more, 2004
(For supplementary material and/or administrative helps, see titles under
WORSHIP, MISCELLANEOUS, BOOKS, AND MUSIC)

ADULT PROGRAMS

****A LIVING FAITH: THE SECOND CAMPUS MINISTRY VIDEO**

A Living Faith is an outreach tool for congregations and young adult and campus ministry groups. It is intended as an introduction to our faith through the eyes of young adults. Shows UU young adults around the continent as they live their faith through worship, community building and social justice. *A Living Faith* is suitable for use at coffee hour, at outreach tables on continuous loop, or for screening before events. 2005. 15 minutes, DVD. (Disc also includes: Building Intergenerational Wholeness, the first Campus Ministry Video. 2002. 14 additional minutes.) Young Adult/Campus Ministry Office

ARTICULATING (Y)OUR FAITH:

A creative way to explore and express the basics of Unitarian Universalism. A five session course appropriate for senior high and all the way up! By Barbara Wells and Jaco B. ten Hove. 2002

****ARTICULATING YOUR UU FAITH: A Five-Session Course by Barbara Wells & Jaco B. ten Hove.** Guides participants through a series of easy and engaging exercises--personal reflection, role-play, discussion and even the creation of a worship event--that equip them to communicate their liberal religious ideals. Authors are co-ministers at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church in Adelphi, MD. (UUA) 2003.

BEING A UU PARENT:

A part of the Lifespan RE series, this 5 session program helps parents enhance the religious dimension of family life. It explores UU theology while giving participants the chance to address real-life challenges together. 1991

BEING LIBERAL IN AN ILLIBERAL AGE-ALONE AND TOGETHER: A FIVE-SESSION STUDY GUIDE TO JACK MENDELSON'S BOOK.

BUILDING YOUR OWN THEOLOGY, I & II:

A structured, but flexible program in two parts, ten sessions each, for individuals within a community context to reflect on their religious knowledge and experiences and to create their own credos. Participants also discover how other UUs believe about great religious questions. Participation in Part I is a prerequisite for Part II.

BUILDING YOUR OWN THEOLOGY, III: ETHICS, AN EXPLORATION IN PERSONAL MORALITY:

Eight comprehensive sessions analyze how our religious beliefs influence our behavior and personal judgment. 1994

BUILDING YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME:

A UU Young Adult Curriculum (ages 18-35) co-created by Caitlin Anderson and Mary Ann Machlin. 7 sessions. Offers possible ways to deal with these transitional years and maintain a sense of a balanced inner self. 1995

CAKES FOR THE QUEEN OF HEAVEN:

A 10-session adult seminar in feminist theology, created for those interested in exploring women's religious history.

****Cakes for the Queen of Heaven: In Ancient Times** by Shirley Ann Ranck.

A five-session religious education curriculum in feminist theology for adults and older youth, this is volume one of the long-awaited update of the popular **Cakes for the Queen of Heaven**. *In Ancient Times* introduces participants to ancient Goddesses, weaving their stories together with major concerns of women today. The curriculum includes an introductory section featuring author Shirley's Ranck's "Statement of Feminist Theology," Elinor Artman's "Brief History of Cakes," and Nancy Vedder-Shults', "Baking Cakes for the Queen of Heaven." The resource section includes supplementary essays by a number of important authors, a listing of highly recommended materials, and the sheet music of songs by Carole Eagleheart and Ann Forfreedom for use with the curriculum. The curriculum also includes a CD-ROM with five Visual Programs to accompany the sessions, plus resource material for easy distribution to participants. Funded in part by the Fund for Unitarian Universalism and the UU Women's Federation.

CATECHISM WITH AN OPEN MIND: Six sessions.

Addresses the most basic questions about religion, God, human nature, community and Unitarian Universalism. George Kimmich Beach. 1995

CHILDSPACE

A 10-session (one & a half hour per session) program for parents, caregivers, & teachers that focuses on infants & toddlers. Participants explore their attitudes, feelings, and ideas about caring for children in order to build confidence in themselves as parents & caregivers. 1992

CONNECTING WITH THE EARTH - see the description above**CROSSING THE BRIDGE FROM YOUTH TO ADULTHOOD;**

Designing and implementing a Bridging Ceremony in Your Congregation. Includes sample ceremonies, readings and testimonials. UUA, 2005

DEEP ECOLOGY AND CREATION-CENTERED SPIRITUALITY: THE INTERDEPENDENT WEB:

This 12 week discussion course covers: deep ecology, creation-centered spirituality, science, transcendentalism, Native American spirituality, bioregionalism, green politics, feminist & process theology, animal rights, action, and ritual. 1991

EVENSONG:

Eight community-building worship services, designed for groups of 10—20. Each service includes worship, singing, readings and discussion. (UUA) 1999

EVENSONG II :

Volume two, an eight-week series of gatherings. 2002**FAITHFUL CHOICES:**
An adult program in clinical ethics and religious values. 8 sessions. Wayne B. Arnason 1998

GENDER JUSTICE: WOMEN'S RIGHTS & HUMAN RIGHTS:

A study/action guide on the international women's rights movement. 6 sessions

GOD IMAGES SUPPLEMENT:

This 8 session supplement to the God Images program, invites adult participants to consider some important universal religious questions.

HOW CAN I HELP?:

This 8 session adult program explores the personal side of service to others in a chapter by chapter study of Ram Dass and Paul Gorman's classic, How Can I Help?.

HOW OPEN THE DOOR?: (AFRO-AMERICAN'S EXPERIENCE IN UUISM):

An 8-session multimedia program examining the past and current role of blacks in UU congregations. Participants explore their own racial attitudes and work together toward eliminating racism. Each session focuses on a specific historical event and moral issues.

IN OUR HANDS:

This program is an exploration of ideas and feelings about the issues of peace and justice. It helps develop understandings about conflict and unfairness and to explore constructive ways of both resolving conflict and promoting peace and fairness in the relationships of the participants. 6, two-hour sessions

LIVING THE INTERDEPENDENT WEB:

This is an 8-part adult series that focuses on the seven UU Principles. The goal of the program is to bring the Principles to life and use.

THE NEW U:

This 4-session program is designed to orient new members to Unitarian Universalist societies or fellowships.

New UU Course for Kids: 4 week course; Stories and activities are used to help children learn what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist. Could be offered when *New UU* Adult sessions are held. Edited by Eric Posa and Connie Dunn. Age Level, K-6, 1998

NEW UU ORIENTATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH: K-12

Introduce children and youth to Unitarian Universalism in the same manner that we introduce adults to it. Three-hour orientation course, 2004

ON THE PATH: SPIRITUALITY FOR YOUTH & ADULTS - SEE DESCRIPTION ABOVE OUR EXPERIENCING, BELIEVING, AND CELEBRATING:

Eight units engage adults in discovering, experiencing, and celebrating their UU identity within the local society and in the larger movement. Sections focus on ways of worship, varieties of religious belief and expression, similarities and differences between our styles of relating to the world and those of Eastern and Western religions.

OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST STORY

A 6-session program using readings, group discussions, and activities to focus on the history & heritage of UUism. 1996

OUR WHOLE LIVES, ADULT:

Builds understanding of healthy sexual relationships, affirms diversity, and helps participants accept and affirm their own sexuality throughout their lives. Suggests 12 workshops, but adaptable for many formats. Richard Kimball (2000)

****Our Whole Lives, Sexuality Education for Young Adults, Ages 18-35:**

Helps participants navigate young adulthood with accurate information, increased self-knowledge, enhanced safety and strengthened interpersonal skills. 14 sessions. Tino, Millspaugh and Stuart. 2008.

OWNING YOUR RELIGIOUS PAST: THE HAUNTING CHURCH:

The workshop format of this five-session curriculum provides simple tools by which individuals may reexamine and retrieve positive aspects of their religious past as part of their continuing religious growth.

PARADIGMS LOST AND REGAINED:

Sacred Life Skills. Ten (60-75 minute) sessions. This curriculum has to do with basic life skills and keeping balance in one's life. Jeff Liebmann. 2003

PARENT GUIDE FOR OUR WHOLE LIVES, GRADES K-1 AND 4-6:

Session-by-session guide helps parents answer children's tough questions about sexuality issues. (UUA) 1999

PARENTING WITH SPIRIT: 30 ways to nurture your child's spirit and enrich your family's life.

Ideas include creating your own rituals, going for nature walks, holding family meetings, storytelling and turning everyday activities into play. 2004

PARENTS AS RESIDENT THEOLOGIANS:

For parents and other adults, an opportunity to examine and articulate their religious experiences and beliefs in order to develop skills in responding to religious questioning of young people. Six sessions. 1986 & 1990 editions.

PARENTS AS SOCIAL JUSTICE EDUCATORS:

Created as a response to the need to help children find meaning in the world and to enable them to change the world for the better, this program helps adults make a connection between their faith and their action and helps them to share with their children why they do what they do. 6 session of 2 - 2 1/2 hrs. 1993

PARENT TRILOGY:

Three programs for UU parents and other adults. Includes: Being a Unitarian Universalist Parent (5 sessions), Parents as Resident Theologians (6 sessions) and Parents as Social Justice Educators (6 sessions). 1999

PHILOSOPHY MAKING: A PROCESS GUIDE:

A detailed plan with several implementation options for working with a group within a society, fellowship, or church to create a philosophy of religious growth and learning.

THE PROPHETIC IMPERATIVE:

This program presents a theological, ethical, and sociological rationale for congregational involvement in the social order. It is designed to enable a group to engage in a study of religious social responsibility. In addition, it provides a process for study of UU theology and ethics. Eight sessions.

RAINBOWMAKING: INTERCULTURAL AND INTERFAITH OUTREACH FOR CANADIAN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

A six-session program that helps participants develop new insights into and skills with intercultural and interfaith issues. The primary purpose is to prepare congregations to reach out more effectively and work with diverse cultural and faith groups within our immediate and larger communities. Includes separate resource handbook. Canadian Unitarian Council. Harold Rosen. 1995

REMEMBER UNIVERSALISM INTO LIFE, LEADER'S GUIDE:

Eight, two-hour sessions for an adult discussion series for UU societies. Used with the book The Universalist Heritage. '95

****RISE UP AND CALL HER NAME: A Woman-honoring Journey Into Global Earth-based Spiritualities.**

This newly-updated version of the popular feminist curriculum weaves together spiritual stories worldwide that honor female divinities. By focusing on artistic and intellectual tools which facilitate self development and personal integration, these stories become relevant and inspiring to the individuals participating. The 13-session course is written in modular format, and can easily be undertaken in shorter segments. The DVD and Music CD of recorded chants, songs and instrumentals are especially useful for crafting shorter presentations. Fisher, 2008.

SEXISM AND PEACE MAKING

Five two hour sessions prepared by the UU Peace Network in conjunction with the UU Women's Federation seek to empower UUs to become more effective peace makers. 1989

****Sexuality and Our Faith: A Companion to Our Whole Lives for Young Adults.**

Helps participants apply their religious values to issues such as body image, birth control, sexual health, sexual fantasizing and family life. Contains UU and UCC supplements. Keithan, 2008.

SIDE BY SIDE. MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS EXPLORING SELFHOOD AND WOMANHOOD TOGETHER.

A curriculum for mothers and their pre-adolescent daughters. Designed for 7 sessions. 1998

SOULFUL SUNDOWN:

Young Adults

Re-Imagining Unitarian Universalist Worship for Young Adults. Includes steps to creating an alternative service for young adults. UUA, Young Adult/Campus Ministry Office.

SPIRITUALITY IN EVERYDAY LIFE:

Participants share ideas about their own spiritualities and discover a broad range of ways to practice spiritual discipline. Seven sessions. Leader's Manual and Participant's manual. 1999

STARTING SMALL

See the description in the first section.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS:

A nine session study guide to Huston Smith's book, The World's Religions. Part of The Lifespan Series from UUA. See the description of Smith's book in the Book section. 1997

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST PRINCIPLES AND PARENTING

Seven two hour sessions designed to help parents and adults who are new to UUism or who will be working with children to understand the Principles and to provide guidance for living them.

WEAVING THE FABRIC OF DIVERSITY:

An anti-bias program for adults. 8 highly participatory 2 1/2 hour sessions.

(THE) WELCOMING CONGREGATION: RESOURCES FOR AFFIRMING GAY, LESBIAN, AND BISEXUAL PERSONS:

This flexible program is designed to help interested congregations look at themselves and homophobia and to intentionally welcome gay, lesbian, and bisexual people. 1990

WILDERNESS JOURNEY

The struggle for Black empowerment and racial justice within the Unitarian Universalist Association from 1967-1970. This DVD explores this important time in our shared history. Produced by Ron Cordes.UUA

WORDS TO LIVE BY: Creating a Personal Credo: youth/ young adults

Designed by life skills educator Judith A. Burch, creator of "It Starts With Me", this 10 session program explores our human search for purpose and meaning. Offers participants an opportunity to identify, articulate and evaluate their core beliefs and values through the process of writing and sharing a personal credo. 2004

YOU THE CREATOR, ADULT SUPPLEMENT

Eight two-hour sessions designed to be used with You The Creator. The sessions emphasize anxiety & creativity and flow along with the religious implications of creativity and the idea of a universal creative force.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

BEING A UU PARENT:

See description under Adult Programs; Parent Trilogy

BUILDING FAMILY RELIGION AT HOME:

Activities, ideas, and "food for thought" designed to be used by families at home to enhance their religious experiences and bolster their UU identity. Can be adapted for larger groups or used as an intergenerational resource.

CHILDSPACE

See description under Adult Programs

EVENSONG FOR FAMILIES

An 8 week series of gatherings focusing on the common threads of family life. A useful resource for practicing our faith in the home. Barbara Hamilton-Holway. 2006

ETHICS AND SERVICE

Middle School/Senior High

Guides teachers and students in developing community service-learning projects that also promote ethical awareness, values-based reflection, and problem solving. From the Institute for Global Ethics. Patricia Born. 2003

FAMILIES AND WORSHIP: 1999 UU FAMILY NETWORK CLEARINGHOUSE PACKET. Resources for families at home, family rites of passage, families in community, intergenerational worship and global UU families.

FAMILY JUSTICE ADVOCACY: 2001 FAMILY NETWORK CLEARINGHOUSE PACKET.

A collection of education programs that have been gathered from many of you. The four parts of the third annual packet are: family witness, justice education, social service and social action.

FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION: 2000 UU FAMILY NETWORK CLEARINGHOUSE PACKET.

The four parts of the second annual resource packet are: Educating Through Family Life Stages, Intergenerational Programs, Family Issues and Resources.

IT'S ELEMENTARY; talking about gay issues in school

A VHS tape. 78 minutes, 1999.

PUTTING OUR FAITH INTO ACTION TO SEEK JUSTICE FOR CHILDREN:

National Observance of Children's Sabbath Manual, 2005, Volume 14. Children's Defense Fund

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT HOME:

This handbook for parents was created by the Church of The Larger Fellowship. It covers the following topics: Unitarian Universalism & Its Symbols, Communicating About Spirituality, Worship & Meditation, Doing Religious Education, and Resources and Biographies.

****RESPECTFUL PARENTS, RESPECTFUL KIDS: 7 Keys to Turn Family Conflict into Co-operation.** This book applies the principles of Nonviolent Communication to parent and child relationships. By Hart and Hodson. 2006.

SPRING HOLIDAYS FROM A UU PERSPECTIVE:

To help parents work with children around the holidays of Easter, Passover, St. Patrick's Day, and May Day. Beth Brownfield

THE SPIRITUALITY OF CHILDREN:

A TWO SESSION PARENT WORKSHOP. Leader's guide for 2 sessions (3 hours each). 2001

STORIES FOR ALL AGES; for worship and education

33 stories written by Joshua Searle-White. 2003

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM; AN HERETICAL HISTORY. Video overview of the history of UUism, from their roots 2,000 years ago to the 1961 consolidation. VHS 30 minutes. 1995

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM IN THE HOME:

This program is a response to many requests from parents for materials and information that would enable them to respond more creatively to their children's religious questioning and growth. The format is a binder that contains suggest activities and materials on the following topics: UUism, Religious Heritage, Family Celebrations, and Human Development.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST PRINCIPLES AND PARENTING:

Based on the premise that parents are the real religious educators. Designed for 7 sessions of 2 hours each but can easily be modified. Each session focuses on a specific principle and how we use that principle in our interactions with children. Helen Zidowecki. 2001

THE UU Kid's Book:

This book is designed for use by individual children and is an entertaining collection of puzzles, stories, games, projects, and more. Borrowing will be for the purposes of previewing only.

UNPLUG THE CHRISTMAS MACHINE

Resource guide that helps families respond to the challenges of attempting to reduce stress during the holidays and to make Christmas time more spiritual and less materialistic. Includes a Leader's Guide. 1991.

WINTER HOLIDAYS FROM A UU PERSPECTIVE:

Materials compiled as a resource for UU parents. Beth Brownfield

WORSHIP AND OTHER RESOURCES

A CALL TO ACTION:

UUA Accessibilities Committee Video. Run time 15:30

****A CHILD'S BOOK OF BLESSINGS AND PRAYERS:** Drawn from around the world, here are poems, graces, prayers and blessings to welcome the morning, share at bedtime, honor a birthday and express other celebrations and concerns of children. This diverse collection from Hindu, Sioux, Islamic, Jewish, Christian and Unitarian Universalist sources, to name only a few, highlights the common threads that can unite people of all faiths. Ages 4 and up. Collected by Eliza Blanchard. 2008

****Adapting Small Group Ministry for Children's Religious Education: Volume I** by Gail Forsyth-Vail, for ages 5-12. Implementation of Small Group Ministry model for children's religious education, from concept, to implementation, to second year refinements, with 31 sample sessions, focusing on wisdom stories. It contains step-by-step information about what was done, what was learned, and what outcomes, intentional and unintentional, occurred during the first two years at North Parish in Andover, MA .

****Adapting Small Group Ministry for Children's Religious Education: Volume II** by Gail Forsyth-Vail, for ages 5-12. Twenty-seven additional worship and small group ministry session plans. Included are sessions on stories from the Jewish and Christian scriptures, as well as stories and plans concerning social justice projects, evolution, the interdependent web, and a "Great Debates about God" series. The volume contains more extensive material background and storytelling notes on the worship stories.

A LAMP IN EVERY CORNER; OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST STORYBOOK:

In many UU congregations, several minutes at the beginning of the worship service are reserved specifically for the children. 21 stories of about 5 minutes each. Themes of UU History, Famous UUs, and the seven Principles. Includes the section: "How to tell a Story and Create a World". UUA, 2004

AISHA'S MOONLIT WALK: STORIES AND CELEBRATIONS FOR THE PAGAN

YEAR. "Readers of all ages will delight in following Aisha and her family and friends as they celebrate the eight pagan holidays over the course of a year" (from book jacket) Includes background information on each holiday and activities. Anika Stafford. 2004

****ATTENTION GAMES: 101 Fun, Easy Games that Help Kids Learn to Focus:**

Activities that encourage kids to expand their powers of attention in ways that improve their social and learning skills. Arranged by age group – from infants to teens.

****AYAT JAMILAH: BEAUTIFUL SIGNS: A TREASURY OF ISLAMIC WISDOM FOR CHILDREN AND PARENTS** by Sarah Conover and Freda Crane, illustrated by Valerie Wahl. This book aims to do for Islam what Conover's *Kindness* did for Buddhism: reflect the ethos of the religion in a treasury of stories accessible to teens. Here, too, pithy sayings from the tradition are framed on full pages between the narratives, and 22 pages of notes and sources provide foundations and suggest further exploration. These stories from the Qur'an, from Muslim history, hadiths (oral tradition), and folktales originated in the Middle East, China, Indonesia, Africa, and even Muslim Spain; several are from Sufi teachings (e.g., Rumi's).

(THE) BEST OF EVERYTHING, A SOCIAL ACTION RESOURCE:

Ideas, programs and resources that came from ten years of social action with children and youth in one congregation. Beth Brownfield

****Big Ideas for Small Congregations: a friendly guide for leaders by Jane Dwinell and Ellen Germann-Melosh.** The small congregation (150 members or less) has unique gifts and challenges, and is a very different religious community than a larger congregation. Hot off the presses, this book is a practical, how-to handbook for leaders of small congregations. It's written for Unitarian Universalists, but is useful for lay and paid leaders of any denomination. Jane and Ellen write in a friendly, down-to-earth style, offering useful advice on everything from money to ministers to mission. Each section includes resources for further exploration.

BLACK PIONEERS IN A WHITE DENOMINATION:

A VHS video tape

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

A resource guide for UU Congregations. Sample worship services are included. Rev. Gary Kowalski

BREAKING FREE: WOMEN OF SPIRIT AT MID-LIFE AND BEYOND

Reading Guide for Unitarian Universalists, based on Marilyn Sewell's book. Five session program brings women together to discuss aging as the development of character and a breaking free of old restraints.

THE BRIDGING PROGRAM: Workshops and Guidelines

Session plans for four workshops for high school youth bridging into young adulthood, followed by resources for planning a bridging ceremony.

By Colin Bossen and Dawn Star Borchelt, 2004.

BRIDGING UU; A Bridging Ceremony Resource Packet:

UUA Office of Young Adults and Campus Ministry, 2002

****BUILDING EVERYDAY LEADERSHIP IN ALL TEENS: Promoting Attitudes and Actions for Respect and Success:** 21 sessions explore what it means to be a leader, how to work with others, ethical decision-making, risk-taking, team-building, communication, and creative thinking. Each participant will need a copy of the "Everyday Leadership" workbook. For grades 6-12. MacGregor.

CARRY THE FLAME: A SELF-DISCOVERY AND RELIGIOUS IDENTITY PROGRAM FOR UU YOUTH:

Activity book formats in three levels: early elementary, middle elementary, & upper elem./junior high that provide a structure for religious identity, spiritual growth, & achievement recognition of children & youth.. 1993

CELEBRATING UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM; 10 ORIGINAL SONGS FOR UU CHILDREN'S CHOIRS;

Includes a tape recording of a children's choir singing the songs. Words and music by Joe Schafer. 2002

CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD; A Multicultural Handbook:

12 months of celebrations, festivals and religious holidays. 300 different observations. 1997

CHILDREN'S SABBATH MATERIAL:

From the Children's Defense Fund. Ideas for planning a Children's Sabbath service. 2005

****COME INTO THE CIRCLE** by Michelle Richards. A comprehensive how-to guide for creating meaningful religious experiences for children. Includes suggestions on the form, style and elements of worship, plus an extensive collection of opening words and chalice lightings, meditations and prayers, stories, songs, sermons, and orders of service. The rich variety of prayers and other resources is evidence of the contribution to these pages made by UU religious educators from around the country. 2007

COMING OF AGE PROGRAM; JOURNEY INTO ADULTHOOD: EIGHTH GRADE

Includes peer pressure DVD, orientation, UU history and credo writing. A Coming Of Age ceremony and a worship service. By Laura Spencer, 2004.

COMING OF AGE: A TREASURY OF POEMS, QUOTATIONS AND READINGS ON GROWING UP

This inspirational collection celebrates adolescence, that important juncture between childhood and adulthood. Suitable for worship. Edward Searl 2007

CONSIDER THE BASICS

Completely scripted religious education workshops on the topics, "Developing a Religious Education Committee", "Program Planning/Using Curriculum", "Teacher Training" and "Worship". 1992.

CREATING SAFE CONGREGATIONS: TOWARD AN ETHIC OF RIGHT RELATIONS

A workbook for UUs.

CROSSING THE BRIDGE FROM YOUTH TO ADULTHOOD;

Designing and implementing a Bridging Ceremony in Your Congregation. Includes sample ceremonies, readings and testimonials. UUA, 2005

CURRICULUM MAPPING:

A guide to aid in long term curriculum planning. It contains evaluations of 25+ popular curricula from preschool to adult. Each evaluation offers an overview of goals, strengths, weaknesses, age appropriateness, etc. 1996

CYCLE OF SEASONS:

A survey of holidays and holy days around the world. Betsy Hill Williams. 1997

EARTH AND SPIRIT SONGBOOK

An anthology of 102 songs, celebrating Earth and Peace. Compiled and edited by Jim Scott. Chords and piano accompaniment included. Book One, 2003

****Earth Bound: Daily Meditations for All Seasons** by Brian Nelson. A daybook of 365 meditations culled from the worlds of spirituality and science, philosophy and art. These daily musings remind us of both the responsibility and the humanity we share on this earth—and within the embrace of the cosmos. Nelson's earth-centered spirituality appeals to nature lovers, environmentalists, pagans, and general readers alike. The book provides readers with a unique, eclectic view of Earth's calendar. 2004.

ECO CRAFTS:

Crafts for classrooms using materials that are recycled, natural, or low budget. Compiled by Mary-Lib Kronman.

ESSEX CONVERSATIONS:

The UUA decided it was time to look at the question, 'What is our vision for lifespan religious education?' Thirty- one of our top religious educators were invited to write essays and discuss them together. This book forecasts directions for UU religious education for the future. 2000

****EVERYDAY LEADERSHIP: Attitudes and Actions for Respect and Success: Guidebook for Teens.** Helps teens discover their own leadership potential and develop skills that guide them to act responsibly and make a difference in their world. Encourages reflection, commitment and action. For use with *Building Everyday Leadership in All Teens*, but can be a stand-alone resource. Workbook format with room for writing. Grades 6-12.

EVERYONE A BUTTERFLY: 40 SERMONS FOR CHILDREN

A liberal Christian Universalist offers stories suitable for one of the most challenging aspects of pastoral leadership—the “Children’s Story”. Randy Hammer. 2004

FROM AFRICA TO AMERICA AND ONWARD: AN AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSICAL HISTORY

An intergenerational service

FIFTEEN-MINUTE WORSHIP:

7 short intergenerational worship services based on UU Principles.

FILMSTRIP KITS:

1. The Alienated Generation (Jr. High & Up)
2. Family Values (Jr. High & Up)
3. Strategy For Teaching Values (Primary)
4. Trouble With Truth (Primary)

GATHERED AROUND THE TREE OF LIFE

Resources For Children’s Chapels and Intergenerational Worship

Includes Earth Day Chapel, Day of the Dead and Welcome Back Sunday among many more. Rev. Laurie Bushbaum, 2004

****Hands-On Nature: Information and Activities for Exploring the Environment with Children.** Edited by Jenepher Lingelbach and Lisa Purcell, published by the Vermont Institute of Natural Science. See detailed description in Curriculum section. **A great resource for UU summer RE sessions!** 2000.

HANUKKAH KIT:

Information and artifacts associated with this holiday.

HOW TO START, NURTURE, & GROW A YRUU YOUTH GROUP: an instructional video & guide about community building, fundraising, youth group planning, etc.

****I CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE: A Treasury to Inspire Our Children:** Stories, poems, songs, and folktales from many cultures inspire and empower children to make the world a better place – including “aiming high and holding on to my ideals,” “being nonviolent and working for peace,” and “being faithful and struggling for what I believe.” Edelman. All ages.

(THE) INCREDIBLE INDOOR GAMES BOOK

A collection of 160 activities, including theater games, brain teasers, action games, paper crafts and rhythm games. Bob Gregson. 1982

****Intricate Minds III: Understanding Elementary School Classmates Who Think Differently (DVD).** This program features interviews with boys and girls aged 8 through 12 who describe what it's like to have conditions that make them act differently from their peers in school. They reveal some of the positive qualities classmates will find if they look past these "different" behaviors. The program includes "point of view" demonstrations to show kids how things might seem to them if they perceived the world as some of their classmates do. The program is designed for students in elementary grades 3 through 6 and is an excellent staff development tool.

IT'S ELEMENTARY; talking about gay issues in school. 78 minute VHS tape.

****JOURNEY FOR THE PLANET: A Kid's Five Week Adventure to Create an Earth-friendly Life:** Illustrated workbook for every child who wants to make a difference for the world! Guides children through a series of action steps that can affect both climate change and the environment. Taught by a series of animal characters, 46 action lessons illustrate in clear, accessible language exactly how simple actions can change the world. Gershon. Ages 4-8.

KIDS' BOOK OF AWESOME STUFF

This is a wonderful grab-bag of activities, pictures, puzzles and information tidbits that explore our connection to the natural world. Covers the big bang, snowflakes and frost, the significance of bugs and "poop and pee and other stinky stuff". Perfect for church groups, summer programs, for home and for long car rides. **For ages 9-11.** Charlene Brotman (author of The UU Kids Book), 2004.

KINDNESS: A TREASURY OF BUDDHIST WISDOM FOR CHILDREN AND PARENTS

This collection of traditional Buddhist tales leads us to the kind of implicit understanding of ourselves and others that only stories can provide. Following the Buddha through his various transformations, these clarified, often humorous narrative journeys open the ancient master's profound and gentle teachings to persons of all ages, religions, races, and ideological persuasions. Collected and adapted by Sarah Conover, 2005.

MAGIC WANDA'S TRAVEL EMPORIUM: TALES OF LOVE, HATE AND THINGS IN BETWEEN

This collection of 15 stories is suitable for home, worship and classroom settings. Joshua Searle-White. 2007

MANAGING THE RE CLASSROOM: A HANDBOOK FOR DYNAMIC TEACHING

This valuable source book for teachers and RE leaders. Includes "How Human Beings Learn", "Classroom Management", "The Experiential Classroom" and "The Philosophical Heart of Religious Education". Cheryl Gibbs Binkley and Jane Mitchell McKeel.

NEW UU ORIENTATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH: K-12

Purpose is to introduce children and youth to Unitarian Universalism in the same manner that we introduce adults to it. Three-hour orientation course, 2004

NURTURING THE SPIRIT-NATURE CONNECTION (on CD)

An index of children's RE resources sorted by nature-themed topics with lessons and songs. Includes annotated resources, intergenerational services, energy-conservation activities for youth, and more. Includes supplemental UU-based lessons for "Hands-On Nature", listed in the Curriculum section. Published by the UU Ministry for Earth Resources.

ONLY A FEW CHILDREN; BEYOND THE TEENY TINY CHURCH SCHOOL:

A one day workshop for congregations with small religious education programs. 2002. Rev. Helen Zidowecki

PLAYS FOR SPECIAL DAYS: 10 One-Act Christmas & Easter Plays For Young People:

Plays of 15-20 minutes geared primarily for children between the ages of 8-12, with auxiliary roles for younger children that use symbolic imagery from the stories about Jesus to convey the deep truths that lie beneath the legendary nature of events in Jesus' life.

PUTTING OUR FAITH INTO ACTION TO SEEK JUSTICE FOR CHILDREN.

National observance of Children's Sabbaths Manual, Volume 14. Help in planning and promoting a Children's Sabbath in your congregation. Contains a UU worship service, sample sermon and a children's religious education session. Children's Defense Fund. 2005

****QUICK AND LIVELY CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES: Meaningful Ways to Keep Kids Engaged During Transition Time, Downtime, or Anytime:** For teachers who want to make the most of every classroom moment, here are 260 brief, enjoyable activities. Grouped into 52 themes such as Who Am I?, What's Important to Me?, My Promise to Myself. Each includes an inspiring quotation, discussion questions, an affirmation and resources. Includes CD-ROM with activity sheets to print. McElherne. Ages 8-12.

(THE) RE CHAIR WORKSHOP; SMOOTH SAILING

FOR LAY LEADERS IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN UU CONGREGATIONS. DEVELOPED AS A DAY-LONG WORKSHOP (8:30A.M.-4P.M.). FACILITATOR AND PARTICIPANT MANUALS AVAILABLE. DEVELOPED BY GAYLE SCROGGS, PH.D. AND REV. PATRICIA WEBBER FOR THE ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT. 2003

RED HOT HANDBOOKS:

Folder of materials useful to directors of religious education programs. Compiled by the St. Lawrence District RE Committee.

REDUCING THE RISK II: MAKING YOUR CHURCH SAFE FROM CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

This resource is a complete process guide for establishing policies to safeguard the most vulnerable members of our congregations. Contains a sourcebook, training manual and DVD. Hammar, Klipowicz, & Cobble for Church Law and Tax Report. 2003

REJOICE TOGETHER

A collection of prayers, meditations and other readings for family, individual and small group worship. Edited by Helen Picket. 2006

RELIGIONS: ENCOUNTERING PEOPLE OF OTHER FAITHS

A resource guide that offers information about the various religions of North America. Offers information as well as ways to keep high school youth firmly connected to their own faith tradition while learning openly about others. Comes from a Christian point of view, but holds some value for Unitarian Universalist youth. Abingdon Press. 1995

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CATALOG: FIFTY-FIVE YEARS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION RESOURCES

This catalog provides an overview of religious education materials, primarily curricula & books, from the late 30's to the present. Materials are listed by title, and there are addresses of selected sources, and a listing by topic and age. Update 1997

(THE) RE CHAIR WORKSHOP; SMOOTH SAILING

FOR LAY LEADERS IN RE, WORKING IN UU CONGREGATIONS. DEVELOPED AS A DAY-LONG WORKSHOP (8:30A.M.-4P.M.). FACILITATOR AND PARTICIPANT MANUALS AVAILABLE. DEVELOPED BY GAYLE SCROGGS , PH.D. AND PATRICIA WEBBER , MRE, FOR THE ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT. 2003

R.E. ROAD MAP:

A guidebook for religious educators on administering R.E. programs. This "how-to" book is organized in sections including: the larger picture, vision, first steps: where do you begin, organizing your program, programming, teachers, worship, communications and public relations and self-care for the DRE. This is the most recent edition which has been expanded and made much more user-friendly. An essential resource for every RE leader! Cindy Leitner. 2006

SAFETY ABUSE INFORMATION:

A collection of materials which includes the UUA "Clearing House Safety/Abuse Packet" and information gathered from UU congregations that deal with the issues of violence & sexual abuse.

SENIOR HIGH IDEA CARDS

A set of 5 x 7 index cards with over 120 ideas for projects, games, worships, & discussions for senior high groups.

SHARING OUR VISION: UNITARIANS AND UNIVERSALISTS IN CANADA

A video cassette produced by the Canadian Unitarian Council to introduce people to UUism. Kem Murch, 1996.

SHELTERING SPIRIT HANDBOOK: written for all religious education leaders and teachers. Supports Sheltering Spirit curricula, traces the faith development of children, collection of chalice lighting words. See also: A Discovering Year, Free To Believe, Biblelodeon, and The Questing Year. Green Timber Publications, 2004.

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY MODEL: *Relational Religious Education*

Rev. Helen Zidowecki, 2003. Material is also on web site: www.hzmre.com. Additional session plans and sections will be on the web site as they are created.

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY FOR YOUTH: Youth frequently do not want “curriculum” per se, yet need and want more than just “hang out” time. Small Group Ministry provides a format with some structure and a great deal of latitude. Includes section on: Five Steps to Building Community, Faith In Action and 18 general session plans. Rev. Helen Zidowecki, June 2005.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

Materials gathered from past REACH packets organized in special topics:

1. Administration
2. Arts & Crafts in the Classroom
3. Intergenerational Ideas
4. Teacher Helps
5. U. U. Identity

SPIRIT OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE; AN INTERGENERATIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE FOR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

Several original songs as well as traditional carols. Includes all spoken parts as well as opening words, closing words, chalice lighting and children's story. Also, piano accompaniment, guitar chords and optional choral parts. Created by Joyce Poley. 1998.

STAND UP FOR CHILDREN NOW!

State of America's Children Action Guide published by the Children's Defense Fund Action Council. 2005

STARTING FROM SCRATCH

This helpful booklet initiates the reader into the how-tos of religious education including: sample sessions, children's worship, organizational strategies, supply checklists, publicity aids, and more. It is excellent for new church school programs and/or new church school people. 3 copies.

STORIES IN FAITH

Stories in Faith is an invitation to begin a unique spiritual journey, one in which stories help us to develop our faith and make meaning in our lives. This is a distinctly Unitarian Universalist collection of wisdom tales. Nineteen in all, the stories are culled from many cultures and traditions and presented using the seven Principles and six Sources as a framework for reflection and further exploration. Gail Forsyth-Vail, 2007.

****sUper Plays: 50 Short Dramas for Upper Elementary and Middle School Groups in Unitarian Universalist Programs** by Richard S. Kimball. A brand new collection of often amusing and always meaningful plays sure to be warmly received and widely used by the religious educators and ministers of Unitarian Universalist communities everywhere. These engaging minidramas are wonderful in worship as lessons for all ages, in RE classrooms as quick performances and discussion starters, and in UU retreats and summer programs as workshop activities and talent show acts. They work beautifully for multi-age groups. Each play includes lists of characters and props, staging instructions, a complete script for easy reading, and a supporting leader page. 2008.

TEACH TO REACH

Over 300 strategies, tips and helpful hints for teachers of all grades. Includes both the practical and the inspirational. Craig Mitchell. 1996.

TEACHING PLAYS

This collection of 5 plays—"A World of Winter Lights", "The Wheel of the Year", "Nativity Play", "Naamah and Noah's Ark" and "Three Miraculous Births"—are suitable for intergenerational worship and other celebrations. Layne Richard-Hammock. 2004

****TEAMBUILDING WITH TEENS: ACTIVITIES FOR LEADERSHIP, DECISION MAKING & GROUP SUCCESS:** Thirty-six activities make learning about leadership a hands-on experience. Encourages teens to recognize each other's strengths, become better listeners, communicate clearly, identify their values, set goals and more. Includes a CD-ROM with reproducible forms. Ages 11-18.

THE SENSES, OUR ACCESS TO THE LIVING EARTH:

Six week curriculum for all ages. Beth Brownfield

TOGETHER TIME:

A sourcebook of ideas for Intergenerational worship. Services divided into three categories: UU Principles and Ideals,; Holidays, Festivals and Celebrations; and Special Church Events. 2002

TO SUSTAIN THE LIVING TRADITION

The final report and recommendation to UU congregations on compensation and benefits practices. January 1995

TWO SERVICES INFORMATION:

A ring binder of materials collected from congregations that have gone to two services or are contemplating going to two services.

UU AND ME:

A magazine for Unitarian Universalist kids. All issues from June 1997 to present.

UU & ME; COLLECTED STORIES

Three sections: Our Faith Heritage, Tales of Yesterday and Today, and Raychel and Tony (UU kids). 2003

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM; AN HERETICAL HISTORY. Video overview of the history of UUism, from their roots 2,000 years ago to the 1961 consolidation. VHS 30 minutes. 1995

(THE) UU GAME: A COOPERATIVE BOARD GAME FOR INTERGENERATIONAL USE**UUs MAKE A DIFFERENCE: BIOGRAPHICAL CARDS**

Nearly 100 cards with short biographies of famous and influential Unitarians, Universalists and Unitarian Universalists. Useful to supplement any curricula that addresses our heritage. Beth Brownfield.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST MINUTE

Biographical information on 30 famous UUs provided in a short, simple format that could be used during the worship service. Get resource for getting the congregation interested in our shared history. Created by Amber Grady, DRE.

UU MOVERS AND SHAKERS. Intergenerational. Designed as a fun way to feel inspiration from UU History and Heritage. It works well as a summer curriculum but adapts easily to other time frames. Includes "Job Descriptions" for a volunteer committee to plan and implement it. From UU Church of Tucson, AZ. 2004. (see also UU World Travelers)

UU WORLD TRAVELERS: INTERGENERATIONAL

Spend a summer Sunday “touring” a different country, learning about various cultures and religions through stories and pictures, music and dance, games and costumes. Members of the congregation are invited to share their travel experiences and enthusiasm. From UU Church of Tucson, AZ. 2004

WELCOMING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS; A Guidebook for Faith Communities.

The chapters are written in UU faith language. Defines/identifies learning disabilities, ADD, autism, anxiety disorders, schizophrenia and more. Sally Patton. UUA 2004

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?

A 50 minute documentary, VHS video. Superb for teaching about multiculturalism and religious pluralism. Depicts American (Buddhist, Muslim, Pagan, Native American, Jewish and Catholic) teenagers talking about spirituality and freedom of religion. Accompanied by an in-depth, 28 page activities and discussion guide. www.newday.com 2004

WHAT IF NOBODY FORGAVE and other stories- story themes that reflect the principles of UUism. Includes “questions to think about” and “some things for you to do” after each story. Edited by Colleen M. McDonald. 1999

WHAT KIDS REALLY WANT TO ASK: USING MOVIES TO START MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS

This guidebook for parents of children ages 10-14 would be an excellent supplementary resource for POPCORN THEOLOGY. Though it has a broad “life issues” point of view, the values expressed align with Unitarian Universalism. Written by UU author and RE Teacher, Rhonda Richardson of the UU Church of Kent, OH. 2007

WHEN YOUTH LEAD

This valuable resource outlines a model for excellent youth ministry. It affirms the role that youth play in our congregations to strengthen our commitment to social justice. It includes 101 social justice projects for youth. Jill M. Schwendeman. 2007.

WINDMILLS, WORSHIP AND WONDER: IDEAS FOR INTERGENERATIONAL WORSHIP:

Intergenerational worship service resources - Abby I. Winkler Crowley, Ed.

WHICH LESSON?

Unitarian Universalist curriculum content finder. Details the contents of every lesson in 44 of our most popular curricula. By Virginia Steele, 1999, Also revised edition.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOLD THE BABY? A Christmas Intergenerational Worship Service. Includes a CD of Songs. Created by Joyce Poley and Frank Manning. 2001

****YOUTH GROUP HANDBOOK.** Offers practical suggestions, guidance and programming ideas for youth group leaders and members. This thorough resource provides a background on the Unitarian Universalist youth movement, guidelines for starting a youth group from scratch and tips on effective leadership. It also addresses collective decision making, working effectively with adults, fundraising, social action, anti-oppression work and worship. In addition, this updated and expanded version of *The Local Youth Group Handbook* includes a wide selection of games and activities for building trust and community, previously available in *Deep Fun*. An essential tool for any one involved in the growth and development of a successful youth group. 2006.

BOOKS

ABRAHAM: HIS HERITAGE AND OURS - Dorothy R. Hill

AIDS AND YOUR RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY - Warren J. Blumenfeld & The Rev. Scott W. Alexander

A LAMP IN EVERY CORNER; Our Unitarian Universalist Storybook, UUA 2004

Stories with UU themes. Easily used for *Children's Sermon* or *Time for All Ages* in a service.

ALL THE COLORS WE ARE (Todos los Colores de Nuestra Piel) –The story of how we get our skin color. Written in English and Spanish. By Katie Kissinger, 1994

ANTI-BIAS CURRICULUM: TOOLS FOR EMPOWERING YOUNG CHILDREN - Louise Derman-Sparks & the A.B.C. Task Force

BEGINNINGS: EARTH, SKY, LIFE, DEATH.- Sophia Fahs & Dorothy T. Spoerl. Starr King Press, 1958

(The) Bridging Program; Workshops and Guidelines. UUA, 2004

BUCKETFUL OF DREAMS: CONTEMPORARY PARABLES FOR ALL AGES - Christopher Buice

CHILD OF THE SUN: M.G. Edwards. Beacon Press, 1947

****Claiming The Past, Shaping Our Future: Four Eras in Liberal Religious Education 1790-1999.** Edited by Roberta M. Nelson. Published by the Liberal Religious Educators Association in celebration of its 50th anniversary. 2006

****CONNECTING ACROSS DIFFERENCES: A GUIDE TO COMPASSIONATE, NONVIOLENT COMMUNICATION.** 2005, by Jane M. Connor and Dian Killian. Uses a variety of engaging dialogues, exercises, examples, and contemporary ads and cartoons to show how the powerful process of Nonviolent Communication can enrich personal relationships as well as contribute to far-reaching social change.

CONVERSATIONS WITH A 50-MILLION YEAR OLD CLAM: A COLLECTION OF WORSHIP SERVICES FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS - Judith Fisher & Jane McKeel

CREATIVE SOCIAL & SPECIAL EVENTS - Yaconelli & Rice
CYCLES OF SEASONS-
A survey of holidays and holy days around the world. 1997

DADDY'S ROOMMATE - Michael Willhoite

DEVELOPING FAITH IN YOUNG ADULTS: EFFECTIVE MINISTRY WITH 18 - 35-YEAR OLDS – R. T. Gribbon

THE EVERYTHING YOU WISH YOU'D THOUGHT OF HANDBOOK FOR "FUN" RAISING FOR MONEY - Sheri Coots

ESSEX CONVERSATIONS: Thirty-one of our top religious educators wrote essays and discuss them together. All urge hopefulness in a new era. This book forecasts directions for UU religious education in the future and how vital it is to our faith. 2000

EVERYONE A BUTTERFLY; 40 Sermons for Children

A liberal Christian Universalist offers stories suitable for one of the most challenging aspects of pastoral leadership—the "Children's Story". Randy Hammer. 2004

THE) EVERYTHING SEED; A STORY OF BEGINNINGS. By Carole Martignacco, a UU minister. Batik illustrations by Joy Troyer. A story of the very first seed, the one that unfolded to become everything in the Universe. 2003

EXPERIENCES WITH LIVING THINGS - Katherine Wisenberger

FROM LONG AGO AND MANY LANDS: STORIES FOR CHILDREN TOLD ANEW -2ND EDITION - Sophia Lyon Fahs

FROM YACs To SACs: A HANDBOOK FOR CREATING DISTRICT YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS - YRUU Youth Office

FULL CIRCLE, FIFTEEN WAYS TO GROW LIFELONG UUs: Explores the 15 common threads that lifelong UUs identified as critical in their commitment to their faith. Kate Tweedie Erslev, 2004

GETTING IT TOGETHER IN YOUR DISTRICT: DISTRICT YOUTH ORGANIZATION MODELS - UUA Youth Programs Office, 1987

****Giving Birth to Ourselves: A History of the Liberal Religious Educators Association 1949-1999** by Joan W. Goodwin. Published by the Liberal Religious Educators Association in celebration of its 50th anniversary. 1999.

GLORIA GOES TO GAY PRIDE - Leslea Newman

(the) Gospel According to The Simpsons; the spiritual life of the world's most animated family. Book and Leader's Guide. 10 sessions based on the book written by Mark I. Pinsky. Each session is devoted to one episode of the popular TV show. i.e. "What Is a Skeptic?" Could also be used for a retreat. 2005

GREAT IDEAS FOR SMALL YOUTH GROUPS - Wayne Rice

GROWING A JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY - David Shaheen

GUIA UNITARIA UNIVERSALISTA DE BOLSILLO: Spanish version of the Unitarian Universalist Pocket Guide, 2004

HANDS AROUND THE WORLD: 365 WAYS TO BUILD CULTURAL AWARENESS AND GLOBAL RESPECT -

HEATHER HAS TWO MOMMIES - Leslea Newman

HIDE AND SEEK WITH GOD—Mary Ann Moore, 1994. The stories in this collection offer young children the beginnings of a language for talking about God as they strive to find answers to universal religious questions.

HOW TO BE A CON ARTIST: YOUTH CONFERENCE PLANNING HANDBOOK FOR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

HUMANISM, WHAT'S THAT? A Book for Curious Kids

Told in story form, this book is a conversation between teacher and students. Starting with the historic concept of separation of church and state, the story's curious youngsters' insistent questions lead to a consideration of philosophic issues: Why do some people believe in God while others don't? Is there life after death? What gives life meaning? In the course of the story, the author presents a humanistic point of view, making the following points. Humanists look at life as a natural process, so they don't believe in the supernatural. They rely on science to explain the meaning of life, not on religion, though they support each person's freedom to choose to believe or not to believe. Rather than speculating about what comes after death, humanists prefer to focus on life on earth. Humanists generally espouse the values of universal education, freedom of thought and free expression, open-minded pursuit of the truth, tolerance of others' differences, mutual respect, and preservation of the environment. Complete with discussion questions, suggestions for activities, and a bibliography, this innovative approach to presenting humanism to young adults will be welcome by parents and teachers looking to expose their children or students to a secular philosophic perspective. Ages 10 and up. Helen Bennett. 2005

HUNTED HERETIC: The life and death of Michael Servetus 1511-1553. Roland H. Bainton

IT'S FUN TO TEACH CREATIVE MUSIC - Martha Rosenberg

IT'S PERFECTLY NORMAL: CHANGING BODIES, GROWING UP, Robie H. Harris. 1999 Used with Our Whole Lives.

JESUS THE CARPENTER'S SON - Sophia Lyon Fahs

KEYS TO BUILDING YOUTH MINISTRY - Glenn E. Ludwig

LET THEM WRITE POETRY - Nina Walter

MEET JESUS: THE LIFE AND LESSONS OF A BELOVED TEACHER

This lovely picture book begins with, "This is the story of Jesus, a beloved teacher. Although he lived long ago, his lessons of love and kindness still bring hope and joy to people all over the world. Includes discussion questions and Biblical references. Lynn Tuttle Gunney 2007

MISS LEA'S BIBLE STORIES - Rosemary Lea

THE LOCAL YOUTH GROUP PROGRAM HANDBOOK - Wayne B. Arnason

NO IS NOT ENOUGH: HELPING TEENAGERS AVOID SEXUAL ASSAULT - Caren Adams, Jennifer Fay, & Jan Loreen-Martin

****NONVIOLENT COMMUNICATION: A LANGUAGE OF LIFE.** 2005, by Marshall Rosenberg. Nonviolent Communication partners practical skills with a powerful consciousness and vocabulary to help you get what you want peacefully. In this internationally acclaimed text, Marshall Rosenberg offers insightful stories, anecdotes, practical exercises and role-plays that will dramatically change your approach to communication for the better.

OLD STORY OF SALVATION - Sophia Lyon Fahs

ON BEING HUMAN RELIGIOUSLY - James Luther Adams

ONE WORLD, ONE EARTH: EDUCATING CHILDREN FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY - Merryl Hammond & Rob Collins

OUR SEVEN PRINCIPLES IN STORY & VERSE - Kenneth W. Collier

PARENTING WITH SPIRIT: 30 ways to nurture your child's spirit and enrich your family's life.

Ideas include creating your own rituals, going for nature walks, holding family meetings, storytelling and turning everyday activities into play. 2004

PEACE AND WAR: MANMADE - Tom Galt

People – written and illustrated by Peter Spier. In this award-winning book, Spier portrays something of the amazing variety of human life on Earth. He points out that "we come in many colors," with different-looking features; that we dress in different ways, enjoy different things, have different personalities, live in different homes, speak (and write) different languages, celebrate different holidays and worship in different ways; that "some of us excel at things others could never do," that "there are more different ways of [earning a living] than you would believe." Yet, he quietly observes, "without a single exception, we all began quite small...and in the end we all must die".

PLAYS FOR SPECIAL DAYS: 10 ONE-ACT CHRISTMAS AND EASTER PLAYS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE -
Elfreida Read

POEMS TO GROW ON- Thompson. Beacon Press. 1957

TEACHING PRIMARY CHILDREN- Josephine Gould, Lindberg and Spitzer. Starr King Press, 1957

THE PROCESS OF EDUCATION - Jerome S. Brunner

THE QUESTIONING CHILD AND RELIGION – Edith Hunter

THE RE STAFFING GUIDE: GOOD PRACTICES FOR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATIONS -
Jeannellen Ryan, UUA

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT HOME - Betsy Hill Williams

****RESPECTFUL PARENTS, RESPECTFUL KIDS: 7 Keys to Turn Family Conflict into Co-operation.** This book applies the principles of Nonviolent Communication to parent and child relationships. By Hart and Hodson. 2006.

****SAMSARA DOG -** Helen Manos. Written because the Buddhist author "wanted to write a book for children that gave the idea of reincarnation in as natural a way as possible." Beautiful illustrations, and a conversation starter for all ages.

****THE SAVVY CONVERT'S GUIDE TO CHOOSING A RELIGION.** With detailed information about 99 different religions, this book provides everything you need to know to find a religion to fit your lifestyle and afterlife goals! From the more mainstream religions to some you've never heard of, this book is respectful to all of the religions discussed, and is also great fun to read and share. Features extra information like Top 10 Prophets of All Time, Get Paid to Pray and how to start your own religion. The book also includes a fold-out chart showing all 99 religions profiled side by side. Created and published by Knock Knock, 2008.

SEASONS OF HOPE, CIRCLES OF LOVE: 8 INTERGENERATIONAL CELEBRATIONS - Judy Fisher & Jane McKeel

(THE) SECRET OF THE SILVER HORSE - Dept. of Justice, Canada

STORIES FROM THE BIBLE - Martin Waddell

TALES ALIVE! TEN MULTICULTURAL FOLK TALES WITH ART, CRAFT & CREATIVE EXPERIENCES - Susan Milord

TALKING ABOUT DEATH: A DIALOGUE BETWEEN PARENT AND CHILD - Earl A. Grollman

TEEN ESTEEM: A SELF-DIRECTION MANUAL FOR YOUNG ADULTS - Dr. Pat Palmer with Melissa Alberti-Froehner
TENSION GETTERS: 68 REAL LIFE PROBLEMS & PREDICAMENTS FOR TODAY'S YOUTH - Youth Specialists

TENSIONS OUR CHILDREN LIVE WITH: STORIES FOR DISCUSSION

The classic text by UU RE foremother, Dorothy T. Spoerl, helps children address issues about real life values and relationships. 1959.

THESE LIVE TOMORROW - Clinton Lee Scott

Together Time: A Sourcebook of ideas for Intergenerational worship. 2002
BOOKS, continued

TOUCHING THE INFINITE: CREATIVE CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: A LAY LEADER'S MANUAL - Judith Fisher & Jane McKeel

THE UNIVERSALIST HERITAGE - Harold H. Burkart, ed.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM IS A REALLY LONG NAME

This picture book offers the basics of Unitarian Universalism to children. Written by Jennifer Dant, a DRE from Florida. 2006

THE UNIVERSE TELLS OUR STORY (A trilogy by Jennifer Morgan, illustrated by Dana Lynne Andersen. Reading level 9-12, but entertaining for all ages.

Book One: “Born With A Bang: The Universe Tells Our Cosmic Story”

Book Two: “From Lava To Life: The Universe Tells Our Earth Story”

Book Three: “Mammals Who Morph: The Universe Tells Our Evolution Story”

These three wonderful books tell the story of the creation of the universe and the development of life on earth, from the perspective of the universe itself. Magnificently illustrated, and scientifically accurate - a real gem.

UU & ME; COLLECTED STORIES, UUA, Betsy Hill Williams, editor. 2003

THE UU KIDS BOOK - Brotman-Marshfield

THE VIRTUES GUIDE - Linda Kavelin Popov

WALKING TOGETHER: POLITY & PARTICIPATION IN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCHES - Wright

WELCOMING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS; A Guidebook for Faith Communities—The chapters are written in UU faith language. Defines/identifies learning disabilities, ADD, autism, anxiety disorders, schizophrenia and more. Sally Patton. UUA 2004

WHAT IF NOBODY FORGAVE and other stories- themes that reflect the principles of UUism. Includes discussion topics and related activities for each story. Edited by Colleen M. McDonald. 1999

WHAT IS GOD? An exploration of the concept of God from the perspective of different religious traditions. Etan Boritzer

****WHAT'S MAKING YOU ANGRY? – Klein and Gibson, 2005.**

This small book is subtitled “10 Steps to Transforming Anger So Everyone Wins”, and is a concise introduction to NVC (Nonviolent Communication) ideas and practices.

WHAT YOU WILL SEE INSIDE A MOSQUE: a visual introduction to the traditions of Muslim faith and worship. 2003

WHAT YOU WILL SEE INSIDE A SYNAGOGUE: a visual introduction to the traditions of Jewish faith and worship. 2004

WHO DO MEN SAY THAT I AM?- A study of Jesus by Susanna Heinz, Beacon Press. 1965

WITH PURPOSE AND PRINCIPLE- essays about the seven principles of Unitarian Universalism. Edited by Edward A. Frost. 1999

THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS, A GUIDE TO OUR WISDOM TRADITIONS- Huston Smith. This book has a 9 session study guide for adults. See *Adult* section. 1994

WORSHIPING TOGETHER WITH QUESTIONING MINDS - Sophia Lyon Fahs

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY - Terry Hershey

YOUTH ADVISORS' HANDBOOK - Wayne Arnason

YOUTH ADVISORS' HANDBOOK - '96 EDITION - Shell Tain

YOUTH ADVISOR'S HANDBOOK—SECOND EDITION, 2003

***YOUTH GROUP HANDBOOK – 2006** (see Resources section for details)

YOUTH MINISTRY - Ginny H. Holderness

MUSIC AND MUSIC RELATED RESOURCES

BETWEEN THE LINES: SOURCES FOR *SINGING THE LIVING TRADITION*

This resource offers a brief description of the origin of each of the hymns in our hymnal. 2001 edition.

CELEBRATING UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM; 10 ORIGINAL SONGS FOR UU CHILDREN'S CHOIRS;

Includes a cassette tape recording of a children's choir singing the songs. Piano accompaniment included. Words and music by Joe Schafer. 2002

CONNECTING WITH THE EARTH: AUDIO TAPE COLLECTION

Two audio cassettes appropriate for use when using earth-honoring programs. "The Wonder Will Carry You Home" by David Archibald and "Solitudes Sampler" by Dan Gibson.

EARTH AND SPIRIT SONGBOOK

An anthology of 102 songs, celebrating Earth and Peace. Compiled and edited by Jim Scott. Chords and piano accompaniment included. Book One, 2003

Evensong:

High School-Adult

Eight community-building worship services, designed for groups of 10—20. Each service includes worship, singing, readings and discussion. UUA, 1999

EVENSONG II:

HIGH SCHOOL-ADULT

Volume two, an eight-week series of gatherings. UUA, 2002

FIRE OF COMMITMENT, CD: Jason Shelton offers 12 songs, including 6 from Singing the Journey; Supplement to Singing the Living Tradition. 2004

FROM AFRICA TO AMERICA AND ONWARD: AN AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSICAL HISTORY

An intergenerational service created by Beth Brownfield. 2001

MAY THIS LIGHT SHINE

A collection of 30 songs for children and youth. Includes a large spiral-bound volume for director or accompanist as well as child-sized songbooks. 2006 (Unitarian Universalist Musicians Network)

MESSAGES IN MUSIC**AGES 12-14, JUNIOR HIGH**

The lessons in this curriculum introduce youth to the 7 UU Principles and the sources from which they evolved. They help the students to understand the Principles, to probe the meanings of beliefs, values, creeds, and covenants and to observe how these Principles are adhered to or violated in the culture around them. 23 sessions. 1993

MUSIC FROM THE COFFEE LANDS; A PUTUMAYO BLEND.

A CD with 12 songs that are mellow, melodic and uplifting. Songs form Mexico, Africa, Cuba, Costa Rica, and more.

NOW LET US SING:

Songbook useful for children and adults.

PRINCIPLES FOR UU AND ME**K-7**

Our 7 Unitarian Universalist Principles through worship, education, and lived experience. Excellent for "Way Cool Sunday School" programs, yet versatile enough for any RE class. Hands-on curriculum with 28 lessons that are divided into activities for younger and older children. Some activities are: pop/country music, games, art movement, field trips, meditation, yoga, pagan celebrations and more....2004

SOULFUL SUNDOWN:**Young Adults**

Re-Imagining Unitarian Universalist Worship for Young Adults. Includes steps to creating an alternative service for young adults. UUA, Young Adult/Campus Ministry Office.

SPIRIT OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE; an Intergenerational Worship Service for Unitarian Universalists.

Several original songs as well as traditional carols. Includes all spoken parts as well as opening words, closing words, chalice lighting and children's story. Also, piano accompaniment, guitar chords and optional choral parts. Created by Joyce Poley. 1998.

SIGNATURE COLLECTION SONGBOOKS:

Songbook 1 (1986), 2 (1989) and 3 (1990) —15 copies each. UUA. Also, *Hymns in New Form for Common Worship* (1988)—15 copies.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOLD THE BABY? A Christmas Intergenerational Worship Service. Includes a CD of Songs. (For practice and use in a service) Also piano accompaniment, chords and choral parts. Created by Joyce Poley and Frank Manning. 2001

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