

Mid-South District Faith Development Summit

First Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashville; Saturday, January 28; 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

- 8:30 Breakfast & Registration
- 9:00 Opening Worship Jason Shelton & Marguerite Mills
- 9:30 Keynote: The Vision & Practice of 21st Century Faith Formation Sue Sinnamon
- 11:00 Break & Move to Workshop
- 11:05 Morning Workshops
- Continuing the Keynote Conversation Sue Sinnamon
 - Baby Steps... 3 Places to Focus on Building Your Children's & Youth RE Programs Beth Kline
- 12:20 Lunch
- 1:15 Afternoon Workshops I
- What's the Buzz – Changes in the Growth of Our Association Gail Sphar
 - The Greenhouse: Cultivating a Welcoming Environment in Your Congregation's Youth Program Dana Poss
- 2:30 Break & Move to Workshop
- 2:35 Afternoon Workshops II
- Making Your Youth Sunday Sing! FUUN Youth & Gail Seavey
 - Telling Our Stories Toniann Read
 - Compassionate Communication Joanna Carnahan
- 3:50 Benediction Connie Goodbread
- 4:00 Travel safely!

Opening Worship

Rev. Jason Shelton; Assistant Minister for Music, First Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashville

Marguerite Mills; Director of Lifespan Religious Education, First Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashville

Start the day of journeying in faith development with deep reflection and great music!

The Vision & Practice of 21st Century Faith Formation, Keynote & Workshop

Rev. Sue Sinnamon; Director of Faith Development, South-East District

The times they are a changing...

"Imagine the potential for churches that develop 21st century models of faith formation to respond to the spiritual and religious needs of all ages and generations. Imagine churches that provide faith formation for everyone, anytime, anywhere, 24x7x365." ~John Roberto

But what does this mean for Unitarian Universalists who want to revitalize their RE programs, adult education and worship?

In this time together we will explore what it means to be a congregation in this age of networks.

Baby Steps... 3 Places to Focus on Building Your Children's & Youth RE Programs

Beth Kline; Director of Religious Education, Emerson Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Learn about tools and methods for building an RE program.

What's the Buzz – Changes in the Growth of Our Association

Gail Sphar; President, Mid-South District

What's the latest word on changes affecting the structure and organization of our UUA and districts? What's meant by regionalization? How can we all participate? Gail can talk about these things, and more.

The Greenhouse: Cultivating a Welcoming Environment in Your Congregation's Youth Program

Dana Poss; Youth Programs Coordinator, the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta

No matter how many youth you have, how do you welcome them into Unitarian Universalism? How do we make space for them to create their own Unitarian Universalism? It's a balance, and Dana can help you to be successful.

Making Your Youth Sunday Sing!

Rev. Gail Seavey; Paris Minister, First Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashville

Join Rev. Gail and the FUUN youth to learn how they plan their annual Youth Sunday Worship. Maybe they'll share the song they've written this year...

Telling Our Stories

Toniann Read; Director of Ministry with Children and Youth, Unitarian Universalist Metro Atlanta North

As our denomination considers immigration this year, what do we claim as our own individual identities? How do we tell our stories? How do we do faith development ministry for a multicultural community? Let's consider that today.

Compassionate Communication

Joanna Carnahan; Member, First Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashville

Where does faith development begin? Perhaps it starts in a place of deep listening, both to yourself and to others. Compassionate Communication (also known as Nonviolent Communication) is a practical and learnable process for communicating with empathy, honesty, power, clarity and compassion. It has a profound effect on relationships and on the quality of our lives. It is a set of principles and specific techniques that allow us to bring our values to life. This is a way that we can learn to live our values.

Benediction

Connie Goodbread; Acting District Executive, Mid-South District

Connie will wrap it all up and send us on our way with mindfulness and joy.