

*UU Congregations: Call for Winter/Spring 2005 Field testers for. . .*

## **Exploring our Identities through Poetry**

**A Unitarian Universalist Program for Senior High Youth**

The Lifespan Faith Development staff group of the Unitarian Universalist Association is seeking congregations to field-test a 12-workshop program that engages participants in a passionate exploration of poetry and life.

### **Approach**

“Welcome to a different way of interacting with poetry! You don’t need to be a poetry expert to get something from these workshops; you simply need an open mind and a sense of adventure. Regardless of what your experience with poetry has been up to now, the intention of these twelve workshops is to make us feel liberated and curious. We won’t attempt to “master” or decode these poems. Instead, we’ll get what we can from them while using the ideas and the language of poems, along with the workshop’s activities and insights of fellow workshop participants, to open up ourselves, to our truth and to each other.” (From Workshop Session One)

### **Program Workshop Sessions**

- Doing Poetry: An Introductory Workshop
- Found Poetry: What equals a Poem?
- Surprised by Beauty
- Conscious Love: Better than Any Fairy Tale
- Living our Mission
- Who and What Guides Us?
- Faith and Wonder: Breaking in Our Own Red Ruby Slippers
- Being Fully with Others: Beyond Tolerating Diversity
- Keenly Observing Nature
- Self Portrait Poems: What’s in a Face?
- Marking Our Place in Time: Celebrating the “In-Between-ness” of Ourselves as Teenagers
- A Choral Reading: All Together Now!

**Interested in field-testing during the winter/spring 2005 church year?** Write for more information and an application. Applications due by February 1, 2005 (but preferably sooner).

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**Field-tests must be completed by June 20, 2005.**