

Meaning Making Project 2026-27

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Facing the Future Together

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This year we are exploring our interdependence from the perspective of community. How do we make space for the flourishing of both the individual and the community? What personal values and practices nurture the kinds of communities that will help us meet the future? We may not know what the future holds, but we know it will be better if we face it together.

Read more about the thinking behind this year's program in the letter on the next page.

Monthly Themes

Agency and Acceptance (October)

How do we practice agency today, whether in our personal circumstances or as groups in society? What systemic factors make our agency possible (or limit it)? What does acceptance of others look like, and how can it be life-giving?

Change and Stability (November)

How do we practice adapting to change, especially when change is unexpected or challenging? How do we practice ways of creating stability for ourselves and others in times of profound change?

Humility and Pride (December)

How do we understand ourselves and our place inside a larger frame? How do we celebrate our own gifts – and our communities' gifts – while leaving room for others?

Responsibility and Integrity (January)

How do we develop a practice of responsibility to our community in a culture that promotes self-interest? Can we be empowered by contributing to the whole without also taking ownership?

Power and Powerlessness (February)

How do we become aware of our personal power and use the power that we have to leverage our values? How can we encourage communities to distribute power equitably and how do we interact with systems when they are inequitable?

Expectations and Surprises (March)

How do our expectations shape our relationships and communities? What practices can we use to discern when expectations could be higher and when we might broaden them? How can we stay open to surprises and the unexpected gifts they may offer?

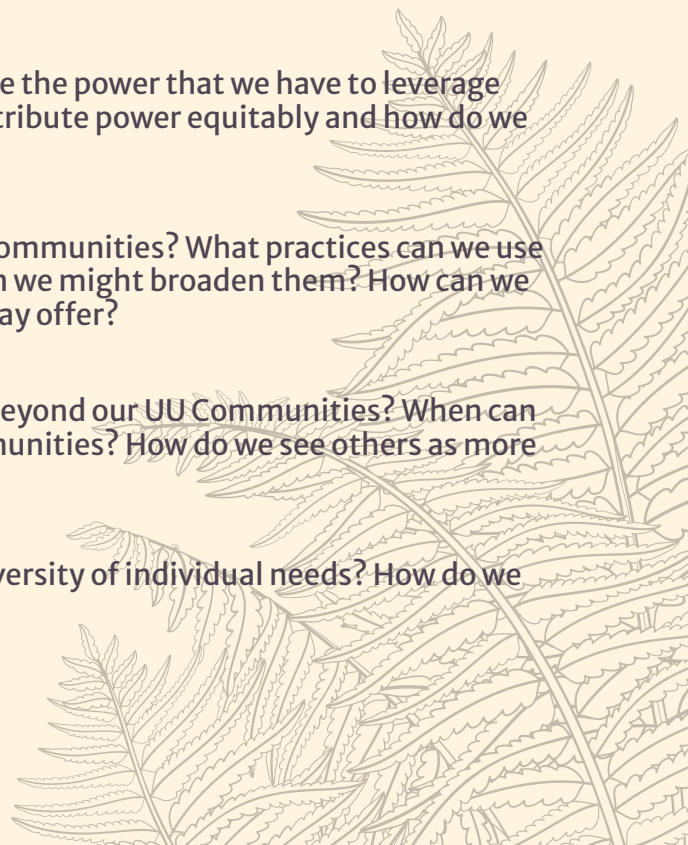
Forgiveness and Repair (April)

How do we practice forgiveness and repair within and beyond our UU Communities? When can these practices strengthen our relationships and communities? How do we see others as more than their mistakes?

Community and Individuality (May)

How do we practice community while managing the diversity of individual needs? How do we carefully choose what is best for the whole?

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A letter from the Meaning Making Project

As we looked at the poetry, readings, essays and sermons that inspire us right now, we realized that there is a common thread: they all touch on the relationship of the individual to the community.

In Unitarians in Canada, Phillip Hewett named the tension between the individual and the community as one of the key characteristics of Canadian Unitarian Universalism. In the fields of personal and spiritual development, one aspect of maturity is developing the capacity to hold the paradoxes. It's about being "both/and."

This year at the Meaning Making Project, we are asking what happens when we begin with *We* instead of *I*:

- How are we called to live our interdependence right now?
- What personal values and practices nurture the kinds of communities that will help us meet the future?
- How do we hold both the individual and the community as we address the pressing questions of our time?

UU minister Cheryl M. Walker says that "moving the focus from individualism to the concept of shared community" requires a community "in which everyone gives up a little so that we can gain a lot." What does this look like in practice?

Canadian Artemis astronaut Jeremy Hansen struck a chord with many Canadians when he responded to the worldwide enthusiasm for the Artemis Mission crew:

What you saw was a group of people who loved contributing, having meaningful contribution and extracting joy out of that . . . I would suggest to you that when you look up here, you're not looking at us. We are a mirror reflecting you, and if you like what you see, then just look a little deeper. This is you.

The practice of being in community gets at the heart of what it means to be human. A deep and abiding interest in the flourishing of humanity (and all of life) is central to Unitarian Universalism. As Rev. Shawn Gauthier said at the CUC national service this May, Canadian Unitarian Universalists are facing a new age – again. But we don't need to do it alone, as isolated individuals or as isolated congregations. We may not know what the future holds, but **we know it will be better if we face it together.**

Yours in community,
Revs Arran Morton, Fiona Heath, Karen Fraser Gitlitz, & Lynn Harrison

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