

Mission and Vision Task Force Reading List Summer 2015

In addition to reading Holy Conversations, the Mission and Vision Task Force read the following articles, blog posts, white papers, and other resources. You are invited to read along with us as we spend the summer re-reading them.

Article from UUA about developing a mission, vision, and covenant

<http://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/documents/congservices/visionmissioncovenant.pdf>

Congregations, Conflict, and Mission: (hint— mission is what you have to hold you together in times of conflict)

<https://www.midamericauua.org/services/2422-congregations-conflict-and-mission>

One Congregation's story of a successful mission/vision process:

<http://growinguu.blogs.uua.org/organizational-maturity/the-proof-is-in-the-making-of-the-pudding/?ut...>

Blog about leadership in general

<http://vitalleaders.blogs.uua.org>

Carey Nieuwhof - 12 Cultural Trends Church Leaders Can't Ignore But Might

<http://careynieuwhof.com/2013/06/12-cultural-trends-church-leaders-cant-ignore-but-might/>

Thom Rainer - 15 Trends for Churches in 2015, Parts 1 and 2

<http://thomrainer.com/2015/01/03/fifteen-trends-churches-2015-part-1/>

<http://thomrainer.com/2015/01/05/fifteen-trends-churches-2015-part-2/>

"Four Ingredients of Successful Congregational Change"

<http://www.congregationalconsulting.org/four-ingredients-of-successful-congregational-change/>

If you've never read this article, I encourage you to—it provides history and context about the Fellowship Movement in UUism, and the culture/values/fill-in-the-blank shifts that occurred when some members began looking for more religion in their UU experience. Some interesting stories of other congregations, and how they dealt with the situation.

<http://www.uuworld.org/2002/06/feature3.html>

Leadership Development in the Age of the Quick Fix - Part 2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OP91XS6H7NQ>

This echoes somewhat the trends we saw in the World Cafe.

<https://snt147.mail.live.com/?tid=cmm13CVAHE5BGWCgAjfeQUTA2&fid=flinbox>

"The Liberal Church Finding its Mission: It's Not About You"

<http://peterboullata.com/2011/12/29/the-liberal-church-finding-its-mission-its-not-about-you/>

Response to the blog entry above

<http://www.peacebang.com/2012/01/04/the-missional-church-and-unitarian-universalism/>

"Missional Church: A Case Study"

<http://www.peacebang.com/2013/06/20/missional-church-a-case-study/>

"Mission Drift"

<http://www.martycauley.org/2011/02/mission-drift.html>

The Red Pill Brethren blog on tumblr. Described thus: We are Unitarian Universalists, passionate about the missional way of doing church, and doing life...which should be one and the same.

<http://redpillbrethren.tumblr.com>

The four videos that follow (each 8-10 minutes) were recorded at GA. They tell the story of how the congregation in Rochester, NY uses its mission to inform everything. The mission can be boiled down to "Listen, Open, Serve." Give them a listen.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QhsRCSrAY6A>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BuNr2ZZHFOU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9tcfCm9JHk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ltyybken8n4>

Another congregation's mission statement: "Engage, Ignite, Serve"

http://growinguu.blogs.uua.org/organizational-maturity/mission-in-black-and-white/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+GrowingUnitarianUniversalism+%28Growing+Unitarian+Universalism%29

Give this a read and file it in the "helpful reality check" instead of "discouraging news."

<http://danhotchkiss.com/dont-underestimate-system-delays/>

“What to do after the Foundational Documents are Written:”

<http://vitalleaders.blogs.uua.org/search/pepsi>

White Paper from Peter Morales, UUA President on the future of UU

http://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/documents/moralespeter/120115_congs_beyond.pdf

Article referencing Peter Morales’s writing above:

<http://www.uuworld.org/articles/beyond-traditional-congregations>