



“Theology and Ethics for UU Ministerial Leadership”

FTED - 2100 Units: 3.0

Summer 2024

Required Texts – Additional Video Resources Noted in Course Schedule and Populi

****Indicates inclusion on the MFC Reading List**

** Arnason, Wayne and Kathleen Rolenz. *Worship That Works: Theory and Practice for Unitarian Universalists*, 2nd Edition. Boston: Skinner House Books, 2017.

** Bowens-Wheatley, Marjorie. [“Cornrows, Kwanzaa and Confusion: The Dilemma of Cultural Racism and Misappropriation.”](#) *Liberal Religious Education Journal: Bridges to the Future: From Assimilation to Pluralism*, 1995.

Commission on Institutional Change, Unitarian Universalist Association. [Widening the Circle of Concern](#). Boston: Unitarian Universalist Association, 2020.

** Hotchkiss, Dan. *Governance and Ministry: Rethinking Board Leadership*. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2009.

Hughes, Peter, ed. *The Cambridge Platform: Contemporary Reader’s Edition*. Boston: Skinner House Books, 2008. ISBN: 9781558965379

** Kujawa-Holbrook, Sheryl, *Injustice and the Care of Souls: Taking Oppression Seriously in Pastoral Care*. Fortress Press, 2009.

Manish Mishra-Marzetti and Nancy McDonald Ladd, eds., *Seeds of a New Way: Nurturing Authentic & Diverse Religious Leadership*. Boston: Skinner House Books, 2024.

**Nelson, Roberta M., ed. [Claiming the Past, Shaping the Future: Four Eras in Liberal Religious Education 1790-1999](#), Liberal Religious Educators Association, 2006.

** Jennifer Nordstrom and Manish Mishra Marzetti, eds., *Justice on Earth: People of Faith Working at the Intersections of Race, Class, and the Environment* (2018). Read the following essays: “Ecotheology” by Sheri Prud’homme; “Ethical Implications of Environmental Justice” by Sofia Betancourt, “Water Unites Us,” by Mel Hoover and Rose Edington.

Rahnema, Mitra, editor. *Centering: Navigating Race, Authenticity, and Power in Ministry*. Boston: Skinner House Books, 2017.

Wesley, Alice Blair, “Updating the Cambridge Platform, Lecture 5” , 2000-01 Minns Lecture Series (PDF will be in Populi).

**UUMA Guidelines and Code of Professional Practice - <https://www.uuma.org/page/guidelines>

Course Schedule:

Monday, August 5 - Introduction, Foundations, and Futures

Introduction to the class and each other

Class Expectations

Overview of five vows of ordination

Foundations of Our UU Faith

Where Are We Heading?

Read:

Unitarian Universalist Association. *Widening the Circle of Concern. "Religious Professionals" and "Congregations and Communities"*

Hughes, Peter, ed. *The Cambridge Platform: Contemporary Reader's Edition*.

"Updating the Cambridge Platform, Lecture 5," Alice Blair Wesley, PDF in Populi

Afternoon Resource On Your Own:

"It's the Minister: The Mystery and Magic of the Role" Rev. Ken Sawyer

Text and Audio Links in Populi

Reflection question on Sawyer's piece in Populi

Tuesday, August 6 – Ethics, Accountability, and Relationships

Guest Speaker Rev. Gail Seavey

Read:

** UUMA Guidelines <https://www.uuma.org/page/guidelines>.

Commission on Institutional Change, Unitarian Universalist Association. *Widening the Circle of Concern. "Accountability and Resources"*

Manish Mishra-Marzetti and Nancy McDonald Ladd, eds., *Seeds of a New Way: Nurturing Authentic & Diverse Religious Leadership*. Boston: Skinner House Books, 2024.

Gail Seavey Essay – Link provided in Populi

Wednesday, August 7 - Governance, Healthy Boundaries, and Navigating Conflict

Guest Speaker: Rev. Mr. Barb Greve (11:15 – 12:15)

Read:

** Hotchkiss, Dan. *Governance and Ministry: Rethinking Board Leadership*. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2009.

Commission on Institutional Change, Unitarian Universalist Association. *Widening the Circle of Concern. "Governance"*

Afternoon Theological Reflection Groups – Question Prompts in Populi

Thursday, August 8 – Service

Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Sheri Prud'homme

Read:

Commission on Institutional Change, Unitarian Universalist Association. *Widening the Circle of Concern. "Living Our Values in the World"*

**Jennifer Nordstrom and Manish Mishra Marzetti, eds., *Justice on Earth: People of Faith Working at the Intersections of Race, Class, and the Environment* (2018).

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Afternoon Resources:

** "Our Ministry Begins When We Leave This Place (We CAN do More)," Don Robinson
Text and Video Links in Populi
Reflection question on Robinson's piece in Populi

Friday, August 9 – Worship

Guest Speaker Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout

Read:

** Arnason, Wayne and Kathleen Rolenz. *Worship That Works: Theory and Practice for Unitarian Universalists*, 2nd Edition. Boston: Skinner House Books, 2017.

** Bowens-Wheatley, Marjorie. "Cornrows, Kwanzaa and Confusion: The Dilemma of Cultural Racism and Misappropriation." *Liberal Religious Education Journal: Bridges to the Future: From Assimilation to Pluralism*, 1995.

Commission on Institutional Change, Unitarian Universalist Association. *Widening the Circle of Concern. "Theology"*

Monday, August 19 – Counsel

Guest Speaker

Read:

** Kujawa-Holbrook, Sheryl, *Injustice and the Care of Souls: Taking Oppression Seriously in*

Pastoral Care. Fortress Press, 2009.

Afternoon Theological Reflection Groups – Question prompts in Populi

Tuesday, August 20 – Instruction

Guest Speaker Rev. JeKaren Olaoya

Read:

Commission on Institutional Change, Unitarian Universalist Association. *Widening the Circle of Concern. "Educating for Liberation"*

** Nelson, Roberta M., ed. *Claiming the Past, Shaping the Future: Four Eras in Liberal Religious Education 1790-1999*, Liberal Religious Educators Association, 2006.

Wednesday, August 21

Class Presentations

Celebration!