



SAVE THE DATE AND JOIN US AT UU Small Group Ministry Institute 2016

Friday, April 1 (6 pm) - Sunday, April 3 (Noon)
Unitarian Universalist Small Group Ministry Network
Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, 2931 Kingston Pike
Knoxville, TN 37919

This Institute is a "working conference" designed for:

- Individuals & congregational teams of adults and youth
- New and experienced program organizers, facilitators, ministers, religious educators, and other congregational leaders

Join the Institute and

- Learn about and practice Small Group Ministry through hands-on workshops, presentations, small group ministry sessions and networking.
- Explore the impact of Small Group Ministry/Covenant Groups in congregations.
- Build facilitator skills, including problem resolution.
- Consider the process of Starting, Vitalizing, and Restarting Small Group Ministry.
- Hone capacity to build Small Group Ministry for various congregational sizes and settings.
- Take home a resource packet for Small Group Ministry.

This institute brings a new level of Networking.

The focus is on contributions from participants. Each congregation has a story to share. Each congregation is encouraged to contribute to the content of the Institute.

Bring your SGM brochures, materials, newsletter articles, and share your experiences. Congregations are invited to bring teams of at least 3 to take advantage of various offerings.

Registration: Register on line with PayPal or card: <http://www.smallgroupministry.net/form.php>

Registration is **\$40 for members** of the UU Small Group Ministry Network, and **\$65 for non-members**.

You may become a member of the Network *with Registration* for the Institute, and pay the Member registration rate (Congregational membership is \$100 per year, for any number of participants. Individual membership is \$40 per year for that member only.) Registration needs to be **received** by Friday, March 18, 2016.

Lodging is separate from Registration. See "Selected Local Accommodations" for lodging available through TVUUC's Home Hospitality program (<http://www.tvuuc.org/bandb>) and other suggested accommodations.

For more information, contact: Rev. Helen Zidowecki at office@smallgroupministry.net or 207-582-5308, or

Local Contacts: Toni Powell at talpowl@gmail.com, 865-470-4416, text 865-232-4295

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SMALL GROUP MINISTRY INSTITUTE 2016

PROPOSED SCHEDULE: Friday 6pm – Sunday Noon

FRIDAY 5:00-9:00PM

5pm Arrive and Check-in

6pm Supper

7pm Session 1: Introductions
Overview of the Institute

8pm Session 2 SGM Session “The Twins: Intimacy and Ultimacy” (Groups of up to 8)

9pm Adjourn for evening

SATURDAY 7:30AM-9:00PM

7:30 am Continental Breakfast

8:30am Session 3 Why and Wherefore of SGM
Basic elements of SGM
Background, evolution, future of SGM
Objectives of SGM within a congregation

11am Session 4 SGM Session “Sharing ministry”

Noon Lunch

1-3pm Session 5A Facilitation: Background
Recruitment, selection, training and support of group leaders/facilitators

1-2pm Session 5B: Starting, Revitalizing and Restarting SGM

2pm Session 6 Logistics and details (2 groups)
6A Groups
6B Session plans

3pm 7A Facilitating a Group
Group process and development,
Special consideration
Implementing a session

3pm Session 7B: Leadership breakout (4 groups)
7B1 Coordinators
7B2 Ministers
7B3 Religious Educators
7B4 Congregational leadership

4pm Session 8 SGM Session: “Oasis or Isolation?”

5pm Dinner on your own.

7pm Session 9pm
SGM location in your congregation
Resources from your own SGM to share
Visibility

9pm Adjourn for evening

SUNDAY 7:30AM - Noon

7:30 am Continental Breakfast

8:30am Session 10 Additional questions, Wrap-up and closing

10-11am Open.

11am Worship Service Rev. Chris Buice
This will be a celebration of Small Group Ministry, and involve participants from congregations involved.

Noon-Departing after the service.

NOTES ABOUT THE SCHEDULE:

Saturday afternoon offers a variety of workshops. Please indicate your choice on the Registration Form. This will help us in planning the resources needed.

The three SGM Sessions (#2, #4, #8) will be with consistent groups of up to 8 participants each. Facilitation will be rotated among group members.

Please bring resources and items from your congregation to share, such as an SGM brochure, newsletter articles, a special session plan. Clearly mark items that are for display, or bring about 10 copies so that each congregation may take a sample.

We encourage you to participate in the Sunday morning service and celebration of Small Group Ministry. More information on the service and how congregations can take part will be forthcoming.

SELECTED LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Tennessee Valley UU Church's Bed&Breakfast Program. Go to <http://www.tvuuc.org/bandb> for rates and information.

TVUUC has contacted other motels and received the following information.

Courtyard by Marriott Knoxville West/Bearden

250 Brookview Centre Way, Knoxville, TN 37919

phone: (865) 690-7680

website: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/tysck-courtyard-knoxville-west-bearden/>

3.5 miles from TVUUC – very direct & easy route

Rate: \$119 plus tax (Special rate for Institute)

TripAdvisor rating #9 of 88 hotels, certificate of excellence

Note: Must reserve room by March 3 and indicate you are part of the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church Group

USE THIS LINK TO RESERVE LODGING AT COURTYARD:

[Book your group rate for Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church](#)

La Quinta Inn & Suites Knoxville Central Papermill

1317 Kirby Road, Knoxville, TN 37909

phone: (865) 321-1840

website: http://www.lq.com/en/findandbook/hotel-details.6618.html?IATA=99020739&CID=TA_BL_weblink

4.2 miles from TVUUC

Rate: \$95 plus tax (Special rate for Institute)

TripAdvisor rating #8 of 88 hotels, certificate of excellence

Note: Must indicate you are part of the TVUUC group to receive special rate.

Clarion Inn Knoxville

5634 Merchants Center Blvd, Knoxville, TN

phone: (865) 687-8989

<https://www.choicehotels.com/tennessee/knoxville/clarion-hotels/tn366?source=pmftripblaw&pmf=tripbl>

6.8 miles from TVUUC, but easy Interstate access

Rate: \$69 plus tax (AARP and AAA discounts 10%)

TripAdvisor rating #40 of 88 hotels

REGISTRATION PROCESS

1. Complete the Registration Form at <http://www.smallgroupministry.net/form.php>
2. When you press “Submit,” you will receive a verification of registration via e-mail with the amount due and information about how to pay.
3. Your registration is complete when the Treasurer has received notification of your payment.

For questions about registration, contact Helen Zidowecki or a Local Contact noted on the front of the Flier.

Small Group Ministry Institute 2016 SAMPLE

Register online, and pay with credit card or Pay Pal <http://www.smallgroupministry.net/form.php>

Registration needs to be received by Friday, March 18,2016.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name _____ E-mail address _____ Phone _____

Congregation _____

City: _____ ST _____

Your Role(s): SGM group member _____ Group Leader _____ SGM Coordinator _____

Congregational leader _____ Minister _____ Religious Educator _____

WORKSHOP SESSIONS: The full schedule is on the flier. Please indicate your preference for Saturday afternoon workshops:

1-3pm 5A Facilitation Background _____

1-2pm Session 5B: Starting, Revitalizing and Restarting SGM _____

2pm Session 6A Group selection and development _____

6B Session plan sources and use _____

3pm 7A Facilitating a Group _____

7B: Leadership breakout groups: _____

7B1 Coordinators _____

7B2 Ministers _____

7B3 Religious Educators _____

7B4 Congregational leadership _____

LODGING CONSIDERATIONS:

See information on the front of the Flier.

Arranging own _____ Using TVUUC Hospitality Program _____ Not needed _____

OTHER

Mobility Considerations, specify: _____

Food: Regular Diet _____ Vegetarian _____ Vegan _____ Allergies _____

Other (Please explain) _____

COSTS

Institute Registration

*Network Member: Current:\$40 _____ *Not a Network Member: \$65 _____

*Paying membership with this registration \$40 _____ (See below)

Paying membership now:

*Congregational membership:I am paying for the congregation \$100 _____

*Individual membership \$40 _____

*I want to become a member and get a discount! Paying membership now:

*Congregational membership: \$100

*Individual membership: \$40

(If membership is being paid with this Registration, pay the member registration of \$40.)

After you complete the registration itself, you will be linked to a form for payment by PayPal or credit card.