# Unitarian Universalist Small Group Ministry Network Website

# **Our Own Ministry**

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### **Opening Words**

"The mission of the Unitarian Universalist Church is to address the social isolation and rootlessness that is characteristic of modern life, to minister to the hurts and hopes of those in our community, and to radically define our community beyond our membership borders, seeking to bring people who need our support into our churches and into our lives." Rev. Glenn Turner

**Check-In** What was of concern in our life today?

### **Topic/Activity**

We each have a *vision* of what our congregation can do in a community. That is part of what draws us to this place. There are times when the vision is bright, there are times when the vision is dim. Sometimes the vision gets clouded by concerns of membership or resources. But when our vision is relational, involving people rather than things, we renew the spirit.

What draws you here?

We all have a ministry. Ministry is how we care for each other, how we encourage each other on our spiritual journeys, how we give of ourselves for the enhancement of the community. A shared ministry, a ministry that involves each of us, is like the song, "From you I receive, to you I give, together we share, and from this we live". (*Singing the Living Tradition* #402)

What do you receive from this community? What do you give to this community?

**Likes and Wishes** How was this session for you?

#### **Closing words**

Take courage friends.
The way is often hard, the path is never clear,
And the stakes are high.
Take courage.
For deep down, there is another truth.
You are not alone.

Wayne Arnason, Singing the Living Tradition #698

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