

Unitarian Universalist Small Group Ministry Network Website
Small Group Ministry
What Makes a Ministry Strong?
Unitarian Universalist Community Church, Augusta, ME

Opening Words Excerpts from “Who Is A Unitarian Universalist Minister?” Jack Mendelsohn
“A Unitarian Universalist minister is a person never completely satisfied or satisfiable, never completely adjusted or adjustable -- a person who walks in two worlds: one of things as they are; the other of things as they ought to be – and loves them both.....

The future of the liberal church is almost totally dependent on these two factors: great congregations (whether large or small) and effective, dedicated ministers. The strangest feature of their relationship is that they create one another.”

Awakened from the Forest: Meditations on Ministry, Collected by Gary E. Smith,
Skinner House Books, 1995, p. 38-39

Check In: How is it with you today?

Topic:

It is sometimes said that the congregation helps shape a minister’s ministry. Conversely, a minister may help the congregation define itself, and reach its greater potential.

How do you define a strong congregation?

How do you see our minister and our congregation working to strengthen one other?

What role do you play in making the congregation “great”?

Likes and Wishes: How was this session for you?

Closing Words:

“Let us go our way with awareness of the many men and women who have served as ministers of our faith. Some of them we remember, many have been forgotten. Some have been honored by history, but all worked to build a better world.

May the spirit which gave them vision and hope be with us still, May their love of truth and people continue to bless u. May we be worthy of what we have received from them.”

Peter Lee Scott, “Closing Words”, in *Awakened from the Forest: Meditations on Ministry*, Collected by Gary E. Smith, Skinner House Books, 1995, p. 48

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