



Planning Committee Application for 2020 Intergenerational Spring Seminar

Thank you for your interest in applying for a leadership role in the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office's 2019 Spring Seminar taking place April 16-18 (youth and sponsors arrive on April 15th for orientation) in New York City. The annual UU-UNO Intergenerational Spring Seminar is a landmark event that for 62 years has provided an opportunity for Unitarian Universalists from around the United States and Canada to connect, learn, and engage with international human rights issues at the United Nations. The program has a distinguished reputation for inspiring young global activists and renewed commitment to our UU 6th Principle: the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all. The theme for the 2020 Seminar is climate justice, and we are continuing expanded programming to emphasize training and resources for participants to take action during and after the seminar, as well as connecting these human rights and global justice issues to our UU faith.

The venue will be determined by members of the planning committee, but usually includes one panel inside United Nations Headquarters in Manhattan. The success of the seminar depends upon the talent of volunteers like you who contribute their time, energy, and skills.

Time Commitment and Tasks

The Spring Seminar Planning Committee is composed of 5 teams, each with a Leader who is responsible for keeping the team on track and coordinating with other teams. Planning Committee meetings start in September and continue through early April.

Teams each have a bi-weekly phone or video conference call and the full Planning Committee joins for a monthly video conference call to ensure transparent communication between the teams. The day and time of the call is determined by the committee. Committee members will need to accomplish tasks during the time between conference calls and report back on their progress during the monthly call. We use Google Drive to ensure everyone has access to all of our work and planning. We are looking for energetic and enthusiastic committee members who can realistically dedicate this time.

This Intergenerational Seminar will take a broad and intersectional view of working towards justice – we hope that our Planning Committee will reflect the diversity of identities that exist in our world. People with disabilities, people of color, indigenous people, Hispanic/Latinx, and LGBTQ+ candidates are encouraged to apply.

Please review the following descriptions of each team. In the application below, make note of what you can contribute to the team(s) that interest you.

Teams:

Registration fees are waived for all active planning committee members.

Trajectory of Learning Team: Responsible for the trajectory of learning during the Intergenerational Spring Seminar, including organizing and coordinating the main content of the Spring Seminar, such as workshops, panel discussions, keynote speakers, small group discussion time, and other performances/presentations. All programs should be engaging and as much as possible, be interactive, multisensory experiences; the team should aim to minimize the time when



participants are just sitting-and-listening. The Trajectory of Learning Team should consider how to ensure that these sessions flow smoothly from one to another and that the overall Seminar objectives are achieved.

Physical Reality & Logistics: Responsible for logistics coordination and planning the physical aspects to the Intergenerational Seminar to maximize clarity and accessibility. Work with UUA staff to execute logistical planning of the seminar including booking the venue and UN room, researching and confirming catering, procuring materials and supplies, and etc. Consider how the transitions between sessions will work and how participants will get from one place to another.

Spiritual Grounding Team: Work to ensure that participants remain spiritually grounded and prevent burnout over the course of the 3 action-packed days. Collaborate with other planning team members to incorporate spiritual elements throughout the Spring Seminar, including in workshops, collaboration group time, evening activities. Plan worship services at least on the first and last mornings of the seminar. This team will include but is not limited to two Youth Chaplains and two Adult Chaplains (separate applications required).

Communications & Community-Building Team: Publicize the Seminar to promote registration and coordinate communications with registered participants to ensure that they are prepared to attend. This will include creating and promoting the program book and event app, required pre-seminar assignments relating to the theme, as well as sharing logistical details for attendees such as when/where to arrive, how to get from place to place, affordable hotel and restaurant suggestions, and etc. This outreach will be done via social media, blog posts, email blasts, letters of invitation, and updating webpages. During the event, the Team will help participants to connect with each other and with the wider Seminar community.

Please continue to the next page for the application for leadership roles during the seminar.

Application is due September 8th, 2019
Please email your application to unitednations@uua.org



Questions for Applicants:

Full Name	Birth Date
Preferred Name	(Youth) Year in School for 2019-2020
Mailing Address (including city, state, ZIP)	Congregation & District/Region
Phone number	Identities you claim (gender, race/ethnicity, orientation, ability, etc.)
Email address	Pronouns used

1. What position(s) are you interested in applying for? Why?
Team leaders are responsible for organizing their team members and ensuring the work moves forward. Please add "Leader" if you are interested in being a Team Leader.
2. Please describe any skills or experience that you would contribute to this planning team. (Including technical skills such as graphic design, photography, software use, budgeting, event planning, etc.)
3. Please explain why you are interested in our Intergenerational Seminar.
4. Please give an example of your strengths and/or successes as a leader from past experience.
5. Please specify any experience with diversity training and/or facilitation.
6. What involvement do you have at your congregation and/or in your UUA or CUC district/region?
7. If you are an adult, describe a time in which you worked collaboratively with a youth OR if you are a youth, describe a time in which you worked collaboratively with an adult.
8. Please list name, email, and phone number of two references from the UU community or any leadership activity.

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