

Adult Education Advisory Team  
2016 Annual Report  
Submitted by Charley Burleigh, Chair

Our mission is to renew the tradition of Adult Education at UUAA through “Conversations that Matter” about timely issues related to personal and spiritual growth. Small groups, meeting in quiet spaces, are essential to this effort. For us, dialogue itself is a spiritual practice. Our mission statement can be found inside the front cover of the Adult Spiritual Growth & Development (SGD) Catalogue for Spring 2016.

In the pursuit of our mission, we expressly undertake that relevance to the Seven Unitarian Universalist Principles and/or The UUAA Five Core Values will guide the approval of each individual program proposed to be offered by Adult SGD, and that the Adult SGD Program as a whole will operate with minimal cost to UUAA and minimal demands on UUAA staff.

In each school-year “Term” beginning in the Fall of 2013, AEAT has offered a catalog of Adult SGD courses and workshops which 1) publicizes the offerings of other UUAA groups such as Welcome Ministries and 2) adds a diverse array of courses and workshops taught and facilitated by qualified individual members of our community. Both the Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 Catalogs were published online at [www.uuaa.org](http://www.uuaa.org) and in hard-copy ; 350 color copies were distributed. We have also personally invited many fellow Congregants to attend courses and workshops. We view our support of each of these offerings as a highlight of our activity.

Noteworthy highlights of the Annual Report year were the following:

- a) providing the room scheduling and publicity for eight Friday evening meetings of the course, “Cakes for the Queen of Heaven.” This is the course which has traditionally been the platform for formation of women’s circles in the Congregation.
- b) An Evening of Stories featuring ‘graduates’ of Bev Black’s Storytelling class, at which 30 others attended.
- c) A new Dialogue Skills Class which included the C-LARA method pioneered in our congregation by the late Don Pelz.

More broadly, in the Fall 2015 Catalog, there were 15 offerings of ‘individual’ courses or workshops (i.e., courses or workshops not originated by UUAA groups), and in the Spring 2015 Catalog there were 12 such offerings. Our larger goal is the vision of UUAA small-group engagement and energy described in the original Sankofa Report.

Members of the AEAT are Bev Black, Charley Burleigh, Sandy Eyl, Bruce Gibb, and Bett Weston. Our catalog design was provided by Angelina Zaytsev.