

HARVEST THE POWER: DEVELOPING LAY LEADERSHIP

Facilitated by *The Leadership Development Team*

JOIN Rev. John as he offers a series of leadership development training sessions aimed at both existing leaders and anyone who would like to feel better prepared for leadership.

The series is based on the UUA's **HARVEST THE POWER** leadership development program. The program's 12 sessions are divided into 3 modules and offer opportunities for both new and experienced leaders to enrich the skills they bring to their leadership and to experience their leadership journey as a UU faith journey.

Sessions will run in 3 modules with 4 sessions in each module. Sessions will be held on consecutive Sundays in the given month from 12:30-2pm. Topics will include:

October 2017-IDENTITY

October 1, 8, 15, 22

* Leadership Journey * UU Journey * Power & Authority * Turning Points & Moments of Grace

January 2018-PURPOSE

January 7, 14, 21, 28

* Fated to be Free * Caring for Ourselves and Each Other * Integrity * Imagination & Creativity

March 2018-PATH

March 4, 11, 18, 25

* Facing Danger * Understanding Systems in Your Congregation * Keeping Distress Productive * Adaptive Leadership

Participation will be limited and It is expected participants will attend all sessions within a module, but participants are not required to attend all modules, however it is strongly encouraged. Please visit <http://uuwestport.org/lifespan/harvest-the-power/> for more details on The Unitarian Church in Westport's HARVEST THE POWER modules/sessions and dates, as well as a link to a short application to participate. Please contact David Vita at david@uuwestport.org with any questions.

Introducing ... The Leadership Development Team

The Leadership Development Team was spun off from the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee (NLDC). Its members include, Rev. John, Mary Collins, David Vita, Lorna Donnelly, Anne Khanna, Sudha Sankar, and Carol Seiple.

As a church, it is important that we put some time and effort into developing our current and future leaders. Many people underestimate what they are capable of and/or would feel more comfortable with a little formal training. You might find you have skills and gifts you never knew you had, so please consider the following:

- *Have you ever thought about taking your leadership to the next level?*
- *Have you ever wondered about the differences between leading in your corporate career and leading a team or committee at church?*
- *Have you ever thought that accepting a call to leadership could deepen your commitment to your faith and the congregation?*

The Leadership Development Team will be offering opportunities in leadership development from technical to visionary skills, and our first offering will be **HARVEST THE POWER** beginning in the fall of 2017. Rev. John will be leading training sessions and space is limited. This will be a valuable opportunity for new and experienced leaders alike. Please reach out to David Vita at david@uuwestport.org if you would like to become more involved.

