

ACROSS GENERATIONS

Need: Church picture directories, including the current one.

Opening words:

Here in the middle of the seven Unitarian Universalist Principles is the fourth UU Principles--
The free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

The first Principle, the inherent worth and dignity of every person – including you and me. I have my values and ideas, and so do you. And your ideas and values and my ideas and values engage every time we meet! This is *individualism* – with the need for connections.

The seventh principle is being part of the interdependent web, or all of us are in this together. *Interdependence* is evident in our community.

We come as individuals, on our own spiritual journey for truth and meaning. In community, our search enriches our lives and the community itself. This is precisely what we are doing together!

Covenant for this session:

We value our time together and revere each person is present. We share and we are silent to accept the sharing of others. We speak from our hearts and for ourselves only, without needing to respond or give advice. We hold our sharings in confidence within our circle.

Check-in/Sharing: Because the session today is an hour rather than the usual two hours, check-in will be brief. How is it with you today?

TOPIC: Allow time to look at the pictures or the Directories.

“A Poem from a 14 Year Old Boy” (on website of [Afshine Emrani MD @afshineemran](#))

Our generation will be known for nothing
Never will anyone say
We were the peak of [humankind]
That is wrong, the truth is
Our generation was a failure
Thinking that
We actually succeeded
Is a waste And we know
Living only for money and power
Is the way to go
Being loving, respectful, and kind
Is a dumb thing to do
Forgetting about that time
Will not be easy, but we will try
Changing our world for the better
Is something we never did
Giving up
Was how we handled our problems
Working hard
Was a joke
We knew that
People thought we couldn't come back
That might be true
Unless we turn things around

(Read from bottom to top now)

1. What have you learned from people of other ages? What have you given others?
2. What do various age groups bring to our faith community? How do we honor all ages within our congregation?
3. How are we helping to make our faith community strong for all ages?

Check-out/Likes and Wishes: How was the session for you? What are you taking with you?

Closing: WE NEED ONE ANOTHER GEORGE E. ODELL #468 *SINGING THE LIVING TRADITION*

We need one another when we mourn and would be comforted.

We need one another when we are in trouble and afraid.

We need one another when we are in despair, in temptation, and need to be recalled to our best selves again.

We need one another when we would accomplish some great purpose, and cannot do it alone.

We need one another in the hour of success, when we look for someone to share our triumphs.

We need one another in the hour of defeat, when with encouragement we might endure, and stand again.

We need one another when we come to die, and would have gentle hands prepare us for the journey.

All our lives we are in need, and others are in need of us.