

Vision for “Lifespan Spiritual Exploration”

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“Spiritual practice and spiritual seeking centers our community.”

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Lifespan Spiritual Exploration at UCM....

- Cultivates a common understanding of what it means to be on a spiritual journey and a collective sense of being on this journey together,
- Empowers people of all ages to engage in reflection and practices that leads to personal growth and to ownership over their spiritual journeys,
- Supports the congregation to identify how to live our values and mission through service and action in the community,
- Fosters intergenerational connections and builds multi-age community both within and beyond the congregation,
- Provides developmentally-appropriate opportunities to learn about UU traditions, history, and values and how to put those values into action,
- Offers people of all ages a variety of methods for learning and development some of which go beyond Sunday mornings at different times and in different locations and using different ways of connecting with one another,
- Supports family life and equips parents to be spiritual teachers,
- Celebrates rites of passage across the lifespan, and
- Addresses spiritual needs at all life stages and transitions from a UU perspective, e.g. adolescence, sexuality education, relationship changes, starting a family, aging, and death and dying.

In order to achieve this vision, we will:

- Keep the programs that work and continue to adapt and innovate
- Change the role and structure of staffing (paid and volunteer) to support lifelong spiritual exploration
- Assess and adapt our facilities to meet our current and new program needs
- Change the language that we use to describe this area of ministry and its programs