

Topic9 2012: What Do We Care About? – September 2012
Ingathering and housekeeping: such as next meeting place day and time.

Light the Chalice

Check-in

Opening Words:

*We are children of the earth, children of the earth,
And we love our mother earth, love our mother earth.
From the mountain and the streams, from the flowing streams,
Comes the fountain of our dreams, fountain of our dreams.*

Singing the Living Tradition #314*

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Topic Introduction:

Today, let's pretend that you are one of the astronauts chosen to go to the moon to stay and begin a new colony. You will go with your family, but you must leave your friends, congregation, and community behind for good. Space is limited aboard the lunar shuttle, so you can take only one large suitcase. Anything you can't put in your suitcase will be left behind. Fortunately, the suitcase is very large, so it can hold not only your most treasured objects, but also materials you will need to pass on Unitarian Universalist attitudes and values to a new society.

Please take a sheet of paper from the Facilitator and write a list of those things you would like to take. Your group should decide upon the length of time everyone will take to write. After time is up, those who wish can read their lists, and then explain the reasons they have chosen to bring along those particular items.

If there is time, the group can answer the following questions:

Sharing deep listening:

- **What similarities do you notice among your lists? What attitudes, values, or beliefs seem most important?**
- **What are the most useful and influential materials someone could bring on the trip to teach Unitarian Universalist attitudes and beliefs?**

Likes and Wishes

Closing Words:

In a real sense, all life is interrelated. All men are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny.

*Martin Luther King, **Strength to Love***

Extinguish the Chalice