

Small Group Ministry  
Session Plan  
Relevance

**Opening Words**

Relevance is the concept of one topic being connected to another topic in a way that makes it useful to consider the first topic when considering the second.

The concept of relevance is studied in many different fields, including cognitive sciences, logic, and library and information science.

The history of Unitarian Universalism is a discernment of connection between our individual spirituality and our religious community, between our spiritual expression and social responsibility, between our inherent individual worth and life in the interdependent web of existence.

Relevance claims our attention!

**Check In/Sharing.** How is it for you today?

**Topic:** UUCC was invited by the Northern New England District of the Unitarian Universalist Association to have a team of UUCC members explore what it means to be a relevant congregation in the twenty-first century. Empowered to take up the commitment area most meaningful to the team, UUCC chose to explore relevance through the contemporary lens.

Reflect on these questions, and allow time to share reflections.

1. What do you expect of your church in this time and place?
2. What do you expect to do for your church community?
3. How does our societal landscape (capital city, seasonal state, economic demographic, cultural diversity) inspire, inform and/or effect our shared ministry?

**Likes and Wishes/ Check-out:** How was this session for you?

**Closing words:**

The relevance of our lives and our presence within our faith community makes ours a tradition of engagement with life itself.