

**Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis**  
**Worship Leaders Application**  
**Deadline for Application Jan 8, 2021, begin Jan 9, 2021**  
Email your submission to <mailto:azinke@uuannapolis.org>

Over the course of this year, we have been blessed with the stories and thoughts of our Worship Leaders. They've made us laugh, made us cry, and cracked open the worship message in surprising and heartfelt ways. What you see on the chancel is the result of hours of creativity, preparation, and practice. This is one of the ways we most visibly embody shared ministry.

We are accepting applications for our worship leader program. Everyone is welcome to apply – we are seeking worship leaders that represent the full range of diversity within our congregation (age, theology, personal style, ethnicity, length of membership, gender expression, sexual orientation). Here is a description of what the Worship Leaders do on the chancel and in preparation for the Sunday service:

- Attend one full-day and three half-day retreats to explore the themes of the Sunday services, develop skills as a worship leader, practice writing for oration, and to plan worship series. Attendance at these SATURDAY meetings is required. (Dates are currently set for Jan 9 (full day), other dates will be set by the group).
- Appear in the real or virtual pulpit 6-12 times during the year. (One or two worship leaders might opt to not present, and instead prepare the space for special ritual Sundays, or through doing art in support of our series. Please indicate this if so.)
- Join our ZOOM planning call on Tuesdays between 4 – 5:30 p.m. in advance of the Sundays when you are scheduled. (We plan over the two prior Mondays, for 30-45 minutes per Sunday.)
- Write and edit your Welcome, and Offering / Share the Plate solicitation address.
- Prepare and share personal life testimonials when asked.
- For IN-PERSON worship: Offer hospitality by preparing the sanctuary for worship, and closing out the space at the end of the service.
- Suggest and discuss topics or resource sources for worship, with the option of conducting research on our worship themes (please indicate this interest, if so).
- Assess and offer feedback on the worship service.
- Practice reading from the pulpit.
- Model spiritual depth and generosity towards the congregation, including sharing one's time, personal gifts, and financial resources.
- Have a desire to grow spiritually.
- Support guest preachers. Develop welcoming packet to support guest preachers.
- Buy worship supplies as needed; costs can be reimbursed.
- Be willing to share of your life experiences with the congregation.

We ask for a **two year commitment**. Worship Leaders will serve from Jan 2021 – Dec 2022. Attendance at the retreats is particularly important and expected.

If you are interested in serving as a worship leader, please submit the following application form by Jan 8 to Rev. Anastassia (<mailto:azinke@uuannapolis.org>). The ministers will review. Worship Leaders will be chosen on the basis of written submission, comfort with public speaking and creating a team that represents the theologically-diverse, multi-generational, multi-cultural congregation we are becoming.

## Application Form

Name:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

- 1) Tell us about who you are, and how UUCA has spoken to your life.
- 2) Write a 500 word narrative (ie, tell a story) about forgiveness.
- 3) Please write a sentence or two about your comfort level with public speaking and any experience you may have had.
- 4) Are you a member of UUCA? If so, for how long? Do you give generously of your time, talents and treasure to our church?
- 5) Why are you applying to be a worship leader?

**Thank you in advance for your interest and support of our church!**