



The Art & Skill of Facilitation For Small Group Ministry



**Saturday, June 6, 2009
9AM to 4:15PM**

Registration & Coffee at 8:30AM

Hosted by the Unitarian Universalist Church of Manchester, NH

Small Group Ministry or Covenant Groups are a powerful approach for making our congregations more vibrant, dynamic and healthy. The groups provide an opportunity for members to building friendships and explore spiritual topics. **One of the keys to creating and maintaining strong groups is skillful facilitation.**

The UU Church of Manchester is pleased to host this **brand new workshop for aspiring and current group facilitators** of Small Group Ministry (SGM) or Covenant Groups. The workshop is tailored to the needs and concerns of group facilitators, both new and experienced. In the course of the day we'll cover the following: an overview of SGM, building your confidence as a facilitator, listening, the values and assumptions underlying effective facilitation, preventing and addressing group problems, and additional resources for facilitators. You'll have the opportunity to participate in two actual group experiences focused on topics of concern for developing facilitators.

The workshop leader is Rev. Dr. M'ellen Kennedy, a Small Group Ministry Consultant and co-founder of the SGM Network. She is a UU community minister and community psychologist who has been working with lay-led small groups for over 25 years. She has offered facilitator training to hundreds of lay and professional leaders and feedback on her workshops has been excellent. The following is a quote from a participant at a workshop offered by Rev. Kennedy in New Hampshire last year.

*The workshop was utterly amazing -- informative, helpful, and inspiring!
I am so grateful to you for offering the workshop, and look forward to spreading the word and the concepts.
SGM has such great potential to strengthen, and deepen, the relationships and spirituality in our congregation. Thank you, thank you, many times over.*

For more info, contact Rev. M'ellen Kennedy at mellenken@aol.com or 802-453-5469.

Directions To the Unitarian Universalist Church of Manchester, 669 Union St. Manchester, NH 03104.

From the south or north, take I-93 to exit 8. Turn right at end of ramp onto Bridge Street. Go about one mile to the fourth traffic signal (Union Street) after the I-93 ramp signals. Turn right onto Union Street. The church is three blocks on the right. There is no parking lot, but parking is allowed on adjacent streets. Pay attention to signage.

From the east or west, take NH Route 101 to Manchester; merge with I-93 North to exit 8. Follow directions above.

Registration: Please fill out one form for each person attending. Please send this completed form and your check by June 1st to Rev. M'ellen Kennedy 3764 Quaker St., Bristol, VT 05443.

NAME _____
MAIL ADDRESS _____

E-MAIL _____ PHONE _____
CONGREGATION// CITY/ STATE _____

FEE: The workshop fee, which includes lunch and an information packet, is \$40 for one person and \$35 for each additional person from the same congregation.

I enclose a check to "Rev. M'ellen Kennedy" for this amount: ___ \$40 ___ \$35

PLEASE NOTE MY SPECIAL NEEDS: ___Vegetarian ___Vegan ___Allergies (specify _____) Other:

TOTAL enclosed: _____