

Crossing Paths Scheduling Charts

2018-2019

Schedule for the Year & Options for Each Month				
A People of:	Suggested Lineup	Plan B Options	Plan B Options	Calendar Connections <i>(See other chart for each religion's connection to the themes)</i>
September Vision	Orientation & Unitarian Universalist	Orientation & Unitarian Universalist		<p><i>We start with UUism to ground youth in their own faith tradition. The theme of vision is an opportunity to lift up the UU view that all of our visions and views of life are incomplete. We need each other's perspectives to better understand what is good and true. This sets the stage for visits to other houses of worship and provides a rationale for the entire program.</i></p> <p><u>IMPORTANT DATES TO KEEP IN MIND:</u> Judaism: Rosh Hashanah: Sept. 10 - 11; Yom Kippur: Sept. 18 - 19; Sukkot: Sept. 24 - 25</p>
October: Sanctuary	Judaism	Christianity		<p>Judaism: <i>Placing it in October allows for follow-up reflection on September's celebration of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot. The theme of sanctuary resonates especially well with Sukkot. Also works well to begin with Judaism before moving to Christianity.</i></p> <p>Christianity: <i>Works nicely as a first visit & follow up to UUism since UUism emerged from protestantism. Placing it in Oct. allows for reflection on Reformation & World Communion Days.</i></p> <p><u>IMPORTANT DATES TO KEEP IN MIND:</u> Christianity: Reformation Day: Oct. 31; World Communion Day: Oct. 7 Islam: Muharram - Islamic New Year: Begins Sept. 11</p>
November: Memory	Christianity	Judaism		<p>Christianity: <i>Theme of memory can be used to honor Christianity's respect for tradition and the importance of remembering UUism came from Christianity. Flows well if you do Judaism in Oct. Also allows for reflection on Oct. celebration of Reformation Day and discussion about preparing for December's high holy days: Advent & Christmas. Helpful to do the packet on Christianity in general early on as it provides a foundation for the more specific Christian traditions.</i></p> <p>Judaism: <i>Works well with theme of memory; think Passover or never forget the Holocaust. Nice to do early in the season before exploring Christian faiths because Christianity arose from Judaism and shares the belief in monotheism.</i></p> <p><u>IMPORTANT DATES TO KEEP IN MIND:</u> Hinduism: Diwali: Nov. 7 Catholicism: All Saints Day: Nov. 1; All Souls Day: Nov. 2</p>

<p>December: Mystery</p>	<p>Catholicism</p>	<p>Evangelical</p>	<p>Black Church Tradition</p>	<p>Catholicism: Mystery is key to Catholic theology. Doing it in December allows connect to high holy days of Advent & Christmas and participate in some of the most beautiful of services.</p> <p>Evangelical: Aligns with Advent and Christmas. If do Christianity in general in November, it provides nice contrast and follow up trip. NOTE: if you have trouble fitting Evangelism into a month of its own, don't forget you can always make that your Christian visit since the general Christian packet address both the conservative and progressive wings.</p> <p>Black Church Traditions - While mystery may not be distinctive to the Black church tradition, it is clearly an important theme for it during December. Visiting a church from the black church tradition in December allows it to follow the previous session that explores Christianity generally. Doing Black Church traditions in Dec. allows for timely engagement with Watch night.</p> <p>NOTE: The challenge of doing these religions in December is that it is a busy time at Christian churches, so you may need to do the visit but not the interview. Instead, consider inviting a UU from your congregation who previously attended one of these traditions.</p> <p><u>IMPORTANT DATES TO KEEP IN MIND:</u> Jewish: Hanukkah: Dec. 3-10 Christian: Christmas: Dec. 25; Advent: Dec 2 - 24; Holy Innocents Day: Dec. 28 Buddhism: Buddha's Enlightenment (Bodhi) Day: Dec 8 Watch Night: Dec. 31</p>
<p>January: Possibility</p>	<p>Black Church Traditions</p>	<p>Hinduism</p>	<p>Evangelical</p>	<p>Black Church Traditions - Placing it in January enables connection with MLK, Jr Day and Black History month. Also makes for a nice series on Christian diversity if you do Christianity in general in Nov. and Evangelism in Dec. The theme of possibility speaks to the way the Black Church historically and today lifts up the possibility of hope and freedom. Doing Black Church traditions in Jan. allows for timely engagement with Watch night.</p> <p>Hinduism: Pairing it with possibility supports discussion of Hinduism offering many possible gods and ways to worship. Possibility also speaks to the way Hinduism persevered by integrating other religions into its theology rather than condemning them, seeing them as possibilities not threats.</p> <p>Evangelical: Works well with the theme of possibility since Evangelism lifts up the possibility of new life and being born again.</p> <p><u>IMPORTANT DATES TO KEEP IN MIND:</u> Christian: Epiphany: Jan. 6 Watch Night: Dec. 31</p>

<p>February: Trust</p>	<p>Quaker (Society of Friends)</p>	<p>Islam</p>		<p>Quaker: Pairing with trust allows discussion of Quakers trusting their inner voice and the processes of silence and consensus.</p> <p>Islam: Pairing with trust allows discussion of Islam’s emphasis on trust in God. Also works well to have Islam follow exploration of Christianity and Judaism as a way of honoring all three as the three “Abrahamic faiths.”</p> <p><u>IMPORTANT DATES TO KEEP IN MIND:</u> Buddhism: Parinirvana / Nirvana Day: Feb. 15</p>
<p>March: Journey</p>	<p>Islam</p>	<p>Catholicism</p>	<p>Quaker (Society of Friends)</p>	<p>Islam: Pairing with the theme of journey allows for engagement with the practice of Hajj. Also works well to have Islam follow Christianity and Judaism as a way of honoring all three as the three “Abrahamic faiths.”</p> <p>Catholicism: Pairing with the theme of journey provides a nice connection to the March’s journey of Lent and the Catholic practice of pilgrimage.</p> <p>Quaker: Pairing with journey supports discussion of the way Quakers emphasize the journey inward to hear one’s inner voice.</p> <p><u>IMPORTANT DATES TO KEEP IN MIND:</u> Jewish: Purim: March 21 Christianity: Ash Wednesday: March 6 Hinduism: Holi: March 21</p>
<p>April: Wholeness</p>	<p>Hinduism</p>	<p>Buddhism</p>		<p>Hinduism: Pairing it with wholeness is a great way to honor Hinduism’s polytheism and its attempt to embrace the wholeness and multiplicity of life.</p> <p>Buddhism: The theme of wholeness allows for exploration of Buddhist concept of accepting all experiences of life and not being attached to outcomes. Works nicely in April given Buddha’s birthday on April 8.</p> <p><u>IMPORTANT DATES TO KEEP IN MIND:</u> Jewish: Passover: April 20-21 Christian: Good Friday: April 19; Easter: April 21 Buddhism: Buddha’s Birthday: April 8</p>

<p>May: Curiosity</p>	<p>Buddhism</p>	<p>Hinduism</p>	<p>Closing Session</p>	<p>Buddhism: The theme of curiosity fits nicely with the Buddhist idea of beginner's mind. Works well to place Buddhism and Hinduism close to each other since they have a rich relationship.</p> <p>Hinduism: Pairing it with curiosity supports discussion of the Hindu god Hanuman who is famous for his curiosity. Curiosity also speaks to the way Hinduism persevered by integrating other religions into its theology, treating other religions with curiosity rather than condemning them and seeing them as threats.</p> <p>Closing Session: June is a busy time in some churches and sometimes difficult to organize youth because of the end of the year. So consider skipping a religion in May and doing the Closing Session. Or abbreviating the sessions on May's religion and doing both a religion and the Closing Session in May. If you do the Closing Session in May, the theme of curiosity offers a nice frame for ending our journey, honoring the UU call to be curious and open to all faiths.</p> <p><u>IMPORTANT DATES TO KEEP IN MIND:</u></p> <p>Islam: Ramadan: May 5 - June 4</p> <p>Christianity: Pentecost: June 9</p>
<p>June: Beauty</p>	<p>Closing Session</p>	<p>Closing Session</p>		<p>Closing Session: The theme of beauty fits well with the closing session, honoring the beauty of all the religions we've explored.</p> <p>Alternative: June is a busy time in some churches and sometimes difficult to organize youth because of the end of the year. So consider skipping a religion in May and doing the Closing Session. Or abbreviating the sessions on May's religion and doing both a religion and the Closing Session in May.</p>

Organized by Religion and Its Connection to Our Monthly Themes

Religion	Theme Connections		Notes on Why Themes and Religions are Paired
Unitarian Universalist	Vision (Sept)	Vision (Sept)	The theme of vision is an opportunity to lift up the UU view that all of our visions and views of life are incomplete. We need each other's perspectives to better understand what is good and true. This sets the stage for visits to other houses of worship and provides a rationale for the entire program.
Judaism	Sanctuary (Oct)	Memory (Nov)	Sanctuary resonates especially well with the celebration of Sukkot. Memory is central to Judaism and shows up powerfully in the Passover observance and the call to never forget the Holocaust.
Christianity	Memory (Nov)	Sanctuary (Oct)	Memory honors Christianity's respect for tradition and calls us to remember that UUism came from Christianity. Providing Sanctuary has been a core social justice commitment for Christians, especially those from the tradition of Liberation theology.
Catholicism	Mystery (Dec)	Journey (Mar)	Mystery is a core piece of Catholic theology and is especially relevant to the miracles of Advent and Christmas (incarnation & immaculate conception). Journey provides a nice connection to the March's journey of Lent and the Catholic practice of pilgrimage.
Evangelical (MegaChurch)	Mystery (Dec)	Possibility (Jan)	Mystery may not be distinctive to the evangelical tradition, but it is an important theme for it in December. Possibility shines light on Evangelism's emphasis on the possibility of new life and being born again.
Black Church Traditions	Possibility (Jan)	Mystery (Dec)	Possibility speaks to the way the Black Church historically and today lifts up the possibility of hope and freedom. It connects powerfully with the Black Church Traditions' commitment to justice. Mystery may not be distinctive to the Black church tradition, but it is clearly an important theme for it in Dec.
Quaker (Society of Friends)	Trust (Feb)	Journey (Mar)	Trust honors how Quakers trust their inner voice and the processes of silence and consensus. Journey supports discussion of the way Quakers emphasize the journey inward to hear one's inner voice.
Islam	Journey (Mar)	Trust (Feb)	Journey allows for engagement with the practice of Hajj. Trust honors Islam's emphasis on trust in God.
Hinduism (ISKCON/Hare Krishna)	Wholeness (April)	Curiosity (May)	Wholeness honors Hinduism's polytheism and its attempt to embrace the wholeness and multiplicity of life. Curiosity supports discussion of the Hindu god Hanuman who is famous for his curiosity. Curiosity also speaks to the way Hinduism integrates other religions into its theology, treating them with curiosity rather than threats.
Buddhism	Curiosity (May)	Wholeness (April)	Curiosity fits nicely with the Buddhist idea of beginner's mind. Wholeness allows for exploration of Buddhist concept of accepting all experiences of life and not being attached to outcomes.

Packet Creation Schedule (2018-19)

Target Completion Date	Packets Completed	
May 31	Orientation & Unitarian Universalist (Sept visit)	
August 1	Judaism (Oct or Nov visit)	Christianity (Oct or Nov visit)
October 15	Catholicism (Dec or March Visit)	Black Church Tradition (Dec or Jan visit)
	Evangelical / Megachurch (Dec or Jan visit)	
December 15	Quaker (Feb or March visit)	Islam (Feb or March visit)
February 15	Hinduism (April or May visit)	Buddhism (April or May visit)
March 15	Closure/Wrap-Up Packet (May or June)	
<i>March or April</i>	<i>Feedback meetings with subscribers</i>	