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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

NAMING AND IDENTITY

- When have we, as UUs, made bold claims or taken prophetic action that might have made some members uncomfortable?
- When UU leaders use language that brings you to the edge of your comfort level, what spiritual values are most helpful to you?

INSTITUTIONALISM VS. INDIVIDUALISM

- When is institutional power necessary? When is it detrimental?
- How does “power” get expressed by, or among, individual UUs? By congregations? What forms of power are held by the UUA?
- When have you been grateful for the institutional power of the UUA?
- Where is there generative tension between our institutions and individual UUs today?

CONNECTION

- In today’s digital landscape, do you think there’s a difference between exchanging or debating ideas versus “promoting” Unitarian Universalism?
- Can you think of ways that we limit our ability to reach seekers because of how we share ideas?
- Under what circumstances do you freely and comfortably share the “good news” of UU’ism? In what circumstances do you feel uncomfortable being an evangelist for our values?

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