## Courageous Faith Revolution A proposal from Rev J Morehouse – Part 1

Dear Board,

Part of my vision of faith formation is a paradigm shift from seeing faith as an extra curricular activity to being central in the lives of our members and our families. Part of Mary Collin's legacy with us was to begin to move us in this direction with changing our focus from religious education, a largely didactic and cerebral model, to Lifespan Faith Development, which places the emphasis on developing all members, and especially families, into learning and growing spiritual beings.

Kim Sweeney has been the principal proponent and voice for this movement. Here is a link to the model I see us adopting:

https://www.uua.org/sites/livenew.uua.org/files/the death of sunday school and the future of faith formation k sweeney june2017.pdf

I see our Assistant Minister for Faith Formation as the next step in moving us to this more holistic model of spiritual development and I believe we will be a more attractive congregation by taking on this shift. In preparation and in formation of that ministry there is a great program which I would like to invite our congregation to be part of: Courageous Faith Revolution.

Here is the link: <u>http://www.courageousfaithrevolution.com/next-steps.html</u>

The program costs \$5400 spread out over two years (three if we pay the \$500 deposit in this fiscal year). I believe we have enough money in our Worship and Ministries line to do this.

The program requires board approval. Might we discuss this at our brief meeting following our Annual Meeting on June 10th?

Thanks

Brightest Blessings,

Rev. Dr. John Morehouse