

Courage Beyond: FAQ for 100 Days of Discernment Participants (Triplets)

Q: When does all of this begin?

A: We'll kick off the 100 Days with an orientation for triplet participants on Sunday, February 12, at 11:45 a.m. Participants are asked to meet in groups of three, 10 times over 100 days, from Feb. 19 thru the end of May, at whatever times & places work for your triplet.

Q: Why triplets?

A: Three people in a conversation both opens conversation and balances it in interesting ways that even numbers do not. Triplets also make it easier for singles to participate without feeling they must find a partner.

Q: I'm not sure I have that kind of time!

A: We understand. It's a significant commitment. Triplets are encouraged to adapt the time & place of meetings to make it work for them. Examples: If you're a 9 a.m. worshipper, you could join up with other 9 a.m. folks to meet over breakfast/coffee afterward. If you live in Medford, join with two other Medford residents so you don't have to add another long trip. Parents of school-age children might split meetings between in-person conversation and video calls via Zoom/Skype/Google Hangout after the kids are in bed. And some triplets might combine conversations due to travel schedules.

Q: What if I don't believe in God? Can I still participate in a triplet?

A: Yes! Theological diversity is one of our assets at Ashland UCC. We have the whole range, from atheists, agnostics, and non-theists, to many who feel spiritual-but-not-religious, to folks who name Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. We actually encourage folks to try a triplet with people who have a different faith/spirituality perspective than themselves. If you'd feel more comfortable with language different than that offered in the 100 Days Guide, you could "seek & replace" vocabulary in the Word version.

Q: I want to participate, but I don't know who to ask to be in my triplet. I hate the feeling of getting picked last for dodgeball in elementary school.

A: We can help! Sign up with Linda Wilson, Wendy Wysong, Karen Stahl or Linda Schaeff. Let them know your needs (ex: all men, Talent locale, other parents, etc.), and we will help find a triplet for you.

Q: I want to participate, but I just cannot make it work, even with the creative adjustments offered above. Will I get left behind?

A: Not if we can help it! While we'd love everyone to have a rich triplet experience, we know it will not be possible for all. Other large-group gatherings during the spiritual strategic journey will be open invite. You will be welcome to help celebrate the end of the 100 Days, write our Future Story and draw our Fulfillment Map.

Other questions? Contact Linda Wilson ([lindalorna\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:lindalorna@gmail.com)), Rich Schaeff ([rschaeff\[at\]connpoint.net](mailto:rschaeff[at]connpoint.net)) or Rev. Christina ([ashlanduccpastor\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:ashlanduccpastor[at]gmail.com))