

# UUFA Committee/Group Charter

Charter submitted by: Myrna Adams West, Writing as Spiritual Practice Facilitator

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**1. Name of Committee or Group: Writing as Spiritual Practice**

**2. General Purpose:**

Writing as Spiritual Practice provides an opportunity to explore spiritual expression through various written genres.

**3. Membership:** The group is open to all members and friends of UUFA.

**4. Leadership:** Myrna Adams West is the current facilitator of the group.

**5. Meetings:**

The writers gather once a month on a day and time chosen by the participants.

Gatherings are announced in the Tapestry, the Sunday Order of Service, and the weekly email announcements, as well as on the UUFA website and by word of mouth. Myrna sends monthly reminders via email.

Gatherings include sharing and discussion of written and/or spoken words on a topic that corresponds to the monthly worship theme. Myrna distributes suggested prompts on the theme, but writers are encouraged to write on whatever topic or theme they desire within the bounds of common decency and concerns. The atmosphere of the gatherings ensures community building and trust. What happens at the gatherings is not secret, but it is confidential. Decisions are made by the facilitator and/or by consensus of participants.

**6. List the specific duties and responsibilities of the committee/group:**

**Monthly Gatherings:** 1st Sundays at the Fellowship, unless otherwise noted. Participants write, share and discuss thoughts, both written and unwritten, related to the monthly worship themes.

**7. Accountability:** Writing as Spiritual Practice is accountable to its members; however, the projects, programs, objectives, and concept should always remain within the scope of the mission and vision of UUFA and support the UU Principles.

**8. Reporting requirements:** None

**9. Relationship to professional staff and other committees/groups of UUFA:** The minister and other staff are always welcome to participate as their time and interests allow; however, except for use of the space and the copier, no monetary expense is required of the congregation. W fespan Education Cluster.

**10. Communications:** Writing as Spiritual Practice is announced through the Tapestry, OOS, email, website, Facebook, and word of mouth. Participants often invite friends and neighbors to join the group.

**11. What decision-making authority does the committee/group have?** Writing as Spiritual Practice has no authority beyond responsibility to its own participants and to follow UU Principles and stay within the mission and vision of UUFA.

**12. Spending authorities:** None