UU University Governance Track General Assembly 2009 DVD Guide

General Assembly 2009 offered attendees nine hours of in-depth learning in six UU University tracks. Each track was condensed into shorter DVDs to offer congregations the opportunity to experience this learning themselves. This guide outlines the material in the Governance Track DVD to help you decide how to use it with your congregation. We outline the topics the DVD covers, how much time the DVD spends on the topic, and how much time you should budget to do the exercises associated with each topic.

Before you begin the DVD, make sure to download the participant booklet from http://www.unityunitarian.org/UCGovernanceTrack.htm. You can also find other track materials there you might find useful, including audio files of lay leaders and ministers talking about their experiences with governance (the DVD will prompt you when you should listen to each one), and the "Before and After Board Meeting" script.

Topic	DVD Time	Exercise Time	Running Total
Experience of the Holy	14 minutes	20 minutes	34 minutes
Nested Bowls: Values, Mission, Ends	7 minutes	15 minutes for a small group to discuss together; 20 minutes for large groups to split up, discuss and report back	1 hour, 1 minute
Governance Leadership	12 minutes	15 minutes for a small group to discuss together; 20 minutes for large groups to split up, discuss and report back	1 hour, 33 minutes
MP3 of lay leaders and ministers talking about nested bowls and governance roles	None	8 minutes	1 hour, 41 minutes
Indicators of Effective Governance	9 minutes	15 minutes to fill out assessment individually and then discuss, either as a whole group or in smaller groups	2 hours, 5 minutes

Policy-Based Governance Introduction	9 minutes	20 minutes for the introductory exercise; 20 minutes to discuss what you hear	2 hours, 54 minutes
MP3 of lay leaders and ministers talking about the benefits of policy- based governance	None	5 minutes	2 hours, 59 minutes
Before and After Board Meeting	12 minutes	None	3 hours, 11 minutes
Transition to Policy-Based Governance	16 minutes	15 minutes, if you wish to complete and discuss the readiness assessment in the participant packet (not mentioned in the DVD).	3 hours, 42 minutes
MP3 of lay leaders and ministers with their advice for the transition	None	10 minutes	3 hours, 52 minutes
Gini Courter's Governance Charge	9 minutes	none	4 hours, 1 minute