

Searching for an inspiring, thought-provoking speaker?

Meet Melanie Davis, EdD, CSE

Melanie's services are journeys in words and music that encourage self-examination and acceptance as well as personal and spiritual growth.

In consultation with host congregations, she provides opening and closing words, readings, meditations, sermons and hymns. A gifted singer, she performs preludes and musical interludes as well. Custom services are available upon request. Congregations are welcome to host one of Melanie's programs or workshops following the service.

Melanie is a lifelong Unitarian Universalist and founding member of the UU Congregation of Somerset Hills, where she is a lay speaker, soloist, choir member, and co-chair of the Health Ministry program. She has facilitated the Our Whole Lives lifespan sexuality course for her congregation since 1999.

She co-authored *Principled Commitment*, a relationship enrichment curriculum commissioned by the Unitarian Universalist Association. She also wrote *Sexuality Talking Points: A guide toward thoughtful conversation between parents and children* and blogs on parent-child communication and adult sexuality and relationships.

Melanie is the founder of Honest Exchange LLC, a sexuality consulting firm specializing in teen and adult education, training for healthcare providers and educators, and college speaking. She is a founding partner in the New Jersey Center for Sexual Wellness and is an adjunct professor at Moravian College.

Melanie holds an EdD in human sexuality education and a BA in Mass Communication. She is an AASECT-Certified Sexuality Educator and NCAA-approved Health & Safety Speaker. She received the 2007 Emerging Professional Award from the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality.

Member: Consortium on Sexuality and Aging; Advanced Sexuality Educators and Trainers; UU Curriculum and Resource Developers; American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors and Therapists (AASECT); Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality.

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Service Themes

Answering the Call

Melanie uses the 4th UU principle to encourage listeners to imagine the possibilities for their personal growth. This sermon is based on Melanie's journey from being her congregation's youth sex educator to becoming a professional sexuality education consultant who approaches her work as a ministry.

The Abstract Art of Parenting

Explore how the 2nd UU principal can be expressed in the parenting of children, oneself, siblings, aging parents, and the Earth. Explore how all kinds of parenting can be practiced with compassion, creativity, and commitment.

A UU Take on Faith & Miracles

Words can trigger emotional responses related to a listener's spiritual journey. Learn how two hot-button words can be relevant to the lives and beliefs of religious liberals.

Honoring Your Inherent Worth & Dignity

UUs covenant to affirm the inherent worth and dignity of all people but may neglect to affirm their own. Melanie offers a spiritual framework for recognizing one's own value and a new, affirmative language of self-talk.

Congregations are saying...

"I heard very positive feedback about your sermon and your beautiful voice. You offered a magical package: beautiful songs, both touching and uplifting; a great story for the kids (you are a gifted story teller); and an inspiring sermon that was really worth hearing and remembering."

Jack Drucker, Unitarian Church of Montclair (NJ)

"Melanie looks at things in a new way and delivers a message that is accessible to everyone. She was also very easy to work with: She prepares complete services but was very flexible regarding our congregation's needs."

Kelly Jin-Hendel, UU Congregation of Queens (NY)

"I just wanted to thank you again for your beautiful service last Sunday. Our Fellowship loved your heartfelt message, your singing, and your vibrant personality."

Jim Ellasenor, UU Congregation of the Poconos (PA)

"You really changed my way of thinking about faith. I do have so much faith. I have faith in the power of love and caring we give and receive. I have a faith that the next generation will carry on and change the world for the better. I felt blessed hearing you on Sunday."

Linda Darks, Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship (WA)