



Strengthening Our Interdependent Web

When I was working in outdoor education, many years ago, we used to do an activity to simulate the interconnectedness of the ecosystem. Each participant was given a role to play and then a ball of yarn was passed across and around the circle, representing the connections amongst the characters. Next an event would be introduced that

affected one of the participants. As that participant moved, or was removed, the vibrations would be felt throughout the web. It didn't matter if the character was large or miniscule, the ripple through the web would be felt. It is a simple yet effective way to understand an ecological principle.

The 2018 Stewardship theme is "Strengthening Our Interdependent Web". We are asking all Westwood members and friends to consider their part in the Westwood web, what they receive from, and what they bring to, the Westwood community. We are asking you to consider what is, and perhaps more importantly, what could be.

Some questions for your consideration:

How is Westwood and/or Unitarian Universalism important in my life?

What are some things I have learned at Westwood and/or in other Unitarian Universalist gatherings?

How have these learnings affected my life or the lives of others?

Which Westwood programs are important to me? (Take a wander through our web site, including the calendars, to see what goes on in this community <http://www.westwoodunitarian.ca/>)

Why might some of these programs be important to others, if not to me?

Do I want these programs and this community to thrive even when I am not personally there to benefit?

The Process

- **Consider the questions** above.
- **Read the information** on the web site or in the printed version, available at Westwood on March 11, 2018.
- **Attend the service and participate in discussions** over lunch on March 11.
- **Consider the gifts** of time, skills and money you are willing and able to offer over the next year.
- **Fill out the pledge and volunteer forms**, on-line or paper copy.
- **Celebrate with us on April 15** after the service. Lunch will be provided.

With deep appreciation and gratitude,

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