



Family Tree

Religious Education for Children & Youth

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Greetings!

I hope this summer you are finding some time to relax and gain rejuvenation from the daily routine. I know many of you are on vacation, and these travel itineraries are reflected in our smaller summer classes. I, too, will be taking a little vacation time and will be away from the Fellowship from **July 2nd through the 18th**. During this time, the RE Committee will continue with plans for our Teacher Orientation Session and mapping our curriculum calendar for the Fall. My return in later July will be met with a busy, busy schedule in preparation for our RE school year to begin. This is such an exciting time, though, since the arrival of the RE Year not only marks one year under my belt at UUFA, but we will also be welcoming Rev. Alison just as our families are beginning to return from their summer ventures!

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the Fellowship later this month!

Morgan

Recruiting Time is Here

RE for children and youth requires the gift of time and energy from many people. Our RE program is a cooperatively run by volunteers, parents, non-parents, and staff. Participation from a diverse network of talent-sharing individuals promises a successful program. We have specific volunteer opportunities, but there are also many ways to get involved in our program that aren't as specific. Perhaps there is something that you particularly enjoy doing and would like to share with our young folks. This is a wonderful opportunity to form intergenerational bonds that enrich the lives of the children, youth, and adults alike. On our RE Table, you will find a recruitment sheet with a list of possibilities for your involvement. Please check off any jobs that interest you and place it in the basket. You may also let Morgan or any of the RE Committee Members know your ideas.

Thank you!

The list below describes some of our school year volunteer opportunities:

Lead Teachers: Lead an RE classroom for 8-10 Sundays throughout the school year using developed lessons with specific instructions. Rainbows (gr K & 1), Explorers (gr. 2 & 3), and Seekers (gr. 4 & 5) follow the Workshop Rotation Model, during which they travel to different activities each week with their teacher to reinforce a monthly theme. Our annual curriculum theme this year is "World Religions".

Our Chalice Children (ages 3- PreK) stay in the same class and participate in a UUA curriculum designed for preschoolers to get to know their UU Community. This class requires a lead and assistant teacher every Sunday. Four lead and four assistants allows each volunteer to work approximately once a month.

Workshop Director: This generally requires a commitment to lead an activity related to the World Religions theme on 3 Consecutive Sundays, each time with a different class, but there are also one-time needs.

JrUU: Be an advisor to our middle school youth (6-8th grade). We need one lead and assistant teacher to facilitate the World Religions curriculum every Sunday. Therefore, several volunteers would allow a rotation of responsibility. This class follows a curriculum designed for Middle Schoolers, and the youth do not rotate with the elementary classes.

YRUU: Be an advisor to our 9th-12 grade youth. The group typically meets from 12:30-1:30 on Sundays. Both the Jr. and Sr. Youth groups are also in need of adults to help chaperone and coordinate the youth CONs and the social, community service, and fundraising events planned throughout the year.

Youth Advisory Council: Serve on the council for program planning for our 6-12th graders, including curriculum and community development needs.

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RE Volunteer Needs (cont.)

Special Events and Celebrations: These are held both during our Sunday RE Classes (eg Ramadan and Divali) and on special Saturdays (eg Halloween & Nifty Gifty).

Room Patrols: Help class leaders put materials away after classes on a rotating basis with other room patrols. Help plan and participate in quarterly clean-up days, during which we'll more thoroughly straighten & organize rooms, closets, and cabinets. The kids love the Workshop Rotations, but they sure can leave a room messy fast!

Snack Coordinators: Check snack boxes regularly and distribute purchased snacks and supplies to class boxes.

RE Greeters: Arrives early to help welcome visitors and direct them to the sign-in table. Convey registration procedures, the general RE calendar and schedules, and give guidance on the day's routine.

The 2010-2011 RE Committee is:

Linda Gilbert- chair

Mindy McCage

Tom Senyitko

Aleta Turner

Liz Weaver

Michelle Vaught

Michelle Leebens-Mack- Board Liaison

Teacher Orientation- Sunday July 25th, 1-4pm.

If you are considering teaching a class, directing an activity this year, please plan to attend our orientation session. You'll learn about the upcoming World Religions curriculum and the Workshop Rotation model. We will also cover general procedures, child safety policy, supplies, and scheduling. Lunch and childcare will be provided. Please rsvp to Morgan.