



May 2018 Report to the Board of Trustees
First Unitarian Society of Westchester
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The 2017 – 2018 RE calendar, class schedules and FUSW curriculum maps are listed online. You are welcome to view them at any time. [Click here.](#)

On the Calendar

The youth scheduled an intergenerational game night for Friday, June 1st at 7:00pm. They would like to continue building relationships with members of all ages. I hope some Board members can attend.

Meetings, Training & Outreach

Weekly and Monthly

- Weekly with the Minister
- Weekly meeting with Staff
- Monthly Religious Education Ministry
- Monthly Board of Trustees
- Monthly Metro NY LREDA Chapter (Liberal Religious Educators Association)

Others

- RE planning for the April 22nd Westchester UU worship and RE
- Meetings to plan for RE Sunday
- PrideWorks Board meeting

Additional Highlights from the Past Month

Last week I worked 10 units for FUSW (my schedule is 7 units/week). I will work fewer hours this week to compensate.

RE Sunday preparation and visioning conversation planning. I moved the children's area to the back of the sanctuary and it seemed to work much better for families. I made bookmarks for the hymnals with a note about welcoming children in worship space. Met with Betty Gilmore to talk about the RE visioning table conversation prompts. Set up the bulletin board in the RE hallway with prompts for an ongoing exchange of ideas.

Heightened planning for next year.

Working on my annual report.

Phone interviews with RE families about their needs in faith community.

Planning for the April 22nd Westchester UU worship with RE for children and youth.

Met again with youth advisors Julia Caldarola and Stu Caplan to discuss youth group this year and plans for next year.

Met with Jan Gartner, Compensation and Staffing Practices Manager in the UUA Office of Church Staff Finances.

Conversations with the director of Barvinok, Svitlana about room and furniture use. Last week, I expressed frustration with Svitlana because we talk, I think we have an understanding but then I show up to find things different from what we discussed: The rugs I asked her not to use are both now in room 4. I find things on the walls and ceiling that are not their space to use. A few months ago she added a

table to the space without discussing it with me. She has set up a full office in room 6, has been storing two air conditioners in that room, and until I occupied all the bookshelf space, she was using the shelves. The agreement for room 6 allows for office work only during the day, not projects, not occupying closet or shelf space, and the only thing that can be left in the room is a printer in the corner by the window. My frustration was grounded in the repeated conversations I have had about respecting the parameters of the rental agreement.

Recurring tasks such as updating the website, writing a weekly RE newsletter, responding to many daily e-mails, communication with the Director of Barvinok.

Denominational Service

I serve as a [Good Officer](#) for the Liberal Religious Educators Association (LREDA) and supported two colleagues over the last month.

Time Away

I will be out of town May 11-12 for a family event and will post an away message on my e-mail for those days.