



First Unitarian Society of Westchester 2015-2016 Religious Education Ministry

Unitarian Universalist religious education is neither book nor guru centered. It is not adult or even child centered. It is congregation centered, wherein all ages cooperatively engage in what Starr Williams called 'a cycle of nurturing.'

- Rev. Tom Owen Towle

Religious Education is one of the interwoven, vibrant ministries of this congregation. As we nurture the spiritual growth of our children and youth, we affect their lives and develop the future of Unitarian Universalism. As we participate in intergenerational ministry, we nurture our own faith and spirituality.

Name: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

If we think of the RE Ministry as a puzzle, what would the puzzle pieces be? Even as different shapes and sizes, they all contribute to the whole. What piece(s) can you contribute? We pledge in return to help ensure that volunteering with RE feels like a way to nurture your own spiritual journey, and it will not consume all of your Sunday mornings. Please indicate your interests below:

- _____ Learn the names of 2-3 children and youth, and attempt to connect with them each Sunday morning so they feel visible, welcome and included.
- _____ Be a Sunday morning hall monitor 2-3 times during the year.
- _____ Read a story, lead a short discussion or share music during Children's Worship. You can make it back to the service in time for the sermon.
- _____ Join a teaching team and teach **no more than five** classes during the worship year. Check all grades and areas that interest you: _____ 1st-2nd grades _____ 3rd-4th grades _____ 5th-6th grades
_____ spiritual development _____ UU identity _____ justice _____ Bible
- _____ Serve as a Helping Hand (assistant) in a RE class. You are an additional adult presence in the classroom so we meet UUA Safe Congregations standards. No preparation required!
How many times during the year? _____ 1-2 _____ 3-4 _____ 5-6
- _____ Help coordinate multiage classes for six Sources Sundays when we will learn about the six sources of our faith. This is an opportunity for adults to learn along with the children.
- _____ Participate on the youth group adult leadership team, a commitment of about ten Sundays.
- _____ Share an interest or skill with the youth group, e.g., spiritual journeys, social or environmental justice, photography, music. Your skill or interest: _____
- _____ Participate on the RE Committee, which meets every one or two months to coordinate RE activities and nurture RE as a ministry of this congregation.
- _____ Help coordinate one or two social justice opportunities for children, youth and families.
- _____ Help coordinate one or two multigenerational, family social event.

List your own ideas and interests to share on the back of this sheet.

Speak with the DRE or RE Co-Chairs for more information about the opportunities listed above.

Please return this sheet to Tracy Breneman in the DRE's mail slot next to the kitchen. Thank you!