

## Religious Education

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### Mission

The Children's Religious Education Program at UUCSV creates a safe, supportive and welcoming environment that encourages our children and youth to explore their own beliefs, spirituality and UU heritage and traditions and to respect self, others and our planet. The Religious Education Committee oversees the running of the Children and Youth Religious Education Program. This Committee makes all decisions regarding the religious education program at UUCSV for children and youth, ages 3 –18 years.

### Responsibilities

The Committee performs the following in order to complete the above stated mission.

Develop and maintain the mission and vision statements.

Establish goals for each age group.

Select curriculum to support goals.

Implement program to support goals.

Assist DRE in recruiting, training and supporting RE volunteers.

Develop safety policies for RE volunteers and classrooms.

Develop classroom guidelines for students, parents and RE volunteers.

Evaluate the RE Program.

Develop and maintain a procedures manual detailing the processes by which the program will achieve the goals.

Provide the Board of Directors with an annual report by April 15th of each year summarizing the committee members and major activities, issues and plans.

### Terms and Conditions

As the sole policy-making body for the Church (by its constitution) the Board will establish standing and ad hoc committees to carry out the activities of the Church. Also, the Board shall appoint committee chairpersons and may delegate to the chairpersons the authority to appoint members.

As a standing committee of the Church, the RE Committee will have a Board-appointed Chair and work within the following terms:

The term for the chairperson of this Committee is 2 years and a chairperson can serve no more than two consecutive terms.

The Committee shall include a vice-chairperson, secretary, treasurer, congregational relations person, special events coordinator, curriculum specialist and parent communicator

The Committee chairperson will have regular interface and communication with the Board liaison to discuss relevant issues and anything needing Board action

The Director of Religious Education will be an ex-officio member.

## Funding

The RE Committee will have a line item in the operating budget of the Church to allow for the purchase of materials, training, and other RE-related expenses. An estimate of these expenses (with supporting data) should be submitted to the Finance Committee in February for inclusion in the draft budget for the coming year.