

Religious Education Volunteer Descriptions – 2007-2008

Most of our Religious education programming takes place on Sunday mornings, concurrent with the worship service. In 2007-2008 there will be six different age groups, Preschool, K-2nd, 3rd & 4th grades, 5th & 6th grades, 7th & 8th grades and high school. Each group will be using developmentally appropriate curricula focusing on Unitarian Universalist values and themes. ***Our greatest need is for Sunday morning RE teachers.***

Teachers – work with a team of at least 3, commit to 8 out of 12 Sundays (preschool slightly more), leading the lesson 4 times and assisting 4 times. Attend Orientation session in September. Up to one hour prep and an hour and a half on Sunday morning.

Special Sunday Team - Plan and lead special activities for Preschool – 8th graders on holiday weekends. (Oct 7, Feb 17, March 23, April 21, June 1) - **must commit to at least 4 of these 5 dates.**

Winter Holiday Pageant Team (3 Sundays – Dec 9, 16, 23) – work with all ages on a pageant (to be selected) to be presented to the congregation during worship on December 23rd. Especially needed are those who enjoy leading music, coordinating costumes, coaching public speaking or supervising creation of props!

Additional programs (not Sunday mornings) and volunteer needs are:

UU Journey Coordinators – for 3rd and 4th graders – working with parents and a workbook, children explore the 7 UU Principles through activities and action! Culminates in recognition during worship service in the spring. Two parent coordinators needed to communicate with participating families and organize field trips.

Chalice Club Coordinators – for 5th and 6th graders – monthly (or bi-monthly) gatherings for fun and social action! Two parent coordinators needed to schedule and lead.

Junior youth Group Advisors – for 7th and 8th graders – monthly gatherings for fun and community service. Two additional advisors needed to join experienced team of two.

Senior youth Group Advisors – for high school youth – meets twice a month on Sunday evenings. One additional advisor needed to join experienced team of two.

Coming of Age Facilitators (for 9th and 10th graders) – meets Sunday afternoons, working with facilitators and mentors, youth explore UU history, our congregation, connections to the wider UU world, and their own religious and spiritual understandings. Culminates in writing and presenting of credo statements by each participant. Facilitators co-lead monthly sessions (2-3 hours on Sunday afternoons), communicate with mentors, attend field trips when possible and communicate with MRE.

COA Mentors – will be paired with a 9th or 10th grade COA participant. Attend monthly group sessions on Sunday afternoons. Attend field trips, as able. Be available to consult with and support youth in writing of credo.

RE Committee - The Religious Education Committee meets monthly and sets the overall vision and goals of the programs for children and youth. The committee makes decisions on operating procedures, curriculum choices, other programming concerning children and youth.