

The RE program at UUFD has gone through some significant transitions in the past year. As church leadership begins the search for a new Director of Religious Education, we need input from the congregation on your ideas and desires for the RE program.

Currently, we have 3 levels of programming: Sprouts (0-4yrs), Rainbow Kids (5-10yrs), and Bridge Builders (11-17yrs). The older children have a curriculum with age-appropriate lessons, but the Sprouts simply enjoy free play in a nurturing environment. Curriculum selections are based on the Five Pillars of the Lifespan Faith Development Ministry:

- UU Identity and History
- Care for Mother Earth
- Social Justice
- World Religions
- Spiritual Health and Practice

Programming begins at 9:45 each Sunday with our Breakfast Ministry, where the children are given healthful, low-sugar snacks with some form of protein and produce. When the worship service starts, they separate into age groups for lessons or play. A few times a year, there are family field trips, faith-in-action projects, fundraisers, and community potlucks.

This is what RE is. What would you like it to be? Please fill out the following questionnaire and return it to the Office (Beth) or any of the RE Staff (Ashley, Megan, Sarah).

1. Are you a member? (Non-member input is valued, especially if you have children in RE!)

2. Should the Sprouts have more focused programming in the form of age-appropriate lessons or themed activities? If yes, please share your ideas.

3. Do you have ideas for field trips or outings?

4. Would you like to have the children participate more or less often in worship services? Please share your thoughts.

5. Do you currently volunteer with RE?
 - 5a. If yes, how often?
 - 5b. If no, how often would you be willing to volunteer? (Volunteers can teach a lesson, assist a teacher, or bring snacks.)

6. Should teaching duties fall primarily to staff, volunteers, or a mix of the two? Please share your thoughts.

7. How many times per year should RE have a fundraiser? Please share your ideas.

8. What are your ideas for attracting more families with children to UUFD?

9. Do you have any concerns about how the RE program is currently conducted?

10. What is missing from UUFD's RE program, or what would you like to see more of?

Please submit your responses by February 28th. If you have questions, you may contact [Ashley Ford](#) (RE Administrator) or [Laura Gillberg](#) (President-Elect & Board Liaison for RE).