

# Religious Education Committee Report – Apr 2024

Becky Ricketts, REC Chair

## *Members of Committee:*

- Open position: Special Events
- Cathy Frickert, BoT liaison
- Carter Rakovski, general member
- Christina Garner, general member
- Members of the communications team:
  - Rebecca Deuel-Gallegos
  - Lisa Lobito
  - Mia Lekiki

## *Members of staff:*

- Director of Family Ministry: Sarah Whittenberg
- Nursery Coordinator: Joy Ellis
- Teen Coordinator: Megan Watson
- Open Positions:
  - Jr. High Coordinator
  - RE Assistants: Preschool, Lower Elementary, Upper Elementary

***The objective of the committee is to coordinate and support a successful RE program.***

## *Summary of recent accomplishments and current activities:*

- Now that we have a new Teen Coordinator on the job, I will be reducing my hours down to approx. 20 per week.
- Continuing to work with other LREDA members in SoCal (note: I'm the only member from any of the OC/LA congregations) to put on a TeenCon in April up in the Ventura area. We are meeting weekly to discuss the scope and nature of the event.
- I still need to find someone to be a special events/projects coordinator for the RE committee. At this time, none of the existing committee members are willing to take on that role. Carter R has agreed to coordinate an OWL offering for Spring 2025.
- Right now our biggest need is a volunteer (or group of volunteers) to reach out to each of the families and make a personal ask for them to

return to services and in-person RE – and to give us feedback as to what they would like to see from us to make that happen.

*List of activities in progress and upcoming events:*

- RE Committee Meeting 4/21, 9:45am
- ActiveUU carnival has been moved to April 21 and is in need of volunteers
- April activities are focused on leaning in to Earth Month and our 7<sup>th</sup> principle
- May 1: Progressive Parenting support group, 7-8:30pm at Dripp Coffee
- May activities are focused on AAPI month, Soul matters theme of pluralism, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and Mental Health Awareness Month. We are also having a focus on National Fentanyl Awareness Day on the first Sunday.

*Financial impact:*

- The RE committee is working very hard to be judicious stewards of our budget. Now that Megan has settled in to her position, I need to start job hunting for folks to fill our open RE assistant positions (these have been open for over six months now, and it's time to get them filled).

***Recommendations to the Board of Trustees:***

- Please send me any names you have of young adults whom you might want me to consider for the RE assistant roles.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Whittenberg

Director of Family Ministry

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