

**UUCF Religious Education Report  
August 10th 2021 Board Meeting**

**Religious Education Overview:**

We have ceased the online RE Zooms. By the time we ended those, the attendance had gotten very low and all of the children were very burnt out. In response, over the Summer we have been giving out bi-weekly activity kits that parents have signed up to receive and have been picking up from First Christian. Participation in these kits has averaged around 4-7 families with 10-12 children receiving kits. A version of this method may be how RE continues forward until our decisions regarding in-person RE can be more clearly defined.

**R.E. Committee:**

The RE Committee continues to meet every month (though we have had to reschedule a couple of meetings) and in those meetings, topics such as the RE Curriculum plan, returning to in-person strategies, RE materials, activities, etc. are discussed. There is still a big logistical question about the timing of RE once we do return to in-person which will likely need to be discussed in depth with Rev. Jason and the RE Committee.

The RE 8th principle workshop task force is planning the 8th Principle Workshop for families. Admittedly, everyone's schedules have been in flux over the summer and we have not had a chance to meet in a couple of months. The original plan for this to take place sometime in late August has been changed and we are in discussion for deciding when it would be the best time to host this important workshop for our families.

**Other:**

The R.E. Teachers and I have continued to go to First Christian every Sunday to consolidate the boxes in the Chapman lounge. We have had a couple of R.E. Committee members who have offered their help or joined us to assist in this process. The goal was to have it all taken care of by mid-August, though it may take us until the end of August, we have made significant progress. We have officially finished going through all of the boxes of materials and supplies, getting rid of quite a bit of old or outdated curriculum, and will now be working on putting it all away in an organized way so that we can better see and understand what we have.

I also brought up the question of Mandated Reporter training for RE staff & volunteers or UU staff in an email to Katrina Gomez-Enriques, Hilary Key, Rev. Jason, Sarah Wittenberg-Hawe, and Judy Mina-Ballard. It is something worth looking into and discussing. I will of course have the RE staff complete the training.

*Report respectfully submitted by Rachel White, Director of Religious Education*