

## UCW Religious Education Volunteer Opportunities

**RE Leadership Circles** - Our RE leadership is divided into seven areas, allowing volunteers to focus on a particular area of ministry. Each circle works with the RE staff to envision the ministry and facilitate its programs. You may participate in one of these areas: curriculum, family outreach, social justice, special events, volunteer outreach, volunteer support, or worship. Join a circle that interests you and help everyone in our ministry feel heard, connected, supported, and cared for.

### **In the classroom...**

**Nursery Child Care** – Help our littlest ones develop through play, once or twice a month.

**Pre-K Teacher** – Easy to use lesson plans with complete instructions are provided. This class has a story, simple project, and playtime. Teach once or twice a month.

**Pre-K Assistant** – Follow the teacher's lead in helping the children with their project. Assist once or twice a month.

**K-4<sup>th</sup> Grade Workshop Facilitator** – Lead a project related to our theme for a particular five-week rotation. We will help you develop a dynamic workshop around something that interests you and fits the theme.

**K-4<sup>th</sup> Grade Group Guide** – Accompany a particular grade through each workshop and assist the facilitator. You will be part of a five-person team with each person assisting about once a month.

**5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher** – Be part of a six-person team that uses a set curriculum to teach. This year's curricula will focus on UU Principles & Identity. Jan.-Feb. the group will develop compassionate communication skills using *Heart Talk*. Lead or assist twice a month.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Neighboring Faiths** – Lead or assist a three-week unit on a particular world religion that includes a trip to that faith community. This class also needs a **Faith Community Coordinator** who will specifically schedule the trips with the various places of worship.

**Coming of Age Advisor** – Help 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade youth discover their evolving beliefs and create their personal credos, through meaningful discussions, exploration, and a heritage trip to Boston.

**Our Whole Lives Advisor** – *Our Whole Lives* (OWL) is the comprehensive sexuality education program developed by the Unitarian Universalist Association and United Church of Christ. We offer all levels of OWL:

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade OWL** – This is an eight-week curriculum offered once a year.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade OWL** – This is an eight-week curriculum offered once a year.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade OWL** – This is the keystone curriculum to the program and involves a year-long commitment each Sunday. The program focuses on providing accurate information on sexuality, relationships, and decision-making.

**High School Youth Group Advisor** – Assist with your presence on Sunday morning twice a month as the youth worship, discuss, and share.

**Children's Worship Music Leader/Accompanist** – Lead the children in a hymn or play the piano once a month during Children's Chapel.

**Sunday Morning Assistant** – Once or twice a month, Assist the D.R.E. in getting the Chapel ready, support classroom teachers during R.E., and help clean up.

## **Outside the classroom...**

**Summer Game Leader** – Lead children in community-building games one Sunday during summer services.

**Thanksgiving Service Helper** – Assist with preparing and distributing the cornbread and cider for the service.

**Passover Seder Helper** – Assist in planning the Seder, getting supplies, making food beforehand, serving food, signing guests in, and cleaning up.

**Haunted House Helper** – Assist in planning and creating the children's Halloween haunted house in the Chapel.

**Social Event Helper** - Assist in getting supplies, organizing, setting up, and cleaning up after family social events such as Bingo Night and the Holiday Event.

**RE Sunday Cook** – Be a part of the fun during the family cookout.

**Parent Coffee Helper** – Prepare coffee and a welcoming atmosphere for conversation at the couches downstairs after each service, once a month.

**High School Chaperone** – Be a positive role model as you join the youth during district conferences, social justice opportunities, church sleepovers, and social outings such as kayaking. **Drivers and Food Runners** are also needed.

**Social Justice Helper** – Assist our social justice service projects with children of various ages.

**Youth Outreach** – Accompany high school youth on service/social justice trips and initiatives.

**Intergenerational Project Helper** – Assist with activities that create multi-generational connections, such as holiday cards & gifts for homebound congregants and the Special Friends pen pal program.

**Children's Worship Storyteller** – Tell a story during the K-4<sup>th</sup> grade Children's Chapel Service.

**Administrative Assistant** – Assist the Director of Religious Education with data entry, copying, organizing supplies, etc.

**Supply Closet Organizer** – Help us keep inventory and organize supplies to support teachers.

**Librarian** - Help sort our RE library, create a catalog list, and add new books.