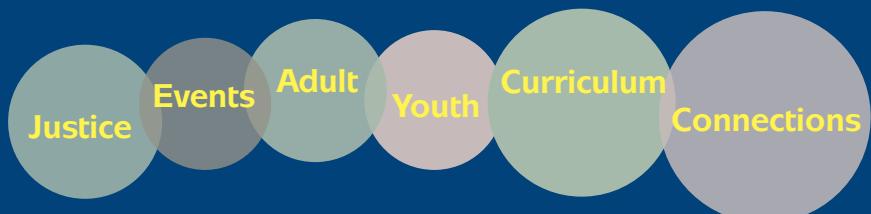
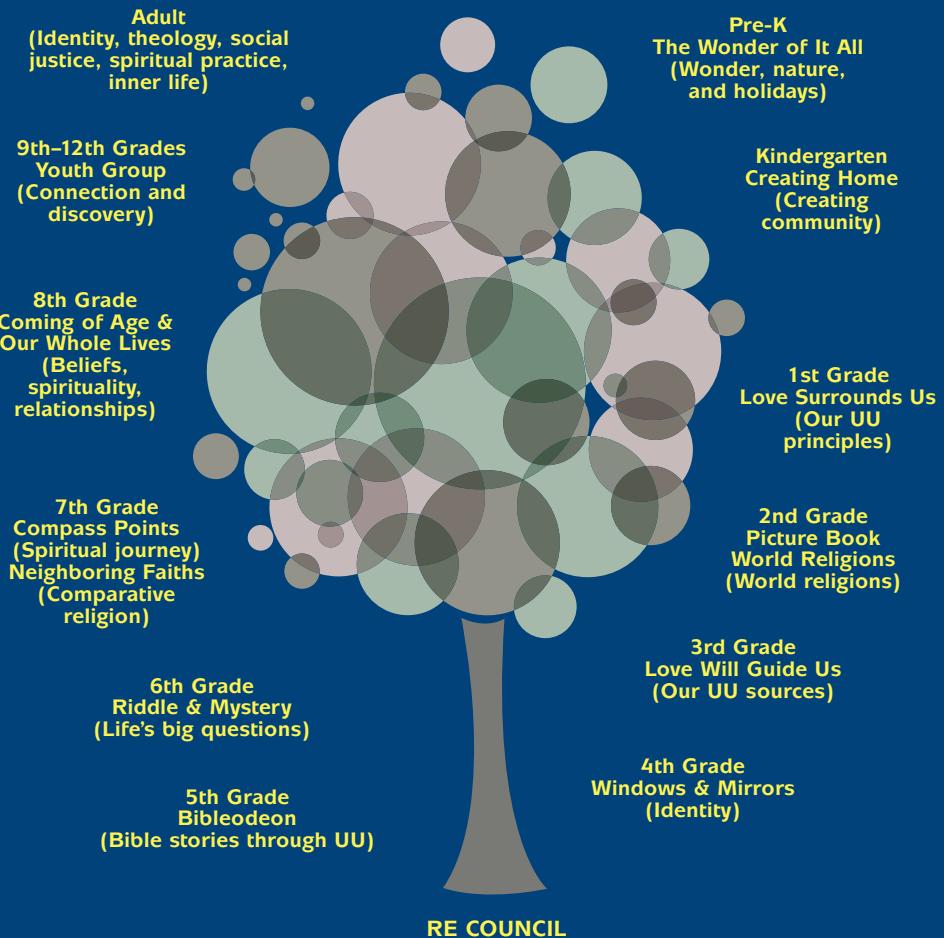


# FUSN

# Lifespan Religious Education

## Deepen Your FUSN Roots



Join a Team or a Religious Education Support Circle

## **FUSN 2014–2015 LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Our Religious Education program is dedicated to growing community and to cultivating wisdom, faith and ethical living in all ages. To flourish, it requires time and effort from *all* of us, but the return is immeasurable. We learn together, we become more connected to others in the community, and we deepen our FUSN roots.

### **CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS**

Our children's programs, described below, are led by teams of 4, with 2 teachers responsible for each Sunday that RE classes are held. The commitment averages less than twice a month, and teachers are well supported by the RE staff. Find a curriculum that interests you and join a team!

#### **Pre-Kindergarten**

##### **The Wonder of it All:**

Through nature, wonder and holidays the children are introduced to FUSN's welcoming community.

#### **Kindergarten**

##### **Creating Home:**

Children learn what makes FUSN special, giving them a sense of community that is grounded in faith.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

##### **Love Surrounds Us:**

This program explores our UU Principles in the context of beloved community of family, home, school, and neighborhood. The children engage in activities that emphasize the love they feel in community.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

##### **Picture Book World Religions:**

The children are introduced to world religions through stories, allowing them to explore the differences and similarities to their own lives.

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

##### **Love Will Guide Us:**

The children learn to seek guidance in life through the lens of our Unitarian Universalist Sources. They learn that asking questions is valued in Unitarian Universalism, even as they begin to shape their own answers.

## **4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

### **Windows & Mirrors:**

The metaphor of windows and mirrors represents the dynamic relationship between our awareness of self, our perceptions of others, and others' perceptions of us.

## **5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

### **Bibleodeon:**

The children are introduced to Hebrew and Christian scriptures and the connection between biblical events, UU principles and their own lives.

## **6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

### **Riddle & Mystery:**

This program assists children in their search for meaning and understanding by processing the Big Questions.

## **7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

### **Compass Points:**

Children take a spiritual journey with opportunities to explore their identities, their beliefs, their Unitarian Universalist faith, their relationships with others and their connections to the world.

### **Neighboring Faiths:**

This part of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade program introduces the children to the faith traditions and practices of other religious groups in our community via visits to different houses of worship.

## **COMING OF AGE PROGRAM**

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

This program offers students comprehensive sexuality education, comparative religion, and opportunities to engage in social justice efforts. They work with an adult mentor from the congregation, and are encouraged to think about and identify their own spiritual beliefs. The year ends with a worship service where students share their credos. Each year we need close to 50 volunteers to assist with Coming of Age; they are some of the most rewarding volunteer opportunities at FUSN.

## **YOUTH PROGRAM**

### **9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Youth gather weekly on Sunday evenings for worship, fun, social action, and deepening of relationships. Adult advisors work with the Youth Programs Coordinator to facilitate youth group and youth events.

## **ADULT PROGRAM**

The Adult Religious Education program supports adults in their spiritual journeys through a variety of programs that address the spirit, the heart, and the mind. Teachers include staff members and guests who have some special expertise, but the majority of our facilitators and teachers are volunteer members of FUSN who share their time and talents. The Committee is always looking for new members.

## **RE SUPPORT CIRCLES**

Members of the RE Support Circles help with activities in specific areas as follows:

**Adult** — help create learning and spiritual growth opportunities in the Adult Religious Education program

**Connections** — help new families feel welcome and foster intergenerational connections through the Homebound Holiday Project and other programs

**Curriculum** — create an intentional learning path in RE by reviewing and advising on curriculum

**Events** — assist with some of the following: Halloween Party, Game nights, New Year's Eve party, Valentine's Day Party, Service Auction, Rosh Hashanah Dinner, Christmas Pageant, and Passover Seder

**Justice** — assist with Justice Sundays, RE Social Action, and the Mather School connection

**Youth** — support the transition from COA to Youth Group, help with opportunities for youth engagement at FUSN

## **RE COUNCIL**

The Religious Education Council is a volunteer oversight body for the Lifespan Religious Education program at FUSN. As such, it works with the Religious Education staff to assure that the Religious Education programs reflect the vision and priorities of the congregation. The Council is responsible for long range planning, policy decisions, and problem solving as related to the overall functioning of the Lifespan Religious Education program. It meets monthly with the Religious Education staff and consists of a chair, support circle representatives and a clerk.



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