

## **Director of Religious Education (DRE) Job Position Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Stamford, CT**

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Stamford, CT is looking to fill a part-time (15 hours per week) position as a Director of Religious Education for Children and Youth beginning August 1st, 2022. Position will remain open until filled. Salary is within the UUA Fair Compensation Range.

### **OVERVIEW**

The DRE, Minister and Congregation share responsibility for the leadership and education of the children and youth of the Congregation. Achievement and maintenance of this collaborative relationship must likewise be shared. The Congregation looks to its DRE for professional insights, spiritual leadership, organization and initiative to cultivate the Religious Education program.

The Religious Education program at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation welcomes and accepts all children and youth and values the gifts they bring and the people they are. The RE program aims to: build community by celebrating life's journey, milestones, and intergenerational connections together; nurture spiritual growth and development by fostering a free and responsible search for truth and meaning and awakening reverence for life; foster our children's U.U. identity by teaching them about our principles and sources, heritage, and traditions; and promote commitment to justice and ecological sustainability in the world through education, service and social action.

### **JOB SUMMARY**

The DRE is a collaborative, dependable, creative, organized religious educator who leads a meaningful, enriching 10-month Religious Education program for the faith development of children and youth. The DRE will be present at UUC 2-3 Sundays per month, on an established schedule determined in consultation with the Minister. This position is supervised by the Minister and works in collaboration with the Minister, Board, and the RE Ministry Team.

### **KEY RESPONSIBILITIES :**

- Provide direction and oversight of the Religious Education program.
- Set and articulate the vision of Religious Education based on the Unitarian Universalist Principles and Sources.
- Select curricula and activities that engage children and youth and foster identification with the Unitarian Universalist Principles.
- Develop and grow our religious education program based on UU best practices and family/congregation needs.
- Provide and support children and youth ministry in a flexible, proactive, and responsive way.
- Collaborate with, train and support religious education teachers.
- Plan special extra-curricular events such as family nights and social action projects.

- Collaborate with Minister and Lay Leaders on Worship Services, including weekly Time for All Ages and 6-10 Multigenerational Services per year
- Maintain enrollment and attendance records and RE calendar
- Manage RE finances
- Communicate regularly with families, volunteers and RE Ministry Team members; writing regular (monthly or bimonthly) reports to the Board; communicating with the congregation through our newsletter and social media; and assisting with outreach to new and visiting families.
- Network with local religious educators and LREDA and pursue regular opportunities for professional development.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Undergraduate degree in education, child development, social work or related field, preferred.
- Experience teaching religious education. Experience as a DRE or related program leadership position, preferred
- A commitment to and knowledge of UU principles, values, history & worship.
- A love of working with children and youth of all ages and skill with intergenerational coordination
- Experience delivering youth programs with social action theme
- Experience recruiting, training and supporting volunteers
- Knowledge of a wide variety of Unitarian Universalist RE resources and curricula, including Our Whole Lives (OWL)
- Strong organizational and project management skills.
- Ability to work independently
- Excellent communication skills; comfortable presenting to groups
- Technology savvy including use of presentation tools.
- A commitment to racial, social, and environmental justice

## **TO APPLY**

Email resume and cover letter to [uustamford@gmail.com](mailto:uustamford@gmail.com).

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