



April 29, 2011

Dear Parents,

Registration time for the UUAC Religious Education (RE) program is here! To aid us in coordinating the upcoming church year, we request that you please complete the enclosed 2011-2012 Religious Education Registration Forms and return them to the RE office by **May 15, 2011**.

Our cooperative RE program relies on parents and other adults to teach. When participating in the program, teachers engage in a soul enriching, spiritual practice that serves a crucial part of our religious community. This participation can be a mutually rewarding experience in which teachers and children explore Unitarian Universalism and their own beliefs together. By teaching, you convey to children the value of cooperation and commitment, and contribute your own special skills and talents to the church community. Our teaching policy is as follows:

- Families with one child enrolled: one parent must teach one trimester per year
- Families with more than one child enrolled: each parent that is active in the church must teach one trimester per year
- Families that are new to the church may wait six months before committing to teach

Please be sure to fill out each parent's preferences for class and trimester to teach. Teaching assignments are generally made according to the order that registrations are received. Returning your registration quickly will help to ensure that you receive the teaching assignment you have requested.

All teachers and RE volunteers must also submit a CORI form. We update these forms every three years. Please come in and get a CORI form from the RE office if you are new to teaching this year or didn't fill one out last year. We will also need a copy of your driver's license.

This year we continue to offer the option of the Flexible Teaching Team for some classes. In this model, 6 teachers form a team to cover one class throughout the year. Thus, no team member has to be out of the sanctuary for more than two or three weeks in a row. We will make Flexible Teaching Teams in classes that this model is appropriate for. Please contact me if you would like more information about this option.

To make your teaching commitment as easy as possible, the RE Committee and I are available to guide and assist you throughout the trimester. We provide curriculums and conduct teacher trainings before each trimester. These trainings will take place on three Sundays after the service.

It is such an exciting time to be a part of our growing RE program. We have some beautiful new classrooms to be in this year. I am so grateful that so many people have joined our church and that so many have been willing to help by teaching, substituting, and working with the children throughout the year. We are all doing a wonderful job helping our children and youth deepen their spiritual understanding of life. Thank you for signing up to be part of our continuing ministry to the youth and children of UUAC.

With Gratitude,

Kate Holland  
Director of Religious Education

*Unitarian Universalist Area Church at First Parish in Sherborn*

**2011 – 2012 Religious Education Registration: Parent and Family Information**

**PARENT/GUARDIAN:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address (street, city, zip): \_\_\_\_\_

Email (home) \_\_\_\_\_ Email (office-optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (mobile): \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/GUARDIAN:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address (street, city, zip): \_\_\_\_\_

Email (home) \_\_\_\_\_ Email (office-optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (mobile): \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILD INFORMATION: List all children in Religious Education: Nursery through High School Senior Youth.**

	Name (first and last)	Birth Date	Age on (9/1/11)	Grade (9/1/11)
1)	_____	_____	_____	_____
2)	_____	_____	_____	_____
3)	_____	_____	_____	_____
4)	_____	_____	_____	_____

**Please share with us any needs that your child has (food allergies, learning disabilities, non-verbal learning needs, social/emotional needs, cognitive considerations, health/medical needs, etc.) We ask for this information so that we can best create a positive learning environment for all of our children. We respect our families' right to privacy and will only share this information with your child's teachers. We also welcome any suggestions on how we can best make classroom accommodations for your child.**

*Use a separate page if necessary. Indicate which child is being described.*

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**PERMISSIONS:**

- 1) I hereby give **permission** to UUAC staff or volunteers to obtain medical treatment for my child when I cannot be reached or when delay would be dangerous to my child's health.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

- 2) I give **permission** for my child(ren) to take walks within the church vicinity with their teachers. I understand that a permission form will be provided to me for all other field trips.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

- 3) UUAC **occasionally** uses pictures of RE program events for the church website, brochures, newsletters, and other media. Please check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I give permission for my child(ren)'s image to be used as described here.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, do not use my child(ren)'s image.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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**2011 – 2012 Religious Education Teacher Registration: Teaching Preferences**

**Parent/Guardian** (one page per parent/guardian, see other side): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you new to the church? \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer to teach my own child's class **YES – child's name** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO** \_\_\_\_\_

Number according to priority, 1= highest priority: \_\_\_\_ Grade level \_\_\_\_ Specific Term \_\_\_\_ Flexible Teaching Team

Please rank at least two choices (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, etc.) in the grid below for term and grade, and tell us whether you are interested in a Flexible Teaching Team.

Class/Role	Fall Term 9/18/2011- 11/27/2011	Winter Term 12/4/2011- 3/4/2012	Spring Term 3/11/2012- 6/3/2012	Are you interested in joining a Flexible Teaching Team for this class?*	
				YES	NO
<b>Nursery (Birth to 23 months)</b>					
<b>Preschool (2 and 3 year olds)</b>					
<b>Pre-K and Kindergarten</b>					
<b>Grade 1</b>					
<b>Grade 2</b>					
<b>Grade 3 and 4</b>					
<b>Grade 5 and 6</b>					
<b>Grade 7 and 8</b>					
<b>RE Greeter</b> (set up classrooms, greet families)					
<b>Term Substitute</b> ("On call" sub for one term)					
<b>Year Substitute</b> (14 Sundays throughout the year)					
<b>Junior Youth Group Advisor</b> (Year-long position, contact the DRE for more info)					
<b>Senior Youth Group Advisor</b> (Year-long position, contact the DRE for more info)					

\*Participation on a Flexible Teaching Team will require attending Teacher Training & Flex Team Meeting in the Fall. There will be a limited number of Flex Teams formed, depending on the suitability of the model for the ages and curriculum in each classroom.

If you would like to discuss any individual concerns, please contact  
 Director of Religious Education **Kate Holland** at **508.653.1422** or [dre@uuac-sherborn.org](mailto:dre@uuac-sherborn.org)

**Over Please for Next Parent/Guardian Registration**   
*Please fill in and return to the RE Office by May 13, 2011*