

## 2017-18 ANNUAL REPORT

### Religious Ed Committee

Co-chairs: Barbara Pagh and Etta Zasloff

Members: Amber Collins, Kari Kurto, Sarah Feeley, Suzanne Paton, Sally Barney  
(Board Liaison)

The work of the committee began at the end of last year when we worked with Pam Santos to simplify planning for the fall without having a DRE. Barbara and Etta agreed to co-chair the committee. The Committee met regularly all summer to plan curriculum and divide up tasks. We had already recruited teachers for the year. Barbara served on the Search Committee for a new DRE that continued the process through the spring and summer.

We were very happy to welcome Bethany Vaccaro as the new DRE. This year has been one of transition as Bethany became integrated into the community and familiar with the program and the facilities. She brings great energy and new ideas. The committee continues to meet monthly and support the activities of the RE program.

There has been a big change in the number of children and youth after several years of larger numbers. So, we moved towards a one-class model, with a choice of activities after the opening. Service Sundays are continuing and there are more intergenerational services. There will be continued discussion of the changing role of RE in UU congregations, many of which are not following traditional models.

We held an informal Food and Feedback with a couple of new families attending. There is also an online questionnaire for families to fill out.

Suzanne Paton will leave the committee after many years of serving as chair and we thank her for dedication and service. Moving forward, we would like to recruit new committee members and teachers; clarify the role of the committee with the DRE