

DRE Report to the Board April 2019

Dear members of the UUCSC Board,

Our recent baby and child dedication service was such a perfect snapshot of what our RE program is like - a happy, joyful time with just a little bit of chaos in the mix. It was a joy to offer this blessing ceremony to so many families this year and I've heard nothing but glowing reports from many who were in it or who witnessed it. We are continuing to grow in beautiful ways!

Over the past month or so, we've been working on refining our procedures downstairs. From how to better handle the stampede down the stairs when RE begins, to better spacing of our volunteers in the space through assigning specific roles, we've been making our system smoother. The RE Committee has provided some valuable insight and suggestions for these logistical challenges, and our experimentation is paying off as we are settling into an easy rhythm.

I've also been updating our volunteer training materials. An addition of particular note is new materials sharing the basics of Non-Violent Communication. As this is becoming an intentional part of our interactions with each other, we are looking to provide some easy reference points and additional support to our volunteers around these skills.

RE is hosting our second all-ages breakfast potluck at 9am on the last Sunday of this month (April 28). As we have so many new families to welcome in, I would like to encourage more presence of Board members, as a way to understand the structure of this congregation. I invite you to please attend the breakfast and to even consider making yourself known as a Board member. I would love to have our newer families feel really wrapped in by the community here, as has already begun.

With love,
Bethany