

June 2021
DRE Board Report

Hello friends,

Winding down the year is very different than I thought it would be. It's so sad to be saying goodbye to DL. It makes it hard to think ahead to next year. But I've had some wonderful conversations with parents and also with Bethany and I know that we will all pull through and come together in new ways as we move forward.

We had an RE hike down to Rome Point last Sunday where kids waded in the water and made designs in the rocks and shells and sand. It was just so lovely to see kids in nature and parents lounging in the shade together. We are all taking deep breaths as we venture into this new world together.

I am planning to offer an RE hike the first and third Sundays of July and August, just as a way to have a standing time when families can meet up. I won't necessarily be at every hike or organize anything, but just wanted to put out some dates and whoever shows up can re-connect and explore a little together. It will probably be at the same place every time, to make it easy and to watch the season progress. Whenever families have come together this month, there has been so much joy and relief and gratitude. So I'd like to offer a way for that to continue in the summer.

Sally, Elise and I did some superhero work down in the main RE classroom last Friday. We cleared out the whole front room *including moving the piano!!* It was truly a feat of great strength and willpower. I am super impressed with all of us. I'm so very excited to vision about the re-creation of that space and can't wait to set it up for the fall. Elise and I will be meeting there the next two Fridays to continue our work, and hopefully other volunteers will join us.

I joined a very inspiring call with other DREs in the area last week who all shared their plans for the fall. Some of them had very clear plans, some not so much. It was great to hear about ideas, concerns, considerations as we slowly move out of the pandemic. They will continue to offer these and I'm so grateful for the collaboration.

I'm looking forward to attending the UU General Assembly this month. I love being part of this community and learning more and more.

Thank you all for your service to this congregation. I'm glad to be a part of it.

Grateful in community,

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