

## 2022-2023 UUCSC RE Committee Annual Report

**RE Committee:** Lee Cowan (temporary chair), Bethany Sorrentino, Barbara Pagh, Pam Santos, Jenny Rebecca, Amber Collins

The RE program has 32 children and youth registered this year. We have an average of 10 kids attend each Sunday.

We have met many of **our goals** this year and have **plans for next year:**

1. Run OWL: This has been highly successful! We've helped to run an 8-9th grade class at WUC and a 10th-12th grade class held here and at WUC with 6 kids from our congregation attending. We plan to host a training in the fall for elementary aged facilitators so we can offer classes for that age group next year.

2. Build Community:

*Internally:* Our community dinners have been smashing hits! Our community art pieces have been beautiful visual examples of community. Strong sharing circles every Sunday that we're downstairs. And the Sidekicks program is off to a great start!

*UU Community:* Creating and maintaining a partnership with WUC has been great UU community building. Hosting the OWL training and meeting people from three different congregations.

*Broader Community:* We haven't reached out to the wider community specifically with the kids, but did participate in SK Pride. We'd like to reach out much more next year.

3. Congregant Visits to RE: Nick Smith is single handedly making this happen consistently, leading us in song. And Barbara Pagh came to help us make dozens of sheets of beautiful handmade paper. We plan to expand this next year by inviting congregants down for one-time visits just to hold space with us, as "Spiritual Partners."

4. Incorporate and Live our UU Principles: The principles were regularly discussed and linked with activities and crafts.

RE really shined with this year's Special Events and Services, which included a Birthday Party, Chalica Dinner, Winter Solstice, Solstice Labyrinth walk, Bread Communion, Valentines Day, and will include an RE Sunday service and Flower Communion.

**One request** we have from the congregation is input on what we should keep in our archives from the DRE office. We would like to clear it out and want to make sure we save anything of significance for our congregation's historical records.

Many blessings,

Lee Cowan

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