



2011-2012 Religious Education Family Registration Form
First Parish in Cambridge
 First Church, Unitarian Universalist

Date _____ (Please print clearly. Thank you!) New Family _____ Returning _____

Parent(s) Guardian(s)		
	Last Name First Name	Last Name First Name
Address		
	Street/city/zip	Street/ city/zip
Phone		
	Home Work	Home Work
E-mail		

Children's Full Names (<i>incl. Infants</i>)	Date of Birth	Grade in '11-'12	Name of School child/youth attends	Medical Information (Allergies/Diet/Other)

Are there special concerns you want us to know about, *e.g.* death in family, special ed, needs, behavior strategies?

If any of your children have special interests or abilities, or if you have insights that will help us as we plan classes and activities, please describe them below, or talk with Director of Religious Education Mandy Neff, dre@fpcambridge.org.

Our religious education program is a cooperative effort. It works because parents and other church members share their time, talent, and skills with each other and with the children. This modeling of cooperation is as important a part of our children's learning as what gets taught in classes. Our expectation is that non-teaching parents will actively participate in our cooperative religious education program by contributing their time, talent, and skills during the course of the year. Please see Reverse Side...

Religious Education for Children Volunteer Sign-up Sheet

Please let us know how you will participate in the RE program by sharing *your* time, talent, and skills...

Teaching:

Teaching sessions run 8-10 weeks each in fall, winter, or spring. Teachers work with the same volunteer partner all session. This lets the group develop strong relationships, and provides consistency for the children. Teaching is a rewarding experience and requires:

- Attending Teacher Training and Teacher Reflection Group once per session
- Setting up the classroom at 10 am
- Leading the weekly lesson
- Contacting parents and the Director of RE weekly about the lesson and how it went
- About an hour of planning and preparation with your partner during the week
- Completion of a CORI background check

Curriculum and supplies are provided, as well as the support of staff and the RE Committee.

I am interested in working with _____ grade level as a Teacher. Please contact me.

Non-Teaching Opportunities:

_____ **RE Supply Shopper** - Each week our RE teachers identify supply needs for their individual classrooms. Our supply shoppers are given a list of supplies early in the week and have until Friday of each week to drop off supplies at First Parish. Shoppers are reimbursed for their purchases.

_____ **Ingathering Worship Support** – Share your interest in music, worship, social justice, and more with our children during their monthly worship service. Past volunteers have played their musical instruments, led meaningful arts & crafts activities, and shared their personal experiences as an immigrant.

_____ **Special Events** – Join us at a retreat, field trip, sleep over, or holiday event! You may participate in the planning process or simply attend the event and provide support.

_____ **RE Substitute Teacher**- When one of our regular RE teachers is unavailable, we need volunteers who are willing to be called for occasional substitute teaching opportunities. We provide curriculum, supplies, and support to these teachers!

RE Committee Responsibilities:

The RE committee consists of members and friends of First Parish who are dedicated to the children and youth of the Parish as an integral part of our community. Members attend the monthly meetings to advise the Director of Religious Education on program content, policy and direction. They serve in a variety of support functions including planning and coordinating special events, leading an occasional children's group activity or worship, Sunday morning RE greeting for parents (particularly visitors!), and providing setup and food for teacher and parent events throughout the year.

_____ I will serve as a member of the RE Committee. Please contact me!

2011-12 Coming of Age Mentors:

First Parish will offer Coming of Age in 2011-2012, a program in which youth in grades 7-9 are paired with an adult mentor to explore Unitarian Universalism, their own personal beliefs, and how they can live these beliefs in their day to day life. Mentors will meet with the Coming of Age group most Sunday mornings for one of two sessions, September-January or February-June. Coming of Age also includes several field trips to local UU sites, a weekend retreat, and a Sunday morning worship at the conclusion of the program.

_____ I am interested in serving in the Coming of Age program. Please contact me!