

RE Council
Sunday, May 16, 2021
Zoom 12:15

Attending: Mia, Benita, Delino, Carol, Eric, Callie, Nicia

Chalice Lighting

Administrative

- Approval of April Minutes (attached).

Discussion

Re-opening – something to start thinking about

- Who will come to in-person meetings, who needs to stay virtual, and who is even willing to volunteer?
 - Concern with coming back together after being apart for a year. So, things will restart but not be exactly the same as before.
 - If we go ahead with planning for children, it will be relaxed, fun, outside. Soul Matters materials for June is „Play.“
 - Who is planning to come? Is anyone willing to volunteer? Etc.
 - Church services will affect the planning. We may be starting off with a hybrid model.
 - Should poll the RE registered parents at some point.
 - With limited indoor capacity, maybe we should require registration for each Sunday?

Picnic in the Park?

People can bring their own food. Last RE BBQ in 2019 was scheduled on the second Saturday of September from 5:00 to 7:30. The second Sat. this year is the 11th.

Review our Vision Statement

From Mia: The UUA has been putting out articles meant to prepare us for trying to figure out the who, what, when, where, why and how of figuring out how to be in community again, and I was remembering that it's been 6 years since we created it. Our current circumstances may warrant a revision. In preparing to consider revising our Vision Statement, here's an article I thought would be good information for those of you on the RE Council to consider.

<https://www.uua.org/leadership/library/covid-family-ministry>

First Unitarian RE Vision Statement:

Through participating in the Religious Education program at First Unitarian, children and youth will:

- Develop social skills and connections that will make them a part of this church community.
- Participate in practical experiences that relate to UU Principles, and that will expand into their daily lives.
- Incorporate UU beliefs into their own beliefs that they can articulate.
- Learn about, appreciate, and respect people of other faiths and beliefs.
- Develop a spiritual foundation that will provide perspective throughout their life journey.