**UUCF Religious Education Report**

**April 14th, 2020 Board Meeting**

**Religious Education Recap for March:**

* R.E. has been hosting weekly check-ins on Zoom every Thursday at 1:00pm
  + Attendance to the Zoom check-ins averages around 5-8 families
  + The 2 RE teachers, Kami & Sarah, join the family check-ins every week, and meet with me via Zoom to plan each week’s lesson and activities.
  + We have been utilizing the check-ins to host mini-classes for the children & their families. These include interactive elements. We have had good participation from all involved with the activities & it seems to be engaging.
* R.E. has also been sending out daily emails (M-F) with activity ideas related to the theme of the week. An email also goes out on Sunday with information about the upcoming week’s activities. Typically, the activities follow along with the following pattern:
  + Monday- Meditation & Mindfulness (sometimes yoga)
  + Tuesday- craft, cooking, or outdoor activity
  + Wednesday- church check-in & family movie night (with movie suggestions related to the topic of the week)
  + Thursday- Zoom family check-in w/ lesson from R.E. teachers related to the topic of the week. This typically includes suggestions for ways to expand upon the lesson at home.
  + Friday- craft, cooking, or outdoor activity

**April Theme: Liberation-** a month-long exploration of Spring cultural celebrations & Holidays (Nowruz, Easter, Passover, Earth Day, Ramadan)

**May Theme: Thresholds**

**Updates:**

* **HS Youth Coordinator Update:** Katy Bodnar and I will be setting a time to meet via Zoom with the parents of the teens sometime later this week to make a plan for her to begin doing Zoom get togethers with the youth group. She is eager to get started and will be working on that in the upcoming days to begin next week.

* **RE Committee:** There was an R.E. committee meeting that was supposed to have taken place on March 22nd that did not happen. Now that we (I) have gotten into a routine with the online communications with R.E. families, I will be reaching out to the committee to schedule a meeting via Zoom to discuss next steps, family outreach, and to look ahead.
* **Additional Outreach/ connection:** I am working with the R.E. teachers to find more ways that we can connect or reach out to the families. I am hopeful that we will have another time/opportunity for the children & families to connect moving forward.

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