**UUCF Religious Education Report**

 **January 12th 2020 Board Meeting**

**Religious Education Recap:**

* R.E. has been hosting weekly check-ins on Zoom every Sunday at 1:00pm and not much has changed from previous months as far as attendance
	+ The 3 RE teachers, Kami, Sarah and Katie, join the R.E. Zooms every week, and meet with me and each other via Zoom to coordinate lessons and plan each week’s activities.
	+ We have been using the Soul Matters resources with the monthly themes that correspond with the themes of the congregation
	+ Teen Group Zooms at 2:00pm have discontinued and ALL ages are meeting at 1pm on the same Zoom link (the ages are then put into break out rooms). We are still working on the Jr. High and High School attendance

**Moving Forward/Notes:**

* **Children’s Involvement in the Service:** We will be finding ways to involve the children & youth in the services, whether that be musically, during the TFAA segment, or in another capacity. I am working with Juana Ventura to include children in this Sunday’s TFAA as well as including our children in the TFAA for the joint worship service with other UU congregations that will take place on Feb. 7th.
* **RE Committee Meeting:** RE Committee meetings will be taking place EVERY month on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 3:30 pm on Zoom. **The next RE Meeting will be January 17th.**
	+ The major areas we are focused on are: Teen group, Jr. High Group, establishing a better connection with families.
	+ Some plans we have discussed
		- Rachel reaches out to families (2-3 per week) to check in. Also reaching out initially to see how they have been etc (in progress)
		- Organizing once a month parent get togethers on Zoom
		- Parents organizing a once a month family Zoom activity (i.e making Valentine’s for Senior homes)
		- R.E. child spotlight of the week to foster connection for the kids (they get to share about themselves and all the children write them a letter or picture to send to them)

Report respectfully submitted by

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