**UUCF Religious Education Report**

**September 9th  2020 Board Meeting**

**Religious Education Recap:**

* R.E. has been hosting weekly check-ins on Zoom every Sunday at 1:00pm
  + We had 2 weeks off from RE classes to give me, the teachers, and the children a break before the school year begins
  + In general, attendance to the Zoom RE classes averages around 4-8 children
  + The 2 RE teachers, Kami & Sarah, join the R.E. Zooms every week, and meet with me via Zoom to plan each week’s lesson and activities.
  + We were hosting virtual “field trips” each week over the summer
* Teen Group Zooms every Sunday at 2:00pm
  + Teen Coordinator, Katie Bodnar, has been hosting Zom get togethers for the teens
  + Each get together typically consists of a check-in, chalice lighting, discussion topic and interactive game or activity
  + We do not have large attendance numbers, but those that do attend are engaged

**Moving Forward/Notes:**

* **School Year:** We will be using the Soul Matters thematic curriculum resources for our online RE this year. This is the same thematic resource that will be used for the larger church community and services. The theme for the month of September is: Renewal. We will also be utilizing the “On the Road Together” youth group monthly resources for the youth group activities. The teachers and I will be reaching out to invite the kids (especially those who have not been joining us since we have gone online) to join us on Zoom for RE for the new year.
  + The teachers will be taking time each week to plan their classes and make sure that the activities are accessible and engaging for the children.
  + The plan for facilitating this on Zoom is to have the different age group classes separate into “Break out rooms” to have more targeted and age appropriate activities.
  + Since we have had such small numbers, it has been difficult to have separate agre group classes. The teachers will let the parents & their kids know that if we have at least 3-4 kids for each age group, we can make sure to have those separate classes (it is difficult to facilitate activities for 1-2 kids).
* **RE Committee:** I still need to call for and have an RE Committee meeting since I took the last few weeks off. This will need to happen in the next couple of weeks.

Report respectfully submitted by

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