

DLRE Report for Mid-year Congregational Meeting
2018

The programming currently being offered in Religious Education is the most robust it's ever been, with so many different avenues for members and prospective members (including Children and Youth) to learn about Unitarian Universalism and connect with the congregation at large. Highlights for the year thus far in Lifespan RE:

- After over a year of planning, our very first Spirit Play program is up and running, successfully integrating Montessori techniques into our religious education program. A special thank you to our planning committee: Aija Jansone, Andrea Petty, Tricia Bowes, and Sarah Skiles as well as our additional Spirit Play teachers Lela Woods and Brenda McKeon.
- Completion of our second ever Coming of Age program and second fully funded Boston Heritage trip. Thank you to all who donated to make it possible.
- Middle School OWL has returned, with most of our participants being Non-Westsiders, making it a very important and effective medium of ministering to the larger community.
- The CRE and ARE committees both held fall retreats, in which they discussed how the work of both programs connect to one another and to the broader mission/vision of the church as well as brainstormed about future programming possibilities.
- As a product of the ARE retreat, the committee decided to be more intentional about its own leadership development, and is currently offering *Harvest the Power*, a curriculum geared toward growing UU leaders.

- We hosted our first multi-generational Christmas pageant in many years. Special thanks to Sue Spell for helping coordinate that effort.
- Youth programming continues to be vibrant, with the group meeting Sundays and Friday, attending rallies, lock-ins, and beginning to spearhead a church-wide campaign on trans justice.
- The Young Adults group continues to meet once a month, with a new group of interested young adults, while are long standing young adults have become more engaged in the leadership of the church, our own Vice President, Tanner Trask, being a prime example.
- The CRE Committee is focusing one a) family ministry, having just hosted a CRE social night, as well as learning more about expanded faith formation, and we'll all be attending a training pertaining to that topic in February.
- A special thanks to our pool of amazing volunteers who make our programming possible.