

Position Description: Children's Faith Development Program Volunteer Teacher

Purpose: To nurture our children and middle school youth in their own spiritual journeys in a class setting. You will accompany them by sharing of yourself and your own faith journey and share the good news of our Unitarian Universalist faith and how it enriches our own lives and transforms the world.

Responsibilities:

- To nurture, welcome and show concern for each child/youth in your class.
- To follow the curriculum provided, choosing activities and experiences within the materials or of your own creativity to illustrate the theme of the day
- To attend two teacher trainings: one fall (Sept. 15 – 9:30-12:30) and one spring (Jan. 5 – 9:30-11:30) teacher training
- To sign our ethics form that states you understand the sacred trust you enter into as a teacher
- To prepare each lesson (45 minutes to 1 hour) you will lead or co-lead
- To teach once a month (9 times during the year) and in addition attend the 1st session in September, the Children's LFD Open House (Sept. 30) and the final session in May (May 26)
- To arrive early on Sunday morning to prepare the classroom (arrive about 11 am)
- To regularly attend to your own spiritual life, particularly by attending worship on Sundays you are not teaching

What We Offer

- Margaret Sequeira, Director, Lifespan Faith Development, who will be available for support, consultation, problem solving
- Curriculum materials that making teaching fun and lead to your own spiritual and intellectual growth
- Teacher Training
- A well stocked supply closet and classroom to support the activities
- A clean, warm and welcoming space for teaching
- A detailed schedule of both worship and teaching and the lessons for each Sunday
- Opportunities for friendship and problem solving with other teachers at teacher trainings and quarterly spiritual reflection sessions
- The gratitude and support of the WUU faith community

Time Commitment

- To teach once per month from September through May; each class session lasts approximately 30 -40 minutes as well as attending the 1st session on Sept. 23, the Open House on Sept. 30 and the final session on May 26
- Preparation time of 45 minutes to an hour
- Two teacher trainings
- Teacher reflection sessions quarterly which will take place at 10 am – dates to be announced

Benefits

- The joy of learning from and being with the children
- Meeting new people
- Deepening of your own knowledge of Unitarian Universalism and your own search for truth and meaning
- The chance to make a difference and live out the words of our WUU covenant to “teach ourselves and our children the value of religious thought and feeling.”

To apply for this amazing volunteer ministry, please contact Margaret Sequeira, Director, Lifespan Faith Development, dlfd@wuu.org or by phone at 220-6830!