

Religious Education Mission Statement

We the members and friends of SCUU welcome children and encourage their participation in our congregation. We covenant to support them in their spiritual journeys by offering information, joyful experiences, life examples, and thoughtful discussion of the seven UU principles. We encourage questioning of all common assumptions, learning about the earth and its many environments, and appreciation of the great diversity of peoples who live in our world. We are committed to providing a caring, compassionate and supportive congregational environment in which to nurture children along lifelong paths of spiritual growth. We recognize that a most critical resource in this regard is a dedicated and well-organized volunteer corps of teachers, mentors and advisors who are carefully invited into this important work, and who are inspired to welcome children into our Unitarian Universalist faith.

Religious Education Goals

- ⊕ About Unitarian Universalism
 - Affirmations and rituals
 - History and traditions
 - Diversity of religious beliefs
 - Sense of belonging at SCUU
- ⊕ About Many Religions
 - Earth-based religions
 - Christianity
 - Judaism
 - Islam
 - Buddhism
- ⊕ Acceptance of Self and Others
 - Self-affirmations
 - Diversity among people, families and relationships
 - Respect for and responsibilities to self and others
- ⊕ Interconnected Web of Life
 - Respect for the environment
 - Sense of connection to the web of life
 - Responsibilities as guardians of the earth
- ⊕ Faith Development
 - Developing an appreciation of an experience larger than self
 - Addressing fundamental questions of life and death
 - Expressions of the religious and the spiritual in everyday life
 - Honoring spiritual traditions connecting us to the past