



**First Unitarian Church of Salt Lake City  
Religious Education for Children and Youth  
Program Prospectus 2011-2012**



During the 2011-12 church year, our program theme will be Unitarian Universalist identity and heritage. We will use the following curriculum materials this year:

**PreK/Kindergarten (Ages 4-5)**

**Curriculum:** Chalice Children

Using a chalice theme, children will learn about our religious community, engage in sharing with others, and explore a sense of belonging within their class and our congregation.

**1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades**

**Curriculum:** Wonderful Welcome

In this program, children identify intangible gifts central to Unitarian Universalism such as friendship, hospitality and fairness, and share these gifts with others.

**3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grades**

**Curriculum:** Faithful Journeys

This class seeks to equip children with language and experiences to develop and articulate a strong Unitarian Universalist faith identity. The curriculum is based on historic and contemporary stories of Unitarian Universalist faith in action.

**5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grades**

**Curriculum:** Amazing Grace: Exploring Right and Wrong

This program offers fifth and sixth graders a Unitarian Universalist perspective on ways to determine right from wrong and act on their new understandings.

**\*Tentative**

**5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grades (January through March, 9 am, parent orientation, special enrollment and fee required)**

**Curriculum:** Our Whole Lives

Our Whole Lives (OWL) is a nationally renowned program on human sexuality developed in collaboration by the Unitarian Universalist Association and the United Church of Christ. The program presents a comprehensive approach to human sexuality in an age-appropriate manner and is based firmly on the values of respect, responsibility, justice and inclusivity. At the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade level, the curriculum focuses on learning about and discussing the physical and emotional changes of puberty. The program includes a comprehensive parent orientation, and parent permission is required for young people to participate in this class.

### **7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades (11 am only)**

#### **Curriculum: Coming of Age**

Coming of Age is designed as a rite of passage that marks the transition from childhood to adolescence. Participants explore their own religious and spiritual beliefs, and the history, programs, and organization of both this congregation and the Unitarian Universalist denomination. A major outcome of the program is the development of a personal credo or statement of theology by each participant. These credos are shared, and the young people honored, during the Coming of Age recognition service held in the spring. COA participants also have the opportunity to visit sites of historical importance for Unitarian Universalists as part of our Boston Heritage trip planned for UEA weekend in October of 2012. Parents/guardians are expected to work cooperatively with the youth on fundraising for this trip throughout the church year.

### **9-12<sup>th</sup> Grade (11 am only)**

#### **Curriculum: A Place of Wholeness**

Youth, like adults and children, need to be able to talk about what it means to be Unitarian Universalist. Whether delivering an "elevator speech," taking part in an interfaith dialogue, or conversing with friends at the lunch table, youth need practice in describing our multifaceted faith in terms that are personally meaningful and true. Building upon the faith development of Coming of Age and other UU identity programs, this curriculum encourages youth to look inward for a clearer understanding of their personal faith and guides them to express that faith outward into the world.

### **9-12<sup>th</sup> Grade (Sunday Evening Youth Group)**

YRUU, or Young Religious Unitarian Universalists, meets on Sunday evenings for lively conversations about the world, their UU faith, and their lives. From deep discussions to social activities to service projects, there is something different every week! Youth who participate in YRUU have the opportunity to attend district "Cons" (UU youth conferences) several times a year and to plan an annual Mission Trip, which takes place in June.

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### **10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades (times and dates to be determined, special enrollment and fee required)**

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