

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHARTER
(Effective Date: September 20, 1994)

I. NAME OF THE COMMITTEE: Adult Religious Education Committee

II. GUIDING RATIONALE: As a religious congregation, we seek through our programming to promote understanding of our unifying purposes and principles; to encourage spiritual growth within our congregation; and to affirm and promote a free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

III. PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE: To plan, publicize, administer, and evaluate adult programming at the church; to strengthen the sense of community at UUCSS through the enrichment of the emotional, intellectual, physical, and spiritual life of each individual. Objectives:

- * to increase understanding of Unitarian and Universalist values and traditions;
- * to increase knowledge of the communities and world in which we live;
- * to provide education and support for the expression of Unitarian Universalist values in our daily lives;
- * to provide a forum for the sharing of insights into and experiences of problems and issues that concern us;
- * to strive to enrich and expand our intellectual horizons; and
- * to cultivate our individual and collective senses of self-worth and self-esteem.

The Committee coordinates its work with the Program Council and the professional staff.

IV. MEMBERSHIP, APPOINTMENTS, AND TERMS OF SERVICE:

- A. The Committee will consist of not fewer than 6 members,
- B. who will be recruited by the Committee
- C. to serve staggered two-year terms.
- D. The Director of Religious Education is an ex officio member of the Committee.

V. FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS: The Committee will meet at least monthly during the church year.

VI. SPECIFIC TASKS AND REPORTING SCHEDULE;

A. Publicize all planned programs throughout the year using the Uniter, Sunday morning announcements (written and verbal), bulletin boards, the Public Relations Committee, and whatever other means seem appropriate.

B. Develop and use a standard evaluation tool for all programming.

C. Periodically survey the needs of the congregation for adult programming and consider these needs carefully, making sure to address the variety in our congregation.

D. A Co-chair or its designee will attend monthly Program Council meetings.

E. In early September, publish and distribute to the church membership a program brochure for the first half of the church year.

F. In September, elect Co-chairs and ensure full membership.

G. In November, submit a report of Committee activities as part of the Annual Report to the Congregation.

H. In January/February, publish a flyer or brochure outlining programming for the second half of the church year.

I. Along with the Chair of the Religious Education Committee for Children and Youth, the Co-chairs of this Committee will serve as supervisors of the Director of Religious Education; as such they will participate each spring in the annual position review of the DRE at the request of the Personnel Committee.

J. In spring, at the request of the Finance Committee, submit a budget for the following church year.

K. In spring, participate in scheduling next year's programming on the church calendar at the Program Council meeting.