

## **Adult Religious Education Council**

### **Description of Responsibility**

The Adult Religious Education Council (AREC) shall be made up of individuals in the congregation with efforts being made to have the committee members reflect the demographics of the congregation. The Council strives for a balance between long term and new members; older and younger members; and male and female members. It will include a representative from the LBGQT community; a member from the Social Justice Council; the Councilor for Religious Education and Growth; and the Director of Congregational Life.

### **AREC Responsibilities**

The AREC will work as a team to coordinate adult education course offerings. These offerings will include classes from the following areas of study: theology and spirituality; Unitarian Universalist identity, history and polity; religious traditions; faith in action (social justice); and family enrichment.

The Council will seek input from the congregation identifying their interests and passions in Religious Education.

The Council will provide course offerings that remain consistent with the church ends statements, sanctioned social justice initiatives and other educational initiatives.

The Council will act as gatekeeper for ARE topics/classes that are suggested. Consideration will be given to whether a class being suggested has a book, guide or curriculum to be used by the facilitator and is consistent with UU principals.

The Council will assist in identifying curricula, books and facilitation guides for classes within the areas of study.

The Council will sponsor a facilitator training program every year to insure consistency and openness in approach.

The Council will develop a budget request for the AREC to the Director of Finance by January 1, or by the deadline established by the Director of Finance.

### **Council Member Responsibilities**

The Members will attend meetings regularly.

The Members will participate in discussions in a collaborative manner.

The Members will assist in establishing, contributing to, and maintaining a productive work environment for the Council.

The Members will educate themselves about available adult education resources such as UUA Tapestry of Faith Curricula, books, and DVD's.

Members will remain connected to the congregation to identify current interests and passions.

Members are expected to understand the responsibilities of the AREC and to contribute to their accomplishment.

### **Leadership Responsibilities**

**Facilitator:** job description attached.

**Scribe:** take and distribute minutes of meetings.

**Class Coordinator:** develop class schedule; share with the committee on a regular basis.

**Communications:** act as a liaison with Church Communications Coordinator (staff) ensuring AREC information is up to date on the Website and in the weekly e-mail.