

Goals of the RE Program

1. To create a welcoming and inclusive community for children and youth where they can grow personally and spiritually
2. To share ritual experiences with children and youth which honour their spiritual and emotional, as well as everyday lives
3. To provide children and youth with experiences of the mystery and wonder of life in the interdependent web of existence
4. To provide families with stories, ideas, and experiences which they can share and bring back to their home lives, through coordinated Theme-Based Ministry

Goals for the 2017-18 "I Am Somebody / Je suis quelqu'un" RE Theme

1. To provide different categories of activity which honour different interests, ways of being, and spiritual experiences among children and people of all ages, including activities relating to:
 - a. Unitarian Universalism and our monthly theme (week 1)
 - b. Art and creativity (week 2)
 - c. Science and nature (week 3)
 - d. Religious, cultural, and family celebrations (week 4)
 - e. Play (week 5)
2. To empower children and youth in our congregation with a greater self-esteem and self-confidence, validating their inherent worth and dignity and their ability to grow as leaders who advocate and work for change in our church and in the world at large
3. To harness the power of celebration to foster inquiry, exploration, and learning about cultures, traditions, religions, and each other
4. To create a
A learning environment[] that enable[s] people to cultivate more powerful ways of knowing, a greater sense of self, and a connectedness to others

- *A Tradition That Has No Name*, Belenky, Bond, Weinstock 1997