

## Religious Education Council Chair

- **Authority:** The Religious Education Council Chair and its functions are addressed in several sections of FUUSA's Bylaws as follows:
  - **Article V, section 1 c**
  - **Article VI, section three**
  - **Article VIII, sections 2 and 3**
  - **Article IX, section 4,b**
- The term for Religious Education Council Chair is one year with a maximum of three consecutive terms.
- The Congregation votes to elect committee members at its Annual Meeting in May. The election is not contested

### Major Duties:

- Lead the monthly REC Meetings and facilitate discussions
  - work with the DRE to prepare a tentative agenda the week before the meeting
- With input from the Council members and DRE, create subcommittees as needed and assess their progress
- Represent the Religious Education council at monthly Board of Trustees meetings
- Leading long range planning to set the direction of the RE program
- Plan, prepare for and staff events, such as: RE Open House, Pasta Night, Holiday Crafts Workshop, Spuds and Suds Night, Sundae Sunday (responsible for, but may delegate work )
- Plan meetings and retreats with the DRE
- Create annual budget with the DRE
- Attend trainings which are occasionally offered by Districts and clusters that are geared to REC members or Chairs (or both). These are completely optional, and usually half the fee is paid by FUUSA.

### Key Relationships

Represent the RE Council to the leadership and the congregation at large

- Serve as a resource to the board and advocate for the RE program
- Present on activities of the REC and initiatives of the RE program
- Speak to the congregation on occasions like RE Volunteer Recognition Sunday
- Talk up the program with congregants and Sunday morning visitors
- Consult with leadership and other constituencies on REC initiatives; receiving input and bringing it to the Council

### Time Commitments

- Monthly REC meetings are held monthly from September to June.
- Attend monthly board of trustee meetings, usually, the third Thurs. of each month.
- Work on occasion in the RE office on Sunday mornings as RE assistant from 9:45 to 11:30am
- Attend the REC retreat – a Friday evening and Sat morning usually held in March