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*Number 6.1 Religious Exploration Program Mission for Children and Youth*

PURPOSE

To clarify and establish the mission and vision to guide the Religious Exploration (RE) Program of the UUFC.

BACKGROUND

UUFC considers religious education of children and youth central to our mission. UUFC supports education as a part of its on-going programs. Our approach to liberal religious education is to guide, support and assist individuals while they explore life questions. Our RE program provides a sense of fellowship through participating in fun and meaningful activities, sharing ideas and experiencing personal success.

SPECIFIC GOALS

1. Provide a welcoming and meaningful experience for children and youth.
2. Create a physically and emotionally supportive environment.
3. Encourage feelings of self worth.
4. Create a sense of wonder.
5. Encourage respect for people's differences.
6. Build a sense of community.
7. Help children and youth clarify moral, ethical and interpersonal values.
8. Nurture feelings of love and respect for the human family and our earth.
9. The curriculum is focused on building a strong UU identity. Themes covered, but not limited to, include:
  - a. UU History and Heritage
  - b. World Religions
  - c. Peace and Social Justice
  - d. The Interdependent Web of Life.
10. Provide opportunities for children and youth to participate in service activities.
11. Curricula used will reflect our latest understanding of anti oppression, anti racism and multiculturalism.

Approved by the Board of Trustees *on 11 May 2009.*

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