



The First Unitarian Church of Honolulu
Religious Explorations Programs
for Children, Youth and Adults
Fall 2009



Barack Obama, in his 1995 book, Dreams from My Father, writes of his grand parents :
“In [my grandfather’s] only skirmish into organized religion, he would enroll the family in the local Unitarian Universalist congregation; he liked the idea that Unitarians drew on the scriptures of all the great religions (‘It’s like you get five religions in one,’ he would say). Toot would eventually dissuade him of his views on the church (For Christ’s sake, Stanley, religion’s not supposed to be like buying breakfast cereal!’)” . . . p. 17.

In the late 1960s, Barack Obama attended Sunday School here
at the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu

The goals of our Religious Explorations Program are:

- * Ethical development
- * Spiritual development
- * Unitarian Universalist identity
- * Faith development

How do we and our Unitarian Universalist families do religious education?

Do our children know what we believe?
Do we know what our children believe?

Whose stories do we know, what stories do we tell,
and who is listening?

How do we go about making meaning in the world?
What do our children hear, and who is telling them stories about religions,
our own, and those of others?
What do we want our children to know?
What do we want to know about religion?

How do we embody and practice our faith and our spiritual discipline?

Come share with us!
Everyone TEACHES, everyone LEARNS, everyone GROWS

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE:

The service begins at 10:15. Families sit together during the first part of the service, and then children and youth proceed to their own programs. Please come together and stay together for this part of the morning program. Parents are welcome to join their children upstairs for the religious explorations programs.

Children's Opening Circle: Children in Pre Kindergarten through Sixth Grade gather in Room #1 for the Opening Circle each Sunday morning when we come upstairs. Adults are welcome to join their children upstairs.

Children's Closing Circle: At 11:45, we gather in Room #1 again, to celebrate our morning, and share what we have been learning/doing. Parents and other adults are strongly encouraged to join us for the Closing Circle.

INFANTS, AND TODDLERS

Room #5 10:10 to noon.

Our youngest participants, from birth up to three years old, have a safe, pleasant environment while parents participate in the Sunday morning program. Parents are welcome to join their children for this program. Care is provided by Phyllis Keohohou and others who have worked with us for several years now, and by volunteers.

PRESCHOOL and KINDERGARTEN:

Room #3

Our 'older' younger children, four and five-year-olds will be with Sylvia Himeda and volunteers, making friends, and learning about Unitarian Universalism in age-appropriate ways.

FIRST through SIXTH GRADE: UU Beliefs and Values, History and Traditions. We'll be learning more about our Unitarian Universalist purposes and principles, and about the history and traditions of our very own Unitarian Universalist Church. .

YOUTH GROUP [7th - 12th Grade]

Room #6. Sunday Morning Programs. Once a month, youth group members will participate in the whole Sunday morning service. Two Sundays, or three, youth group meetings with adult advisors. Programs to be planned. And on the FOURTH Sunday of each month, the Youth Group prepares and serves and cleans up after a Spectacular Spaghetti Lunch, which is both a fun-d-raiser for the youth group and a service to the congregation.

7th - 8th - 9th Graders and Parents: Junior High Our Whole Lives, Sunday evenings. This is a comprehensive, medically accurate, values based human sexuality education program. We run parallel classes for youth and parents [separately] with leaders trained to use this curriculum. The program will begin on Sunday, September 13, with the OBLIGATORY parent orientation, and continue weekly, mostly on Sunday evenings, through mid-November. Cost: \$50 per participant, \$100 per family.

10th - 11th - 12th Graders, and parents/adults: Money and Value\$ program, beginning October 4. How does money work, for us? Where does it come from, where does it go, and what does it mean? How does all this reflect our UU values and beliefs?

PARENTS-AS-RELIGIOUS-EDUCATORS

For parents, RE teachers and other interested adults.

Saturday, August 29: UU Beliefs and Values, what are OURS, and how do we communicate them? Workshop with Nan Kleiber and the Rev. Louise Ulrich.

Saturday, October 3: UU History and Traditions

Saturday, November 7: UU History and Social Justice

Saturday, December 5: U Us and winter holidays.

Religious Education Committee:

Amy Asselbaye	Elaine Rossi
Genna Coursey	Laurel Zeri [chair]
Harley Eblen	Nan Kleiber, Director of RE
Veronica Morgan	[uunan@hawaii.rr.com]
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Registration for Children and Youth
Fall, 2009

Name of Child _____ Birth date [month, day, year] _____ Grade [Fall, 2009] _____

Parent(s) with whom the child(ren) live:

Name(s) _____ Home Phone _____

Address: _____ Cell Phone _____

_____ ZIP _____ - _____ E-mail _____

****Are there personal concerns that you would like us to know about? Please attach explanation.**

**** Does your child have dietary restrictions or food allergies? Please attach details.**

Church members? Yes No Have you made a financial commitment to the church? Yes No

If you do NOT contribute financially, please include at least \$75 to register your child[ren].

Checks to The First Unitarian Church of Honolulu. Thank you!

We expect that you will come, and bring your children EVERY week. This is the best way for you, and for them to make a strong connection with others in our religious community, so that all may benefit from our shared experience, knowledge and wisdom, and build a strong liberal religious presence here in Honolulu and in the world. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Nan Kleiber at uunan@hawaii.rr.com.

The Religious Education Program is a cooperative program staffed by volunteers. We expect ALL parents to participate. Please choose one or more of the following ways to help.

Teach on a team Be a classroom helper Assist with holiday programs

Help with arts and crafts Help with music Help with field trips

May we use your child's photo and first name [only] for displays and on the church website? Yes No

If you don't indicate a preference, we will assume it's okay to use them.

Parent signature: _____ Date _____

Please return this form to Nan Kleiber, at the Church!

Mahalo!