

First Parish Lexington - Religious Growth and Learning Program

Volunteer Form - 2009/2010

The Religious Growth and Learning (RG & L) Program at First Parish is a **cooperative venture**. The success of the program depends on volunteers from the *entire congregation* to contribute time, energy, and love.

In addition to being invited to serve as a Guide in a Primary or Elementary Cluster class once or twice over the course of the year, we still need volunteers to teach a term of Sunday morning programming to a class of 5/6th graders, or 7/8th graders, or work in other key areas of the program.

Several commitments are considered **major** contributions to the program. These are: teaching a term of Sunday school, youth advising, leading a section of Our Whole Lives (OWL), producing or directing the winter pageant, planning and leading a Social Action Sunday, being a member of the RG & L Committee, or a member of a specially formed Advisory Group. If working in any of these areas, you needn't volunteer for another position. *However, if you are not, we ask you to volunteer generously for at least three smaller commitments a year.* It takes many hands to make light work. A "job descriptions" form should accompany this form. If not, they are available through the church office, or from the DRE.

Your name: _____ Home phone: _____

Email: _____

Major commitments - please choose one

_____ I would like to **co-teach for a term** (10 Sundays) in the 2009/10 church year.
Term I would like to teach: _____ **Fall** (9/20 - 11/15/09) _____ **Winter** (1/10 - 3/14/10)
_____ **Spring** (3/21 - 6/13/10)

_____ I would like to **teach the 5/6th grade class** ("The Questing Year," a UU Identity curriculum)

_____ I would like to **teach the 7/8th grade class** ("Neighboring Faiths," a comparative religions curriculum)

_____ I would like to **play a major role with the winter pageant**. My interests:
_____ Directing _____ Producing _____ Directing music

_____ I would like to help plan and lead a Social Action Sunday for 2- 8th graders.
(Scheduled for: 11/29/09, 2/14/10, and 4/18/10)

_____ I would like to be a member of the RG & L Committee, or the following Advisory Groups: Social Action for Children and Youth

Smaller commitments - please choose at least three categories

_____ I'm flexible and will work where most needed. I have _____ hours/month to give

_____ I would like to help with the winter pageant. My interests:

_____ Costumes _____ Pageant craft projects _____ No preference

_____ I would like to be a substitute teacher on Sunday mornings as needed in the 5-8th grades (not more than 3- 4x/year).

_____ I would like to volunteer in the nursery (not more than 3-4x/year).

_____ I would like to help coordinate and assist with the annual Easter egg hunt.

_____ I would like to design and maintain the bulletin boards.

_____ I would like to be the RG & L photographer.

_____ I would like to be the RG & L reporter.

_____ I would like to organize and manage the monthly birthday parties.

Thank you SO MUCH for volunteering in the Religious Growth and Learning Program. If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to make contact with Lynne Weygint, Director of Religious Education, either by email: dre.fplex@verizon.net, or by phone at: 781-862-8200.

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Description of RG & L Ministries - 2009/2010

The following descriptions of ministries are partial descriptions. If you have questions, or need more detail before making a commitment, please call Lynne Weygint, DRE. Thanks!

Co-teacher for either 5/6th or 7/8th grade class in Sunday morning program (12 volunteers needed for 09/10 church year)

With your co-teacher, plan weekly class sessions using curriculum provided, set-up/clean-up and co-conduct class on Sunday morning (10:00 am - 12:00 pm), communicate/meet with DRE as necessary. **Time commitment: 2-4 hours/week for the 9-10 week teaching term.**

Winter Pageant Volunteers (6 - 10 volunteers needed)

Every year, usually on the second Sunday in December, an intergenerational pageant is our worship service. The 2009 pageant will be presented on 12/13; rehearsals occur after church on 11/29 and 12/6, with a mandatory dress rehearsal on 12/12. **Time commitment: 2 - 5 hours/week from 11/29 - 12/13/09.**

Plan and lead a Social Action Sunday (4-6 volunteers needed)

Assist DRE and others, including the Social Action Committee, in planning and leading meaningful Social Action projects for 2- 8th graders on three Sunday mornings over the course of the year: 11/29/09, 2/14/10, and 4/18/10. **Time commitment: 2 - 3 initial meetings early in the year, and follow-up, detail meetings close to the actual "event" Sundays.**

Religious Growth & Learning (RG & L) Committee Member: (1 - 2 new members needed)

Work with other adults on this dynamic (and fun!!) committee that helps the DRE plan and implement the RG & L program for over 100 children and youth. **Time commitment: 2 hour evening meeting (one in September, October, February, and June), plus 1-2 hours/month of research, development, and planning (which happens primarily by email).**

Substitute Teacher (5 - 10 volunteers needed)

Fill-in for a 5/6th or 7/8th grade teacher on a Sunday morning when a regularly scheduled teacher is unable to teach. No planning required. The sub supports the lead teacher; you will not have to sub more than 3-4 times per church year. **Time commitment: 2 - 4 hours/year.**

Nursery Volunteer (5+ volunteers needed)

With our professional Nursery Supervisor, care for our infants and toddlers in the nursery on Sunday mornings during the worship service. **Time commitment: 2 hours/month.**

Easter Egg Hunt Assistant (1-2 volunteers needed)

On Easter Sunday it is our custom to hold an Easter egg hunt during coffee hour for preschoolers - 4th graders. Help the DRE coordinate and assist with the hunt. **Time commitment: 1-2 hours in the week before the hunt; 1 - 2 hours on Easter morning.**

Bulletin Board Designer (1 volunteer needed)

Design aesthetically pleasing, information packed bulletin boards. Keep them tidy and timely. **Time commitment: 3-6 hours/year.**

RG & L Photographer (1 volunteer needed)

Take beautiful pictures of our beautiful church community throughout the year. Print out and give to DRE or Bulletin Board Designer for safe keeping and display. **Time commitment: 6-8 hours/year.**

RG & L Reporter (1 volunteer needed)

Coordinate with the DRE (and possibly the RG & L photographer and the Communications Committee) to write, or find someone to write, occasional columns for the Focal Point, and the Lexington Minuteman on happenings in our religious education program. **Time commitment: 5 - 7 hours/year.**

First Sunday Birthday Party Czar (1 volunteer needed)

Continue this fun, new addition to the monthly First Sunday potlucks. Order/pick-up/or bake the cake, and decorate the birthday table(s). **Time commitment: 1-2 hours/month.**