

# Director of Religious Exploration AGM Report

The evolving child and youth programs

## Major Actions of 2018-19

- Action 1 – Youth Events
  - Monthly youth related event from movie nights to sleepovers and bowling.
  - Many youth went to WRFG (Western Regional Fall Gathering) in Winnipeg.
  - We are sending the youth to CanUUdle this year In Calgary.
- Action 2 – Classroom Programing
  - We have tried a few different styles and methods for the programing.
  - First being Monthly themed based this was a great way to keep the children/youth programs connected to what was happening with the congregation. The issue was that spending the whole month on a topic as to long for a lot of our young people and finding enough resources for some of the themes was proving difficult.
  - Second was a shift from the doing just the themes to mixing it with some highlights of the heritage and principles of UU's.
  - Third we have been experimenting with the UUA's "Tapestry of Faith" programing to see what of that works for us and what does not. With plans to us these as templates for next year with the inclusion of thing important to our kids.
- Action 3 – Congregational Engagement
  - Restarting Mystery Buddies
  - Family Fun Night
  - Continued Multi-Generational Services
- Action 4 – Professional Development
  - I participated in the WRFG Seminars
  - Maria Jenkins and I attended the Jr/Sr High OWL Facilitator training

## Outcomes Achieved

- Attendance has been fairly consistent
- Mystery Buddies was well received and people are excited to do it again next year.
- Youth Leadership of Services, very well received.

## Planned Actions for 2019-20

- Sunday programing through the summer
- Summer Day Camps
- Owl for both Jr and Sr High next fall in conjunction with Calgary.
- Host an exciting WRFG here at UCE
- More Family Focused Events

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