



LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education is at the heart of all we do as a faith community.

Since its founding, a strong commitment to religious education ministry to children, youth, and adults has been central to Cedar Lane's identity and mission. This commitment to excellence has been sustained by a dedicated staff of RE professionals and lay leaders, and has led to a vibrant ministry that has touched and transformed many over the years. It has also led to many cutting edge and innovative programs that have benefited both Cedar Lane and the larger UU movement.

At Cedar Lane, we believe that children matter, youth matter, young adults matter, adults matter, and because of this, religious education matters.

Religious education matters because

- we are essentially religious beings;
- we each need to develop our own inner wisdom, which is uniquely our own, and part of something much deeper;
- we have a history to learn, good news to share, and values to strengthen us as we grow;
- we cannot become wholly functioning, religiously literate, spiritually mature human beings all by ourselves.

We need community. We need church. And we need dedicated professionals of Religious Education and lay people working hand in hand together if we are to realize the promise of Unitarian Universalism and its promise of transformed lives and a transformed world.