

CVUU Councils and Committees

In addition to the CVUU [Board of Directors](#), the following councils and committees consist of members who volunteer their time to keep the CVUU running. Please consider becoming involved in one or more of these groups.

As a small congregation, we need everyone to chip in to make us successful. Plus, you will find it fun and meaningful to make connections with others through working with them. We also welcome ideas for new activities that are not mentioned here, if you have the energy and time to make them happen.

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BUILDING AND OPERATIONS COUNCIL

The mission of the Building and Operations Council is to attend to the physical realm of our Congregation. This includes day-to-day administration and communication, as well as maintenance and improvements of the building and grounds. Within this area of congregational life there are plenty of opportunities to help with maintenance, landscaping, and custodial duties (our group has no paid custodians.)

FINANCE COUNCIL

The mission of the Finance Council is to manage the congregation's financial resources, raise funds needed to finance the operating budget of the Congregation, to raise and maintain the funds needed to acquire, maintain and expand the property and investments of the Congregation, and to ensure the financial stability of the Congregation.

The Finance Council's functions include: fundraising, budgeting, pledge record keeping, bookkeeping, audit, endowments, and investments. The Finance Council also coordinates the annual Stewardship Campaign, the scrip program and special fund raising events, such as Treats and Talents. Persons interested in fund raising or in helping our group manage its resources responsibly may be interested in volunteering for one or more of these activities.

MINISTRY COUNCIL

The mission of the Ministry Council is to welcome new members and to create a setting where each person is able to pursue spiritual growth; and to strengthen shared ministry by setting goals, evaluating the status of the ministry, and facilitating an open dialogue among members. There are plenty of excellent volunteer opportunities within the broad range of activities that it covers.

Committee on Parish Ministerial Life

The committee on Parish ministerial Life will be comprised of persons engaging in professional ministry within the congregation, the lay parish ministers and interested representatives from the congregation. The purpose of this committee is to provide a regular forum for sharing goals, objectives, successes and missteps of each parish ministerial path. Congregational members are invited to share feedback on the direction of the overall ministry of the CVUU and reflect on their role in the shared ministry of the congregation.

Congregational Life Committee

The Congregational Life Committee is dedicated to promoting activities that contribute to the general health and spiritual growth of the congregation.

- Caring Team: The Caring Team communicates the congregation's concern to members who are ill, experiencing the death of a loved one, or are going through any traumatic situation where the Congregation's sympathy and help would be welcome.
- Hospitality Teams: Ensure that refreshments are available after the service and that the fellowship hall and kitchen are cleaned up after the fellowship time.
- Marketing Team: Promotes the CVUU to the community to help the congregation grow.
- Membership Team: Ensures that guests and visitors are welcomed and connect with someone when they attend a service at the CVUU. Responsible for keeping records of the numbers of visitors, attendance at services, and membership totals. It works in concert with other committees to match church members with appropriate volunteer opportunities and provide recognition to volunteers.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND PROGRAMS COUNCIL

The mission of the Religious Education and Programs (REAP) Council is to coordinate religious education programs that offer opportunities for Congregation members, their children, and friends to learn from one another and experience spiritual growth in a supportive environment.

Adult Forum Team

The responsibility of the Adult Forum Team is to ensure Congregation members have multiple opportunities to interact in small groups for the following purposes:

- To enhance their spiritual growth;
- To enhance their knowledge about Unitarian Universalism and other religious traditions;
- To enhance their knowledge of the religious journeys taken by other members;
- To enhance their knowledge of relevant social and political issues with which UUs may be concerned;
- To enhance fellowship and a sense of community among members.
- Intellectual stimulation or skill development on other topics of interest to members.

The Team offers Adult Forum sessions during the second hour on Sunday morning, The Team also plans Adult Forum activities at other times of the week, as Congregational needs and interests emerge. The Adult Forum Team welcomes new ideas and new volunteers for adult programming.

Children and Youth Programs

The Director of Religious Education is responsible for implementing a curriculum for children and youth, in collaboration with the Religious Education and Programs (REAP) Council. There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer as a teacher, helper, or to advise the DCRE on programming.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES COUNCIL

The mission of the Religious Services Council is to plan, coordinate, and/or present religious services for the Congregation, in collaboration with the parish minister, music director, and other supportive groups. This includes Sunday services, weddings, memorial services, and other religious services sponsored by the Congregation. They welcome volunteers who wish to act as Worship Associates, assist with Festival Sundays, or otherwise be involved in presenting quality programming on Sunday mornings.

Music Committee

The Music Committee is responsible for supporting the Director of Music, in coordination with the Religious Services Committee, to provide music for Sunday services and other religious events throughout the church year. The Music Committee encourages participation by the entire congregation in the musical offerings. They always need new volunteers for the Adult Choir, the Theoretical String Band, and to help with the Children's Choir. Individual music performers are also welcome.

Festival Sunday Team

Festival Sundays are church services in which the theme of the service is carried throughout in the spirit of a festival, rather than containing a lengthy spoken message. They lay the foundation for faith active in our Congregational year. There are 4-6 Festival Sundays in a year, usually not more often than once a month.

A Festival Sunday Team consists of the parish minister and people interested in creating unique celebrations on Sunday morning. Festival Sundays are designed to be multi-generational. They can always use more volunteers.

Audio-Visual Committee

This committee oversees the operation, care, and maintenance of the following equipment:

- The Sound Board, Amplifier, and all electronic units and extraneous equipment associated with the sound board.
- The Projector and Projector Screen. All attachments and electronic devices associated with the projector fall under the purview of the Audio/Visual Committee. This includes computer laptops and speakers.
- All microphones, microphone stands, speakers, compact Disc and Tape Players, and all wiring and chords associated with the aforementioned equipment.

We are always seeking people to staff the sound system and the computer during our services.

SOCIAL ACTION COUNCIL

The mission of the Social Action Council is to inform and educate members and the public in areas of social and environmental concern; to find ways and means to address social injustice; and to sponsor and support groups organized to deal with social problems.

They coordinate the Sunday plate collections for community groups, the Guest at Your Table Program, Green Living activities, the Pride Fest booth, and other congregational activities related to Social Justice. They will also be coordinating the congregational social action project that we will be embarking on this year. There are plenty of opportunities for new volunteer energy as we seek to act on our UU values in the larger community.