Mid-sized UU church seeks DRE consultant

Westminster Unitarian Church, in East Greenwich, RI, seeks an experienced UU DRE to serve our church in a consultant capacity for a one-year period beginning summer 2017, with potential for an extended contract. Learn more about our church here. The ideal candidate will have extensive experience in UU RE program development at a mid-sized congregation, and will be available for 10 - 12 hours/week for a 45 week church year (combination of on-site and remote), plus additional summer hours for intensive preparation work. The consultant DRE, who will likely serve as a part-time DRE at another New England UU church, will ideally be available to our church one Sunday per month. The consultant DRE will be supported by an on-site, part-time RE Coordinator.

In addition to engaging with the congregation one Sunday per month, the consultant DRE would oversee master scheduling and long-term planning, teacher training content and process, new curriculum development, (including service/social justice work, Coming of Age, Neighboring Faiths/Building Bridges), pastoral-like communications, safe congregations policies, collaborate with the minister on whole-congregation worship and with the minister and Youth RE committee on social/service activities planning (occasionally participating/leading), and provide nuanced reporting and data analysis. The consultant DRE might also lead coming of age or other programming. This person would report directly to the minister and supervise and direct the work of the RE Coordinator, who would be on-site during the week and on Sunday mornings and would be responsible for all administrative aspects of the program.

Much of the consultant's work will be conducted remotely. As such, the consultant DRE should be prepared to provide evidence of impeccable organization and communication skills and be very comfortable with technology.

The final work schedule and scope of work will depend upon candidate qualifications, expertise, and proximity to Westminster. Westminster will pay the DRE consultant an hourly rate in line with UUA fair compensation guidelines. Please send resume and cover letter before May 31, 2017 to: jobs@westminsteruu.org. Note that Westminster is also advertising for a 28/hour week DRE. See ad here. The DRE consultant/RE Coordinator staffing structure described in this posting is another model we are concurrently pursuing.