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Peer and Professional Support for the Religious Educator

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Introductions

Your name
Your congregation and location
How many years a religious educator?
How many children & youth?
Chalice Lighting

We light the flame of knowledge;
May understanding be with us.

We light the flame of love;
May caring be among us.

We light the flame of holiness;
May the unifying spirit be within us.

~ Edwin Lynn
Overview

- What is LREDA?
- Professional Responsibilities of a Religious Educator
- Shared Ministry
- Self Care
- Peer Support Through LREDA
- Professional Support Through LREDA
- Q & A
- LREDA’s Advocacy Work For All Religious Educators
- 10 Tips from Robin and Michelle

*Strong RE Programs Begin With Strong Leaders*
LREDA HELPS YOU!

LREDA is an anti-racist, anti-oppression, welcoming, professional organization open to liberal religious educators and those supportive of religious education. LREDA promotes the religious growth and learning of people of all ages and advocates for and supports religious educators and the field of liberal religious education.
The Many Hats of a Religious Educator!

- Supervisor
- Colleague
- Cheerleader
- Arbitrator
- Mentor
- Teacher
- Creator
- Partner
- Administrator
Common Responsibilities

- Administrative
- Fundraising
- Worship
- Budget
- Communication
- Committee Leadership
- Special Programs/Holidays
- Volunteer Management and Training
- Programs: Children, Youth, and Adult
- Our Whole Lives and Coming of Age
Self Care

Care for your own spiritual needs
Find a healthy family/work balance
Learn from the wisdom and support of colleagues
Peer Support

LREDA List

LREDA chapter meetings and retreats
Peer Support

Good Offices

Mentoring for the UUA RE Credentialing program

Interest groups - LREDA small and large
Good Offices

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Professional Support
Welcome...

to the site for professional, liberal religious educators in the United States, Canada, and beyond.

The center of our work as religious educators is belief in the transformative power of educating through our Unitarian Universalist faith.

The interests of LREDA and those supportive of religious education and learning are inherently bound up with the moral, spiritual, and intellectual well-being of our participants, members, and constituents. LREDA is committed to the expansion of access to religious education and the growth and learning of people of all ages and religious educators and the field of liberal religious education.

We Stand on the Side of Love... will you?

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Quick Information

2015-2016 Membership Application
Contact us
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Contact a Good Officer
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RE Credentialing
Purchase a Membership Spreadsheet for Congregational Search
Application Process for Good Officer Candidates
Code of Professional Practices

Are there aspects of my job description that remain unclear?

Are there areas where I may find it difficult to distinguish healthy, appropriate boundaries?
Guidelines For Professional Religious Educators

- Employments contracts
- Evaluation process
- Compensation standards
- Hours
- Vacation time and study leave
- Professional staff relations (shared ministry)
- Special info for part-time educators
- Professional rights and procedures
Metro NY Professional Expense Booklet

LREDA Fall Con 2015

Where: Morristown, NJ

When: October 22-25

Theme: “RE Without Walls: Technology, Theme-Based Ministry, and Full Week Faith”

Pre Fall Con Professional Development: UU Identity Renaissance Module, Beloved Conversations for Congregational Shared Ministry Teams, Good Officer Training, and New DRE Workshop

Add On Programs: LREDA Small and Large

Don’t miss: Emma’s Revolution and The Odyssey of Rev. Ginger Luke!

Scholarship Available! Register Today! Book a hotel ASAP!
General Assembly Professional Day

Join us in Columbus, Ohio in 2016!
Additional Professional Support

- Sabbatical Handbook
- LREDA Integrity Team
- Communication: LREDA FB page, LREDA e-list, Newsletter
- Scholarships
Advocacy

Renaissance Planning Com.

Funding ops through 21st Cen. Fund

Connections to other professional organizations  UUMA, UUMN, AUUA, UUAMP

Partnership in the Excellence In Shared Ministry work

Representation by LREDA leaders and connection to associational efforts including Commit2Respond, Fahs Collaborative, Council on Cross Cultural Engagement, Church of Staff Finances, RECC, etc.
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