

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF POUGHKEEPSIE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE

POLICY ON REQUESTS FOR SPONSORSHIP OF ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

According to Article XI, Section 6 of the Bylaws of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Poughkeepsie, the Religious Education Committee shall be responsible for the development and delivery of the Religious Education Program for the Fellowship. Both the Director of Religious Education and the Minister shall participate in this endeavor and have some of the responsibilities in this process. Additionally, our organizational Mission Statement proffers the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Poughkeepsie as a community that values diversity, peace, democracy, and the interdependent web of all existence. The Fellowship nurtures and challenges its members in their religious journeys, and advocates for social justice in the larger community.

Further, the Board of Trustees has stated, from time to time, that the policy of the Fellowship is that childcare should be provided at the Fellowship, at the expense of the Fellowship, for all official Fellowship functions (including committee meetings and special events) in order to provide accessibility to all members to these functions, and in order to ensure the safety of children in the building by providing adequate supervision.

Therefore, the Religious Education Committee, in an attempt to comply with the Bylaws, the Mission Statement and the will of the Board of Trustees, recognizing its responsibility in encouraging and supporting opportunities for adults to learn and grow, has developed a policy for sponsorship of Adult Religious Education classes, especially those for which childcare will be made available. Application for sponsorship shall be made on a form specifically designed for such use and available from the office at the UUFP, any REC member and the Director of Religious Education. Applications must be submitted to the REC Chair at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to an official meeting of the REC in order to be considered. Official meetings of the REC are held at 7pm on the first Friday of every month at the Fellowship.

In reviewing requests for sponsorship, the REC shall consider the following:

- Whether the proposed class is based on a developed curriculum or discussion program;
- Whether the proposed class is in harmony with the mission of the UUFP and the principles and sources of the UUA;
- Whether the leader of the class or program is a member of the UUFP or otherwise known to the congregation;
- The duration of the class or program (length of sessions, number of sessions, probable schedule in terms of day of week and time of day);
- The accessibility of the class or program to all members, or, the class or program is intended for a specific identity group, the accessibility of that program to that group.

With regard for requests from Reverend Kay Greenleaf for sponsorship of an adult RE class, the sole determining factor for sponsorship shall be the availability of funds.