

HUUF Family Ministry

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Our Vision of Shared Ministry (offered by Karen)

Here at HUUF we are engaged in an ongoing exploration of the practice of shared ministry. We believe that we all must take responsibility for the health and wellbeing of our congregation, our community, and our world. We believe that enacting this responsibility begins right here, right now. This exploration of shared ministry is both challenging and inspiring. It is our hope that through it we will be empowered to work more effectively to transform injustice into justice, conflict into resolution, deprivation and loss into healing and wholeness.

Parents' Hopes, Goals and Questions

Hopes and Goals for the RE program

- That kids have toolset to adapt beliefs
- To know the value of spiritual practice
- To have the strength gained from spiritual community
- To have an inner sense of strength in times of trouble
- To make good decisions as adults, with confidence
- To have resources to respond to evangelicals & other approaches
- To have a good UU "elevator speech"
- To carry our UU values in their hearts
- To have enthusiasm for coming to the Fellowship
- To have a role at the Fellowship
- To expose kids to answers from *many* traditions
- To include sexuality and gender issues in RE

Questions parents have to deal with:

- What happens when we die? What is heaven? Is there a "dog heaven"?
- Why are there bad people in the world?
- How do we reconcile the different beliefs of the religious traditions?

Questions parents have themselves:

- Should we have a "secret pal" program?
- How do I measure the value of time I spend in service at HUUF?
- How can we encourage kids to ask the "big questions"?
- How can we encourage kids to talk to parents about "big questions"?
- How do we enact compassion in our own community?
- How should parents with different religious backgrounds raise their kids?