

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES 2013-2014

At First Parish in Brookline we believe in building community and caring for each other. One goal of faith formation is that children and youth know others in their community and be known by others. To that end we allow children and parents the opportunity to get to know others by having parents not work directly in their child's classroom.

In keeping with our Safe Congregations Policy, First Parish in Brookline will conduct a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) search for all volunteers who have ongoing direct contact with children and youth. Following best practices, volunteers are expected to sign a Code of Ethics Statement, and help us insure that there are always two adults present with our children and youth.

NOTE: RE Volunteer Opportunities that have been filled as of August 8, 2013, have been removed from this list.

Opportunities to Work Directly with Children

RE Class Teacher: Teach twice a month, once as the “assistant” teacher and the next as the “lead” teacher.

Responsibilities: Arrive 15 minutes before service to set up the room and stay 15 minutes to clean up at the end. Lead teachers plan the 60 minute lesson and related experiences. A curriculum is provided, and the DRE and RE Committee liaison provide support. Assistant teacher supports the lead teacher with the activities and focuses on the community building aspect of the session. Teacher sends a brief email to parents following the session. Time commitment expected is 4.5 hours of teaching team meetings throughout the year, 1.5 hours in August and in April with the DRE, and the Teacher Orientation in September. Average time commitment is less than 4 hours per month.

MAD Sunday Coordinator: Plan activities for (4) Making a Difference (MAD) Sundays for a multi-age group of children.

Responsibilities: Communicate by email with the MAD Sunday parent volunteers about the activity and roles. Gather supplies and arrange for any special equipment or space. Arrive at church by 10:30 to set up; stay after the session for 15 minutes to oversee parents who volunteered to clean up. Average is less than 2 hours per month.

Participate in Multi-Gen Worship which may include Skits, Crafts, Costumes and Supplies: Work with DRE on an as needed basis. Will usually have two weeks lead time. Approximately 1 hour per month.

Opportunities to Work with First Parish Families

Teacher Enrichment and Teacher Appreciation: Work with the DRE to organize three teacher enrichment evenings, and organize and recruit volunteers for two teacher appreciation events.

Responsibilities: Include booking space at FPB, inviting teachers, organizing the food/potluck, gathering and preparing supplies, and arranging for (and overseeing) volunteers for set up and clean up. Average time commitment is 2 hours per month.

Class Coordinator for your child's program: Communicate with parents regarding upcoming events, facilitate RE Registration at the beginning of the church year for your child's class. Work closely with teachers to ensure all students are registered at the beginning of the year, and as new members arrive. Check in with teachers on a monthly basis to see how you can support their efforts, and remind them how appreciated they are. Approximately 1 hour per month.

First Fridays at First Parish: Organize monthly Friday evening potlucks.

Responsibilities: Work with the Minister and DRE to plan each event. This includes inviting participants, organizing the food/potluck, gathering and preparing supplies, and arranging for (and overseeing) volunteers for set up and clean up. Approximately 1.5 hours per month.