

# Lifespan Faith Development 2016-2017 Annual Report

MISSION CONGRUENT PROGRAMING & \*SHARED MINISTRY

## **FAMILY & FRIENDSHIP (July)**

Coordination of families to get our youth to Camp de Benneville Pines  
Sunday Session Learning Stations

## **WHO AM I? (August)**

LFD Council Goal Setting | \*T-Shirt Theology All-ages Service | \*Welcoming  
Workshop | \*Path to Community Workshop | Adult Advisor Start-up

## **WELCOMING & BELONGING (September)**

LFD Area Reorganization and Beautification Project | YRUU Overnight  
\*Ingathering All-ages Water Service

## **HONORING LIFE & DEATH (October)**

Racial Justice Exploration Kick-Off | \*Gay Pride Parade | Facing Death in Life  
(Workshop for our Well Being) | \*Blessing of the Animals All-ages Service |  
Let it Shine Spiritual Practice of Coloring

## **STEWARDSHIP (November)**

\*Stronger is What We Make Each Other All-ages Thanksgiving Service |  
\*Safe Nest Supply Drive

## **INTERFAITH (December)**

\*Trees of the Dancing Goats Winter Pageant & Celebration | Let It Shine  
Ornament Making | \*Path To Community

## **EMBRACING THE UNKNOWN (January)**

Hosted the OWL Facilitator Training for Adult/YA |  
Our Whole Lives Kindergarten - 1st Grade Kick-Off

## **SHARING OUR STORIES (February)**

LFD Council Goal Assessment | Let It Shine Altar Boxes | Racial Justice  
Exploration Group Pt. 1 Completed

## **CREATING TOGETHER (March)**

YRUU Soap Box Worship Service | Transgender "101" (Workshop for our Well  
Being) | Racial Justice Exploration Pt. 2 Kick-off

## **CONNECTING TO THE EARTH (April)**

Soul Sunday Workshop | Our Whole Lives K-1 Completion | Let It Shine Spiritual  
Gardening

## **GO INTO THE WORLD (May)**

Family Ministry Exploration | \*#UUWhiteSupremacyTeachIn | Our Whole Lives  
Older Adult Field Test | LFD Council Goal Setting

## **LFD Council Program Goals 2016-2017**

- ◆ To engage/offer opportunities towards Racial Justice Awareness/Education
- ◆ To experiment with new ways to elevate the visibility of children/youth;  
interactive moments within our multigenerational ministry
- ◆ To initiate dialogue about personal and spiritual growth in context of "Safe Congregations" and "Sexually  
Healthier Congregations"

## **SIGNIFICANT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM CONTRIBUTORS**

Rych Anderson (facilitator)  
Tina Anderson (facilitator)  
Ellery Armstrong (worship)  
Robert Bell (OWL)  
Teri Bolling (facilitator)  
Mary Jane Brustman (Sunday Sess)  
Kelly Lynn Charles (OWL)  
Nancy Czar (Sunday Sess)  
Rose Czar (contributor)  
Elaine Edminston (facilitator)  
Kathy Espin (worship)  
David Harber (Advisor)  
Christene King (LFDC Chair)  
Mercedes Kraus (facilitator)  
Joanne Leovy (Sunday Sess)  
Larry McAllister (facilitator)  
Lisa McAllister (LFDC/facilitator)  
Keith McMillen (Worship)  
Maggie Mooha (Worship)  
Sig Palasek (Worship)  
Myrna Parrott (OWL)  
Shannon Porter (OWL/Advisor)  
Ty Weinert (OWL/Worship)  
Lucy Rey (Worship)  
Dave Richards (OWL/Worship)  
Ariel Sublett (Let It Shine)  
Rory Solomon (LFDC/Advisor/OWL)  
Cassie Wallis (Worship)  
Steve Winkle (Worship)

## **APPLIED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- ◆ ACA Leadership Conference
- ◆ UUA RE Credentialing
- ◆ Interim Religious Educators Guild;  
Working in Cong. Systems
- ◆ Webinar: Just a Few Kids
- ◆ Webinar: Supporting Gender Non-  
Conforming Children & Families
- ◆ Webinar: OWL Adult Field Test
- ◆ Webinar: Youth Ministry Series
- ◆ OWL Adult/YA Facilitator Training

**MORE FROM OUR LFD COUNCIL AND DIRECTOR ON BACK**

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Lifespan Faith Development Council Members reflecting on their mission congruent work:

**The LFD Council has contributed to UUCLV's mission by working for inclusivity** for all kinds of people in our congregation and our community, and by creating opportunities for learning about the difficult topic of white supremacy. By supporting each other and staff in doing this creative and challenging work, the LFD Council has been a beacon of love and justice.

~ **Lisa Prokop McAllister, Board Liaison**

**Through its continued support of ongoing programs**, as well as the implementation of new options for us to gather and work together toward better understandings of ourselves and the world we live in, the LFD Council plays an integral role in contributing to the UUCLV mission. Weekly all-ages stories and planning for the younger ages, a variety of learning/sharing/collaborating sessions for the larger community focusing on important issues, OWL district trainings and classes all encompass our flame of love and justice.

~**Christene Dober King, LFDC Chair**

**This year we offered thoughtful and intentional learning opportunities** for adults, that ranged from exploring our feelings about death, uncovering our awareness of racism and white privilege, to educating ourselves about Transgender and gender non-conforming individuals, and also to expanding knowledge about sexuality education for older adults and parents. Each experience offers the need to broaden our understanding about the world we live in, what the role it is we play, and how we can make change and/or be a better comrade to those that need our voice, our action, or even our own self-awareness. My intention is to always shed a light in those corners of personal and spiritual growth that are not often tended to. Our children's programming continues to be built around the vision that "church is a safe place". We foster an experience where our young spirits can feel free to explore, question, and discover; in order to make this space truly feel like their faith home. Overall, there has been much success to aligning programming to our mission work as we seek to offer a space to feed the flame and capture the spark.

#### **What would I like to see more of that would move this program forward?**

- ◆ A wider team of invested volunteers that care to work with our children.
- ◆ Deeper work and practice on creating an effective culture of reflection, feedback, and radical acceptance that engages our entire faith community.
- ◆ Continuation of making breakthroughs towards our needs and vision for Safe Congregations and Sexually Healthier Congregations practices and policies.
- ◆ More voices supporting the Lifespan Faith Development Council.

The LFD Council will be meeting at UUCLV, Tuesday, May 2nd at 6pm, to develop fresh goals that are relevant to the identified (explicit and implicit) spiritual and personal growth needs within our Unitarian Universalist faith formation, as well as our UUCLV community. We welcome your input and attendance.

~ **Danielle Bell, Director of Lifespan Faith Development**

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#### **Program Budget \$2450; Current Budget as of Feb. \$1475; funds the following:**

- ◆ Supplies for all sessions, multi-gen worship, workshops like Let It Shine
- ◆ Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education; material, session needs, snacks
- ◆ Team Building & Volunteer Management; webinars, materials, gifts, supplies
- ◆ Summer Programming for children other than Sunday Sessions
- ◆ New Curricula costs; books, scripts, software, workbooks, video
- ◆ Child dedication, Bridging, Coming of Age, and New Member ceremony expenses
- ◆ Winter Pageant needs towards script, costumes, scenery, celebrations, materials
- ◆ Adult Faith Development materials, curricula, workshop costs including food
- ◆ Any YRUU group activities, including travel & con expenses
- ◆ Background and screening costs for all volunteers working with children
- ◆ Nursery Space upkeep, supplies for cleaning, organizing, health & safety
- ◆ AND CAMPER SCHOLARSHIPS (now included in our LFD Budget Expenses, still need to fundraise to support this need.)

#### **To fund expenses outside the LFD General Budget we use the following Restricted Accts.**

- 2.500.162, Tile Wall, \$20
- 2.500.165, Phone Raiser, \$43
- 2.500.167, LFD Program, \$1533
- 2.500.170, YRUU Fundraiser, \$43
- 2.500.171, OWL. \$305
- 2.500.172, OWL Training, \$1278
- 2.500.176, Camp Scholarship \$655
- 2.500.177, YA Camp Scholarship \$100
- 2.500.181, Cones for Camp, \$0

#### **Fundraisers Held**

YRUU Bake Sale for Camp Scholarship \$310