

The Religious Education Program for Children and Youth is a co-operative effort between:

- The Religious Education Staff
- The Children and Youth
- The Ministerial Leaders
- Parents
- A staff of trained Caregivers for Newborns to Three Year Olds
- Volunteer Teachers and Facilitators for Children and Youth age 3-18
- Volunteer Worship Leaders and Musicians for Children age 3-12
- Professionally Directed Children's Choirs

Parent Leadership Network



The Parent Leadership Network engages **all** parents with children enrolled in Religious Education classes, and is designed to actively support the work of our cooperative program. All families registering children automatically become active members of the Parent Leadership Network, joining in fellowship with others to support classes and special events by donating time and energy.

The Parent Leadership Network ensures that programs run smoothly and that special events take place without a hitch. Just as importantly, the Parent Leadership Network provides a wonderful way to meet new people and strengthen the bonds of friendship within our faith-community.

Parent Leadership Network Mentors provide guidance and support to dedicated **Parent Leaders** from each class. Parent Leaders oversee planning and organization of class projects and regularly communicate with Class Parents. **Class Parents** work within this support network to accomplish specific class projects each year. **RE Alumni** are parents whose children have graduated from the program who provide special support, as needed.

Grade	Event/Project for Each Class
3 yrs.	Create and deliver Welcome Baskets to the families of newly-adopted & newborn children
4 - K	Display seasonal decorations for our buildings and playgrounds
1 - 2	Plan and execute the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Field Day
3 - 4	Decorate the campus and organize and staff games and activities for the Fall Festival
5 - 6	Provide lunch for Teacher Training, dinner for the mid-year Teacher Celebration
7	Staff RE Information table in Channing Hall after each worship service
8	Host an end-of-year Teacher Appreciation Reception
9 - 12	Participate in fundraising to support end-of-year trips and other programs
ALL	Staff Welcome & Registration tables on Ingathering and the following Sunday

Step-by-step guidance and support is provided to ensure success! Parents understand their level of commitment for the year and work together to accomplish their class projects. This allows parents to better manage their commitment to the Religious Education program and helps distribute the work of the program to many, rather than a few.

For those who believe their special ministry to the church is in the area of leadership, consider becoming a **Parent Leader or Mentor**. For more information, contact Jeanne Kuehn at Jeanne@dreamlab.com for details.