

RE September Meeting – September 2nd

Present: Geraldine Fowler, Anthea Lavalley, Chris Orcutt (excused early), Ben Fox, Hope Yeager, Peg Brightman

The RE team met and had an opportunity to check in, meet the newest members of the team. Ben will be joining us from ArtisTree and we will be hosting a monthly drum circle for the children at ArtisTree. Peg Brightman is now also participating with RE. Thank you!

We posed the question “What do you consider to be spiritually most beneficial to children?” and enjoyed a lengthy conversation around this topic. Some words included: feeling of community, comfort and belonging. A safe space to ask tough and easy questions. A creative space that allows ourselves to expand our minds – without structure? Exploration of their own spirituality. Mindfulness, emotion, feel acknowledged.

We also spoke about how we could further involve children in the church services – we discussed having the children do things that they enjoy such as a reading, or song, helping with a “job” such as the offering etc.

The team worked through the calendar to confirm dates and logistics.

Items to work on or discuss further:

- Norman Williams Library – book by the children?
- Enrollment forms – to include what the parents goals are and photo permissions
- Roles the children would like to play in church
- Suggestions from congregation / support cards / wishes for the children

Thank you – Geraldine Fowler