

Religious Education Ministry
At the North Parish of North Andover, Unitarian Universalist

Goal: Development of a sustaining faith, a total response to life, with both sense of spirituality and religious identity as a Unitarian Universalist.

	FIRST TASK: Learn how Unitarian Universalists “Do” religion: Introduction to Unitarian Universalism, its symbols and practices	SECOND TASK: Learn the Stories, Practices, and Lore of the Faith Community.	THIRD TASK: Thinking about Oneself and One’s Faith. Discern: “Who am I as a Religious Person?”	FOURTH TASK: Deeper reflection, testing of faith against the ambiguities/difficulties of life. Become one’s own religious authority
Children and Youth	<i>Preschool and kindergarten: explicit UU curricula</i> <i>Children and youth new to the church: Attendance and participation in worship</i>	<i>Children in grades one through eight and children and youth new to the church: Attendance and participation in worship, small groups, and social justice projects.</i>	<i>Junior and Senior Youth: participate in small groups and in social justice projects with reflection about project. Learn to lead worship. Our Whole Lives sexuality discussions (grade 8). Coming of Age (grade 9) Bridging (age 18 or Gr.12)</i>	<i>High School youth: Senior youth, small groups, personal spiritual practice, social justice projects with reflection, leadership in the wider congregation, Involvement in the wider UUA. Carry faith into the world.</i>
Adults	<i>Attendance and participation in worship. Attendance and participation in New UU class.</i>	<i>Attendance and participation in worship. Attendance at adult spirituality events. Participation in social justice projects. Participating in committee work, a task group, or leading a children’s group.</i>	<i>Participation in small group ministry. Service as a Coming of Age mentor. Serving in a leadership position on a committee or small group.</i>	<i>Participation in small group ministry, personal spiritual practice, social justice projects with reflection, leadership in the congregation, carry one’s faith into one’s life and into the larger world.</i>