

## Final Report from Task Force #2

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During our first few meetings early in the winter of 2006 we developed the following goals for our task force:

- Desire to meet the directives of the UUA Lifespan Faith Development Mission
- Desire to meet the needs of a diverse community
- Desire to build community
- Desire to strengthen and support existing programs while promoting options for others
- Desire to make UUTC programming available to the community around us.

Task Force #2 worked to create a five year plan for Lifespan Religious Education for UUTC and a five year plan for Projected RE Space Needs for Children and Youth. The group of people listed above worked diligently to get input from the congregation. The members and friends of UUTC were given many chances to add ideas, visions, and facts to the information the task force already had acquired.

The following is the five year plan of what the task force sees as important steps in the Lifespan Education for UUTC:

**For the year 2006-2007 we recommend the following using the four classroom spaces we have including the conference room:**

1. a written job description for and a serious discussion about hiring a Director of Education ( $\frac{1}{4}$  time) starting the following year ( 2007-2008)

2. a continuation of Wonderful Wednesdays having at least three sessions a year ( each session would be 4-6 weeks) with an emphasis on spiritual programs

3. beginning to again look again into a youth group program

4. finding a way to get the library out of storage and accessible to the congregation

5. informing the congregation about The Mountain Camp for children and perhaps using the Christmas Eve or other designated offering as a camp scholarship fund

6. booking the Jesus Seminar for the following year (This has been done for Spring 2007)

7. organizing a congregational retreat at The Mountain

8. starting small group religious education, i.e. UU 101, BYOT, book discussions, see list generated by surveys

9. budgeting for curriculum programs and child care for all UUTC programs

10. supplying the congregation with a list of needed story materials for CRE so that people could choose to purchase individual stories *in honor of* or *in memory of* friends and relatives

11. continuing the curriculum that is in place for the children in the nursery through the older spirit play groups

12. planning and implementing a Young Adult (18-35 years) UU Group supported by child care

13. offering one-time RE programs as wanted/needed.

**For the year 2007-2008 we recommend the following using the four classroom spaces we have including the conference room:**

1. hiring a quarter-time Director of Education

2. starting covenant groups

3. beginning groups for book discussions (Continuing small group RE following topics of interest to congregants)

4. hosting a Jesus Seminar weekend and opening it up to the entire Brevard/Transylvania community (currently booked for Spring 2007)

5. continuing Wonderful Wednesdays and (Children's Sunday RE as determined by the Children's RE Committee) the curriculum already in place for the children

6. continuing exploration of the youth group and finding a volunteer leader (Exploring Campus UU formation with/for BC and BRCC students)

7. continuing the summer The Mountain Camp collection scholarship fund for our children

**For the year 2008-2009 we recommend the following using the five classroom spaces not including the conference room, including three additional spaces (outside the present footprint)**

1. continuing all of the above
2. beginning a small but strong youth group
3. hiring a half-time Director of Education
4. implementing UUA curriculum using OWL ( Our Whole Lives) or Welcoming Congregation or other intergenerational curriculum for community-building

**For the year 2009-2010 we recommend the following using the seven classroom spaces not including the conference room, including five additional spaces (outside the present footprint)**

1. continuing all of the above
2. differentiating between junior and senior high in the youth group

**For the year 2010-2011 we recommend the following using the three classroom spaces not including the conference room, five additional spaces (outside the present footprint) as well as the rest of the building:**

1. continuing all of the above

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We are available to answer any questions that may arise from the reading of our plan and the chart of projected space needs. Thank you for giving us this opportunity to help with the future of UUTC.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Bir