

# **UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF CHEYENNE**

## **Religious Education Volunteer Policies and Guidelines**

- 1 Volunteers shall have knowledge of and respect for the Unitarian Universalist Principles.
- 2 Volunteers shall model Unitarian Universalist values and maintain an atmosphere of respect and love in the classroom and during religious education activities
- 3 Volunteers shall put the safety and needs of the children and youth first.
- 4 Volunteers shall create an atmosphere in which children and youth can feel safe, loved and emotionally comfortable, and are learning Unitarian Universalist values.
- 5 Volunteers shall be honest and reliable.
- 6 Volunteers shall be alcohol/drug free while at church or at church functions where they are responsible for children or youth during Religious Education Program sponsored activities. If a person wishes to volunteer in the Religious Education Program and is on any medication which could impair judgment or ability, the DRE must be informed and will make a determination jointly with the RE Committee as to the appropriate placement of that volunteer in the program. This information will be kept in the strictest confidence.
- 7 If, while volunteering in the Religious Education Program, a volunteer's circumstances change and they feel the need to alter their commitment, they can feel free to contact the Director of Religious Education or a member of the religious education committee at any time.

### **Mandatory Reporting**

According to Wyoming state law, every person, private citizen or professional, in Wyoming who has reason to believe that a child under 18 has been abused is mandated by law to report the suspected abuse. Failure to do so is a crime. No person, regardless of their relationship with the child or family, is immune from reporting suspected abuse. A person making a report in good faith is immune from both civil and criminal liability. If you find yourself in a situation where you suspect abuse, please contact the DRF, or a member of the religious education committee so that a report can be filed.