



The Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Santa Monica

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Dear Nursery Parents/Guardians:

Each year, UCCSM's Religious Exploration program offers exceptional childcare for our infants and toddlers. While families are always welcome in the service with their young ones, our staff is ready to look after your child when you are ready to make the transition. Please feel free to stop by and visit anytime, meet our staff and play with your child in the room. Parents are welcome and encouraged to stay with their child as long as needed to make the transition. Our nursery room is filled with developmentally appropriate toys & books. And our new nursery supervisor, ZāNyāa Lee, brings an exceptional new level of expertise and love to our younglings. She is truly amazing – I hope you'll spend some time in the nursery one Sunday morning so you can see her in action!

Here are a few logistical items should you choose to place your child in our care:

- **Please consider volunteering once a month as an assistant in the nursery.** We are experiencing a baby boom at UCCSM! We LOVE that our nursery is filled to the brim on Sundays, but we want to make sure that we have adequate supervision in the room at all times. Ideally, I'd like to fill the assistant spot with non-parents so you can always attend the service when you come to church with your child, but while I'm in the process of finding non-parent volunteers, it would be great if you'd be willing to sign up as an assistant so we can make sure we can provide proper care for all of our younglings each Sunday.
- **Please provide adequate food or snacks if they will be needed and be sure that your child's diaper is freshly changed.** We want to do everything we can to ensure that your child will feel safe and nurtured during their time in the nursery!
- **All families participating in RE must complete a registration form for each of their children.** These forms are crucial because they include emergency contact information, space to share any special needs or allergies child may have and other important information to help us get to know your child. If you have not already turned in a registration form, one is included in this mailing. Please complete it and bring it on Sunday.
- **The UCCSM RE Updates email is sent weekly** to provide updates about what will happen in class this week, a calendar and announcements for upcoming events, at-home suggestions for engaging with the themes we're exploring this year, and more. This is a primary means of communication with all of our RE families - if you are not receiving this email, contact me right away so we can get you on the list.

Thank you for adding your presence to this community. We are thrilled to have your family among us and look forward to an exciting year together!

See you in church,

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