

April, 2011

Dear Parents,

Enclosed please find your Family Registration Form for the 2011-2012 Religious Education year, an overview of curricula, and a choir registration form.

First Parish has a *Cooperative Religious Education Program*, and we ask that *each* parent volunteer to teach at least one semester every other year. Some of our parents teach every year, and we really appreciate that! This past year we had over 60 people working with our children and youth. In the coming year we will need that many to fully staff the program. **If you did not teach this year, next year is your teaching year.** Without your commitment, we have no program. **Please see the other side of this page.**

If you are not teaching, you are considered a “general volunteer.” General Volunteers are asked to be **Substitutes** (called ahead of time by teachers when needed), help out with **Special Activities** or **Justice Sundays** (help run programs for preschoolers through sixth graders on three-day-weekend Sundays or Sundays devoted to social justice, provide food for occasional teacher events such as the Teacher Brunch—also scheduled in advance), and serve as a **Sunday Supervisor** (general helper on Sunday morning—also scheduled in advance, not more than one time each semester).

An alternative way to be involved as a non-teaching volunteer is as a **BRE “Buddy”**. The BRE Committee, which stands for Belonging is a Religious Experience, is a subcommittee of the RE Council. This committee helps families who have children with special needs. The BRE Committee works closely with the Director of Religious Education in setting up a buddy system for children with special needs so that all children can participate in the RE program. Being a buddy is a year-long commitment.

If this is not a **teaching year** for you, please check off “general volunteer” under the Parent Information section of the Registration Form.

All teachers need to have CORI's completed (Massachusetts criminal background checks).

There is a Church School materials fee of \$100/child (\$200 max per family) for families who do not make a yearly pledge to First Parish. If you have not made a pledge to the church for the coming year, please enclose a check made out to First Parish with your registration. In hardship circumstances, scholarships are available. Please speak with Julie Porter, the Director of Religious Education, if this is an issue for you.

Thank you for your cooperation and generous support of our Religious Education Program.

Sincerely,
Nancy Benton Co-Chair
Debbie Doucette, Co-Chair
Religious Education Council

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE DUE IN THE RE OFFICE
BY SUNDAY, MAY 8th, 2011.

FIRST PARISH IN FRAMINGHAM
COOPERATIVE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM
FAMILY REGISTRATION FORM, 2011-2012

Date Received _____ New Family _____ Pledge/Fee _____

*****~Office Use Only~*****

We prefer to attend at 9:15 or 11:00 (circle one).

Family Name _____ Home Phone _____

Address: _____
Street & Number Town State Zip

Parent Information

Parent/Guardian (1) _____ work phone _____
Email _____

Occupation: _____ Special Skills _____

_____ This is a **teaching** year. I will teach: 9:15/11:00 my child/not my child fall/spring
circle one circle one circle one

I prefer to teach: Early Preschool Preschool/Kindergarten Grades 1-6
circle one
Grades 7-8 Serve as a Youth Group Advisor

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Parent/Guardian (2) _____ work phone _____
Email _____

Occupation: _____ Special Skills _____

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(Over Please)

Child Information (Please note any information that will help teachers work most effectively with your child. Attach extra sheets as needed.)

Please list all children associated with First Parish, birth to age 14, from youngest to oldest:

NAME (first and last)	Birth Date	Age On 9/1/11	School Grade in Sept. 2011
1. _____	_____	_____	_____

Special needs or information that would be helpful for teachers to know* _____

Allergies _____

2. _____

Special needs or information that would be helpful for teachers to know* _____

Allergies _____

3. _____

Special needs or information that would be helpful for teachers to know* _____

Allergies _____

*If you have any concerns that need to be discussed, please contact Julie Porter at 508-872-3111. Teachers are volunteers who attempt to support and honor learning differences, so any information you provide that will help us develop strategies for each child's successful participation is appreciated.

Photography Permission

From time to time, photographs of children and youth in the religious education program are taken during RE activities. Such photographs are used to help members or potential members of First Parish in Framingham understand what happens in the religious education program. They are also sometimes used on bulletin boards at First Parish as a display of an event. Parental permission needs to be obtained prior to any images being put on our congregation's website, other electronic media, video, or print media.

I give/ I do not give permission for any photos that include my child(ren) _____,
circle one

_____, _____ to be used in print media, video, on the First Parish in Framingham website, or other electronic media.