



# POSITION OPEN

## DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

### Unitarian Universalist Church of Tallahassee, Florida

Our shared ministry congregation is seeking a skilled, innovative Director of Religious Exploration to advocate for and facilitate the integration of religious exploration in the planning, mission, and vision of the church. The director will provide leadership and coordination for children and youth programming, while supporting our RE program's volunteers. Knowledge of and experience with Unitarian Universalist theology, practice, and religious education methods preferred.

Our church has a newly settled minister, who will assist the director to build upon the successes and energy of our dynamic RE program, while evaluating areas ripe for innovation and change!

At the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tallahassee, we are a community of communities, diverse in body and spirit. We reach out to all, actively expanding our circle of caring. We gather together to learn, grow, and play. Our lives reflect our beliefs. We embody compassion and justice as we grow and nurture visionary leaders.

Read more about our church at [www.uutallahassee.org](http://www.uutallahassee.org).



*Inspiring all to seek freely, live ethically, and nurture each other and the earth.*

#### Compensation:

- Part-time, salaried position (24 hours/week)
- Salary comparable with UUA fair compensation guidelines

\$17.38 per hour minimum for non-credentialed religious educator

Salary commensurate with experience and credentialing

- Paid leave and health benefits
- Professional development budget

#### Responsibilities:

- Recruit, train, and support volunteers
- Welcome new families
- Select, plan, and prepare UUA curricula
- Prepare and present Time for All Ages lesson during worship services
- Coordinate our annual week-long Harmony Camp summer program
- Publicize RE programs and events
- Promote RE involvement in social justice and other church activities
- Plan intergenerational worship and events
- Lead RE-related long-range planning and goal setting
- Implement our safety policies

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Applications will be accepted and the position will remain open until it is filled.

We will begin reviewing applications in mid-May 2019. The start date is flexible, with Summer 2019 preferred.

Include cover letter, resume, and three references. If selected for an interview, please prepare a five minute Time for All Ages lesson to share with us!

Contact: [personnel@uutallahassee.org](mailto:personnel@uutallahassee.org)



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Hello future colleague,

I am so filled with joy and anticipation as I extend this welcome to you to consider becoming a part of the transformative journey of this spiritual community. This congregation is committed to free inquiry in the service of love. This congregation puts these values into action in our city, not just on Sundays but throughout the week. We invite you to join us in nurturing this full-week faith in the spiritual lives of our children, youth, families, and religious exploration volunteers.

Tallahassee itself is a hidden gem. If you've never been here you may imagine it as a backwater teetering on the edge of the world. In truth it's a cosmopolitan capitol city with the feel of a small town and the beauty of a national park. Tallahassee's two universities bring people from all over Florida, all over the nation, all over the world. And this diverse human landscape is matched by an equally diverse natural landscape, thick with balm cypress, live oak, and magnolia trees. I live across from a marsh. Today a pair of geese, who visited a week ago, returned with five goslings, the parents hissing as we fed them bread. Today a hawk flew through the trees as I drove away from the sanctuary of the church you may serve. And there's also owls, egrets, and blue herons; lizards, turtles, and frogs.

Nested in this enchanted place, you find this congregation, as vibrant as the landscape. The campus is filled with spiritual offerings throughout the week, with a freethinkers forum, and groups for mindfulness, singing meditation, and Christian spirituality, meeting every week. Throughout the month a variety of small group ministries gather—companioning circles, a new member group, a people of color group. This rich spirituality leads these seekers out into the world, to city commission meetings to oppose high-rise parking garages and advocate for a greening of the city's energy use by 2050, to the Kearney Center to feed the homeless, to the capitol building to advocate for immigration, climate and environmental justice, for LGBTQ+ rights and common sense gun legislation.

Which brings us to your work here. We are looking for someone who can inspire and organize, embracing fully all the quirky personalities of our children and youth, and the quirky adults who love them. We are looking for someone who can scaffold our religious exploration volunteers as they guide the children and youth through just the right balance of structure and freedom, just the right balance of community building and faith development. We are looking for someone who can give shape to our religious exploration programming while understanding the dynamic nature of congregational life. We are looking for someone who is not only adaptable but understands how to guide adaptive systems, thinking outside the box in ways that call us all into the circle that nurtures us in safety and trains us in courageous engagement, scaffolding our spirits as each volunteer and child and youth grows as vibrant vessels of love, compassion, respect, and care.

You won't be asked to do it alone. You couldn't ask for better lay leaders to journey with. You couldn't dream up better staff to collaborate with. Your minister and chief of staff is young in the profession but I promise you I will embody the same respect, care, compassion, and love that I will call you to model yourself and nurture in others.

This congregation is a laboratory for the human spirit. In this sanctuary, with windows open to the world, each vulnerable heart is invited to deepen in love through spiritual growth. Join us, if you will, as we cultivate the fertile soil, clear light, and abundant water that nourishes and nurtures people, becoming human together in community. Join us in a transformative journey, as imperfect souls with open hearts come together to bring healing to a hurting world.

In faith and service,

William Levwood  
Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tallahassee

# A welcome to our new Director of Religious Exploration.

Messages from the youth of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tallahassee, Florida.

