

Greetings Searcher!

So exciting that you are checking out the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tampa! I have been a member of the congregation since 2001 and I served as office administrator for 2 years and as Director of Religious Education for Children and Youth for 8 years. I am a candidate for the ministry and am in my final year at Meadville Lombard Theological School.

One of the greatest strengths of this congregation is their dedication to creating and celebrating multi-generational community.

They love being together in fellowship and having fun at events like the annual Easter potluck picnic. The children are known by the adults in the congregation and there is a “family friendly” vibe that permeates all the ministries of the church; they truly embrace the mantra “it takes a village to raise a child.” I have always been touched by how deeply the members of the congregation care for one another and how eager they are to provide support to each other through life’s good times and bad. Newcomers are warmly welcomed into the congregation and attention is given to help people become a part of the life of the church.

UUCT is dedicated to the growth of liberal religious education for children and youth. This dedication is seen in many places from their commitment to staffing a Director of Religious Education to the most obvious accomplishment in the construction of a new building. (Hooray!)

Director of Religious Exploration Erin Powers is a blessing to the RE program. She is one of the kindest and warmest people that I know – I love her smile and just want to be in her presence! Working with her when she was a volunteer and I was the DRE was such a joy - she is passionate and her commitment to liberal religious values and creating a more just world bubbles out of her. She values collegiality and is involved in the local LREDA chapter.

UUCT has a vibrant youth ministry and a commitment to the development of youth leadership. In the past several years many youth groups around Florida have weakened or dissolved but Tampa’s youth group remained. The congregation has a history of supporting youth leadership and providing opportunities for youth to learn and grow. (Our Whole Lives, Coming of Age, Cons, Lock-Ins, Worship, Etc.)

Since I am now serving the Sarasota congregation as intern minister I am unable to be active at UUCT and I miss them very much. They are a warm and welcoming congregation with a commitment to family ministry. My ministry was supported and nurtured at UUCT and I feel very blessed to have been a part of this congregation.

In Community,

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