



COMING OF AGE AT UUCP 2021-2022

Coming of age invites UUCP community members ages 12-15 to explore and develop your beliefs, spirituality, and faith. The program prepares you to become a member of the congregation and create deep connections in the community.

IMPORTANT DATES

- July 14th – First Meeting!
- Aug. 4th – Family & Mentor Interest & Info Meeting
- Aug. 25th – Middle and Highschool Convocation
- Aug. 26th –Mentor Orientation
- Sept. 22nd – Meet Your Mentor!
- Dec. 1st – Family and Mentor Meeting
- Jan. 14th –17th – CoA Retreat
- May 11th – Final Meeting
- May 13th – Graduation Rehearsal
- May 15th – Graduation Ceremony and Service

GROWING IN COMMUNITY

- You'll have a mentor in the congregation. This is an adult member of you UUCP (someone other than your parent), who will help guide you through the process
- You'll have the COA facilitators. Your facilitators will support you in reflecting on your experiences, writing your credo, and creating the COA service.
- Most importantly, you'll have each other! Your cohort will be grouped by age and you'll have a team of voyagers to explore with.

Unit 1: Introductions

7.14.21 – 8.11.21

This optional (but highly encouraged) sessions will help you get to know your cohort and facilitators, understand program expectations, and learn about our meeting platform: Gather.

Unit 2: Exposure

Autumn

Learn about UU History, visit other houses of worship, get close and personal with the 8 principles, and see what there is to see.

Unit 3: Synthesis

Winter

Answer big questions about humans and faith. Why do people go to church? Why do people talk about hell so much? Are traditions important?

Unit 4: Reflection

Spring

Ask big questions about yourself! Maybe even find some answers. What spiritual practices matter to you? Why do you choose to do good in the world? Why do you get to be part of the universe???? What did the universe ever do for you?

FIRST COA MEETING - 7.14.21 @ 6PM
FAMILY AND MENTOR INTEREST AND INFO MEETING - 8.4.21 @6PM

Coming of Age
Meets Wednesdays at 6pm
in Gather

Email cawalley@gmail.com for the link!

REGISTER AT:

[HTTPS://WWW.PHOENIXUU.ORG/CHILDRENS-MINISTRY/COMING-OF-AGE-2021-2022/](https://www.phoenixuu.org/childrens-ministry/coming-of-age-2021-2022/)
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BECOME A MENTOR!

The Coming of Age program is a powerful component of Children's Ministry at UUCP. Your creativity, initiative, and passion as mentors are a key part of its success.

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Coming of Age (CoA) provides opportunities for youth to deepen their sense of spiritual identity in the context of our congregation. Youth also inspire and challenge the adult members of the church to examine their own spiritual values. We have an obligation to offer meaningful, faith-based preparation for this huge life-stage transition between childhood and youth, between "no longer but not yet." (Adapted from Canadian Unitarian Council)

Mentors support youth in this program by:

- Affirming and recognizing youth by being present for your mentee
- Including the youth in the life of the congregation
- Finding common ground
- Taking on the role of trusted adult friend

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Meet With Your Mentee-

Oct. 20th, Nov. 17th, Jan. 19th, Feb. 23rd, March 23rd, April 20th

Mentor Meetups-

an optional time to connect with other CoA Mentors
Sept. 16th, Nov. 18th, Jan. 20th, Feb. 17th, March 17th, May 12th

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