

## **COVER LETTER**

### **First Congregational UCC of Sarasota, FL Board of Christian Education**

Dear Family,

Christian Education has a long and important history in the United Church of Christ. The Church's commitment to education in all forms to children, youth and adults always continues as an expression of faith.

The Board of Christian Education has created a Task Force whose purpose is to consider and implement a possible change in Christian Education. This possible change is to provide an hour of Christian Education as part of the Sunday worship experience. The Task Force consists of volunteers from various Church Boards and Committees. To assist the Task Force in carrying out its responsibilities, we are asking you to complete the attached survey. You should note that there is no right or wrong answer. We are asking for your thoughts and comments regarding Christian Education and a possible change in Christian Education.

Thank you for your assistance in this important undertaking.

Sincerely,

Board of Christian Education

Attachment

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## Task Force Survey

### Part I – Family Information

*Directions: Please check [x] the appropriate box or boxes.*

1. How many persons are there in your family?       1     2     3 or more
2. How many are adults?       1     2     3 or more
3. What are the adult age ranges?  
 18 to 24 years     25 to 44 years     45 to 64 years     65 years and over
4. How many children (under 18 years) are there?     0     1     2     3 or more
5. What are the children age ranges?  
 5 years and under     6 to 9 years     10 to 13 years     14 to 18 years
6. What are the grade level ranges of the children?  
 2nd grade level and under       3rd grade and above
7. Do the adults participate in Sunday Christian Education activities (e.g., Koran/Islam sessions, race dialogue, literature study, etc.)?     Yes     No
8. If YES to Question 7 above, how often do they participate?  
 very often     often     sometimes
9. Do the children participate in Sunday Christian Education activities?  
 Yes       No       Not applicable (N/A)
10. If YES to Question 9 above, how often do they participate in Sunday Christian Education activities?  
 very often     often     sometimes
11. Does your family reside in Florida year-round or during the winter months only?  
 year-round       winter months ("snowbirds")

### Part II - The Purpose of Sunday Christian Education and Sunday Worship Services

*Directions: Please check [x] the response that comes closest to how you feel.*

1. Christian Education should provide our children with the "lore and language" of our faith tradition, so that they can build their own journeys of faith.  
 Agree       Undecided       Disagree
2. Christian Education should help us to live out our baptismal vows of love, support and care for our children.  
 Agree       Undecided       Disagree

3. Christian Education should help us to live out our membership covenants to continue to grow together as children of God.  
 Agree       Undecided       Disagree
4. Christian Education should provide our adults with more educational opportunities as they build their own spiritual journey.  
 Agree       Undecided       Disagree
5. Sunday morning activities should offer opportunities for interaction between and within families and the greater church family.  
 Agree       Undecided       Disagree
6. Sunday morning activities should build a more “complete” Sunday experience for all who wish to participate through worship, fellowship, and education.  
 Agree       Undecided       Disagree
7. Christian Education should address the shifting needs of and demands on families.  
 Agree       Undecided       Disagree
8. Christian Education should offer a variety of classes for all age groups and mixed age groups simultaneously  
 Agree       Undecided       Disagree
9. Christian Education should provide our children with more educational opportunities as they build their own spiritual journey.  
 Agree       Undecided       Disagree

### **Part III – Sunday Morning Program**

***Directions: Please check [x] the response that comes closest to how you feel.***

1. An hour of Christian Education should be offered on Sunday mornings to all children of the church who wish to participate.  
 Agree       Undecided       Disagree
2. An hour of Christian Education should be offered on Sunday mornings to all adults of the church who wish to participate.  
 Agree       Undecided       Disagree
3. The hour of Christian Education for adults and children should be between services October to April and after services May to September.  
 Agree       Undecided       Disagree
4. The hour of Christian Education for adults should be after services all year round.  
 Agree       Undecided       Disagree

