

Reverend Mara,

On behalf of all the children at The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Burlington, we, the members of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Religious Education class, hereby deliver unto you, The Reverend Mara Dowdall, as part of the Children's Installation, the following Children's Charge:

Greet new people with open arms. Help people to feel like they belong here. Listen to people and help them to be happy. Make people feel better when they feel bad. Have a loving heart to be a model of love.

Get to know everyone's first name and remember to be nice. Treat us respectfully and kindly; just as you do the adults. Make sure that all the kids get along and don't try to be mean to each other. Teach forgiveness, fairness and empathy.

Be interesting to the kids at multigenerational services. Make the services more understandable and interactive for all (for example: the Thanksgiving service when we searched for the veggies). Tell good stories, be funny, and give kids a chance to ask questions.

Be involved in the Reflection for All Ages. Include fun songs in worship, like R&B, etc. Modernize church in general, like when you use your ipad. Do an animal service, like the blessing of the animals that we have done in the past, and invite more animals to come.

Please invite us to see your office and come visit our classes sometimes. Join us for the annual Easter Egg hunt and the UU camping trip at Lake Elmore. We want there to be more kid activities at church.

Help us learn new, interesting things like how the first rocket ship was built, and like something about Egyptians. Let us go on more class trips, like the Boston Trip, but closer.

Help keep the youth group strong so they can continue to do fun things like pancake breakfasts. Play some sports and games with us, for example: guessing games.

We would like a gym, and a field day for everyone, and we'd like you to pave the parking lot. We suggest that the Clarke St. house be used for a homeless shelter or a shelter for stray animals, so please work on that. Also, we think all the RE classes should have Class T-shirts (for example: Neighboring Faiths).

Show respect and model integrity. Be responsible and have an open mind. Value interdependence, and participate in community service by using your helping hands. In other words, work for peace and justice. Be joyful as you work to build a peaceful, fair and free world.

Get out of the church sometimes. Enjoy Burlington and find your time here meaningful and satisfying. Attend community events and be sure to have adventures as much as you can!

Be fun. Be a cool kid - join da club. Have SWAG, which is something we Unitarian Universalists got.

Do a good job and don't mess up.

And finally, eat, pray, love.