

# **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN FAITH COMMUNITIES**

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## **Committee Description and Responsibilities**

This Committee will focus on religious education in local faith communities, and within and by denominational/religious bodies, on regional, national, and international levels.

This Committee seeks to enhance religious education by:

- Fostering the sustained dialogue that recognizes mutual benefit between scholarship and practice;
- Supporting exploration of methods and resources for religious education and faith formation across the breadth of religious communities (e.g., developing connections with religious education curriculum providers);
- Promoting the particular interests of practitioners in REA programs, especially the annual meeting;
- Encouraging and facilitating the participation of practitioners in REA programs and leadership;
- Connecting with designated RE leaders and groups within denominational/religious bodies on regional, national, and international levels.

The Committee is composed of the Chair and two members, all elected by the REA membership for a two-year term, renewable for one additional term. Additional others may be invited by the chairperson to serve during that chairperson's term such that the work of the committee can be accomplished thoroughly and efficiently. The Committee will meet annually at REA and may conduct other meetings electronically, as needed. The Chair serves on the REA Board of Directors.

## **Chair's Responsibilities and Requirements**

- Sustain the Board's and Association's focus on the context of religious education in faith communities.
- Promote connections and insights at the border of scholarship and practice.
- Conduct Committee meetings and oversee the fulfillment of the Committee's responsibilities.
- Meet these expectations of all REA Board members:
  - Maintain current REA membership.
  - Attend Board meetings:
    - the spring Board meeting in February or March, lasting from Thursday dinner through Sunday noon. Board members are reimbursed for expenses

to attend the spring meeting;

- the Board meetings before and after the Annual meeting, on Thursday evening and Sunday afternoon. Board members pay their own expenses.
  - the REA Annual Business Meeting;
  - the Advisory Council meeting, held Sunday noon immediately after the Annual Meeting.
- o Attend REA annual meeting and assist with moderating sessions, hosting speakers, interpreting Board actions to members, taking notes, and similar activities.
  - o Submit annual reports to the Board on the activity of the Committee.
  - o Serve on the Nominating Committee during the final year of one's term.
  - o Assist in articulating and communicating REA's identity and vision for a broad audience.