

# **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN PUBLIC LIFE AND THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY**

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## **Committee Description and Responsibilities**

This Committee will focus on the role of religious education beyond religious and academic contexts in the interest of the common good, in the public sphere, and on inter-religious and international education and conversation.

This Committee seeks to enhance religious education in several ways by:

- Promoting scholarly engagement with international and interreligious contexts and characteristics of religious education;
- Cultivating hospitable and educational connections with international members and colleagues;
- Increasing and sustaining multi-religious representation and involvement in REA;
- Developing guidelines and procedures for representing REA, and for advocacy by REA, to public audiences;
- Composing and distributing REA statements, letters, and announcements concerning critical current events and compelling moral circumstances (all items must be approved by the Board prior to distribution).

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 public life and the global community;
- 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.