

WHAT IS “Our Whole Lives?”

Our Whole Lives (OWL) is a series of sexuality education curricula for six age groups: grades K-1, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, young adult and adults. The program provides accurate information and Unitarian Universalist values for children, youth, adults, and families. Our course is for 7th to 9th grade youth.

OWL is based on the philosophy of comprehensive sexuality education, which helps participants make informed and responsible decisions about their sexual health and behavior. Grounded in a holistic view of sexuality, OWL provides not only facts but also helps participants clarify their values, build skills and understand the spiritual, emotional, social, and political aspects of sexuality as well.

OWL, led by a one male identified and one female identified leadership team, uses a variety of media and interactions within a confidential group setting to respond to the expressed concerns of the participants.

WHO ARE THE FACILITATORS?

There are teams of two facilitators for the course. The co-leaders have completed intensive training for the OWL curricula provided by the Metro NY District. Each is a member of a Unitarian Universalist congregation.

WHO SPONSORS OWL?

This course is sponsored by the Long Island Area Council (LIAC) of Unitarian Universalist Societies, supported by dues from the 11 UU societies on Long Island.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR *Our Whole Lives*?

Any youth in grades 7-8-9 who is associated with a Long Island UU society. Please consider your child’s maturity level when considering OWL due to the sensitive nature of the material. It is recommended that young people take this course prior to taking the Coming of Age course.

WHEN IS THE COURSE?

The OWL program will involve six meetings at local Long Island congregations, Sundays from 1:30-6 pm. Classes will meet: October 6, 20, 27, November 10, 17, and November 24, with a rain date on December 8, 2019, if needed.

There will be a *mandatory* parent/guardian meeting on September 30, 2018 from 7:00-8:00pm. This will be offered as a Zoom Conference Meeting. At this time, an overview of the curriculum will be presented. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and express concerns.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

The fee for the course will be \$120, payable by the first session. Please speak to your local religious educator if this poses a financial hardship.

HOW DOES ONE REGISTER?

To register, complete the registration form, have your religious educator sign the form, attach a refundable deposit of \$20, and mail the completed form by September 24 to:

Karyn O’Beirne, LIAC Administrator
38 Union Place, Islip, NY 11751
obeirne@liacuu.org

The balance for the course of \$100 is due at the first session. Make checks payable to “LIAC” and put “OWL” in the memo line.

WHAT ARE THE OBLIGATIONS?

Those who choose to take OWL are making some simple commitments:

- At least one parent/guardian will attend the orientation meeting to better understand the course;
- The participant will attend all of the scheduled sessions and be on time;
- The participants and parents will abide by the rules of the group concerning confidentiality and respect.

The leaders will be available to discuss the course during the duration of the sessions, while respecting the confidentiality of the participants.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR
OUR WHOLE LIVES Grades 7-9
Must be post marked by September 24, 2019

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

NAME _____

AGE _____ GRADE _____ GENDER _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TOWN and ZIP _____

Home Ph _____ Cell _____

E-MAIL _____

DRE Signature _____

UU Congregation _____

I have read the brochure about the “Our Whole Lives” Course, and in submitting this registration form, agree to have my child participate in this course and will ensure s/he attends the scheduled sessions in a timely manner.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Print Name _____

Please print clearly

I agree to abide by the rules of the group and participate in an appropriate way in the course sessions.

Participant’s Signature: _____

Print Name _____

Enclosed please find \$20, registration fee, payable to LIAC (OWL in Memo). We understand that this fee is refundable if we decide not to enroll our youth in the OWL Program.

Long Island Congregations

UU Society of So Suffolk (Bay Shore)
28 Brentwood Road Bay Shore, NY 11706

UU Cong of the So Fork (Bridgehampton)
977 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike,
Bridgehampton, NY 11932

UU Fellowship at Stony Brook
380 Nicolls Road East Setauket, NY 11733

UU Congregation of Queens (Flushing)
147-54 Ash Ave Flushing, NY 11355

SNUUC (Freeport)
228 So Ocean Ave, Freeport, NY 11520

UU Congregation CN (Garden City)
223 Stewart Ave, Garden City, NY 11530

UUFH (Huntington)
109 Brown's Road, Huntington, NY 11743

No Fork UU Fellowship
1590 Main Rd Jamesport, NY 11947

UUCSR (Manhasset)
48 Shelter Rock Rd Manhasset, NY 11030
(516) 627-6560 Email: uucsr@uucsr.org

UU Congregation of GSB
11 Collins Ave. Sayville, NY 11782

First Universalist Church of Southold
51970 Main Rd. , Southold, NY 11971

OWL PROGRAM

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

September 24, 2019 Application Deadline

September 30 7:00-8:00 pm
Orientation meeting for parent/guardians
Zoom Conference Meeting

Program Meetings: Sundays 1:30-6:00 pm

October 6
October 20
October 27
November 10
November 17
November 24

Make Up Date: December 8

LOCATIONS to be Announced



The Long Island Area Council
of Unitarian Universalist Congregations

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COURSE IN HUMAN

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FOR GRADES 7-8-9

FALL 2019

LIAC website: www.LIACuu.org
(Forms and information)