

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES AND INSTITUTIONS

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Committee Description and Responsibilities

This Committee will focus on the engagement in and advancement of religious education in academic disciplines and in schools, colleges, universities, and graduate schools of religion and theology.

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

- Promoting the highest level of research, scholarship, teaching, and leadership in religious education through diverse aspects of academic life;
- Encouraging quality publications in religious education and communicating with publishers concerning publishing directions for our field (e.g., resources at the Annual Meeting and member publications);
- Supporting professional development of academic religious educators (e.g., programs for deans, mid-career, adjunct faculty);
- Communicating with PhD programs and attending to REA's mentoring of students (e.g., maintaining information on graduate programs, encouraging directors' promotion of REA, collaborating on sessions for students at the annual meeting);
- Developing and maintaining, in consultation with the Networking Coordinator, academic resources on the REA website;
- Acting as liaison with other academic guilds and organizations.

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 academic disciplines and institutions.
- Conduct Committee meetings and oversee the fulfillment of the Committee's responsibilities.
- Coordinate REA's participation in the AAR Annual Meeting.
- 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

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- 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.