



**FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF MINNEAPOLIS**  
3400 Dupont Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55408

## **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PACKET**

***Welcome!! Thank you for your interest in joining our church community. We welcome new members continuously throughout the year.***

To apply for membership, first attend a Pathways to Membership class\*, then complete a Membership Application Form and a Stewardship Pledge Card. When your application is complete, your name will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for consideration of membership (the Board meets once a month). You will receive written notification.

We ask new members to participate in a New Member Welcome Ceremony (held quarterly). Although optional, this is an important ritual that takes place during Sunday services. New members introduce themselves and their families to the congregation, sign the Membership Book, and are welcomed personally at a reception following the service in the Social Hall.

\*can be waived for those who have been members of other UU churches

### **Completed Application Checklist**

- Membership Application Form
- Stewardship Pledge Card
- Participated in a *Pathways to Membership* class

### **Return to:**

Sandy DiNanni, Office Support  
612.825.1701  
[Sandy@firstuniv.org](mailto:Sandy@firstuniv.org)

***We celebrate your commitment to First Universalist Church!***



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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership is open to any person fourteen years of age or older.

By signing this form, the applicant agrees to:

- commit to the principles and purposes of First Universalist Church and the open and free search for religious truth that is part of our Unitarian Universalist heritage;
- attend Sunday services and programs regularly;
- make an annual recordable financial pledge contribution;
- give volunteer service ;
- participate in the democratic governance of the congregation.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name of spouse/person with whom you would like to be listed in the Membership Directory:

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<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Grade</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Occupation/Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Work \_\_\_\_\_

Interests/Hobbies/Skills \_\_\_\_\_

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All members must submit a Stewardship Pledge Card and all are asked to participate in Fellowship Service (see back of this form).

Please check, if completed:

I have attended a "Pathways to Membership" class.

I will  I will not  participate in a New Member Welcome Ceremony.

Your name as it is to appear on your name badge \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return the Membership Application with a Stewardship Pledge Card to:**  
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## New Member Biographical Information

The following will be printed in the Order of Service on the Sunday of your New Member Welcome Ceremony and in the newsletter. If you do not choose to write a biography, only your name, and city will be included.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Please write a brief biography of yourself (may be edited). Possibilities include: employment, family, hobbies, interests, and activities in the church.

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## Fellowship Service

We ask all new members to participate in fellowship service on Sundays. You will work alongside experienced greeters/servers one Sunday a month for 3-4 months.

Please choose and check one of the following:

- Coffee server**            Set up, serve and clean up coffee during the social hour
- Usher**                        Pass out bulletins; take offertory; count congregants
- Door Greeter**            Meet and greet everyone as they arrive at the main doors of the church
- Visitor Greeter**        Staff the visitor tables or Welcome Table before or after the service

## Financial Pledge

- First Universalist Church is supported by contributions from members and friends. A Stewardship Campaign is conducted annually and the total pledge amount determines budget and program levels for the following fiscal year. A member must make at least one annual recordable pledge contribution each year to remain an active member.
- 3-5 % of gross annual income is a guideline. Pledge payments may be made annually, semi-annually, quarterly, monthly or weekly, at the donor's choice. Visit the Unitarian Universalist website [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org) for giving guidelines. In times of true financial hardship, upon meeting with a member, a minister may waive the pledge requirement.
- It costs hundreds of dollars per person to fund First Universalist Church (ministers' and administration salaries and benefits, operations, building upkeep, religious education, etc.) \$100 is the minimum cost to carry a member on the roster (*The Liberal*, mailings, annual dues to the UUA and Prairie Star district organizations, etc.).
- To discuss matching your annual pledge to your faith goals and your personal financial giving plan, please contact a minister or the stewardship committee chair.