

MEMBERSHIP FORM

FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF MINNEAPOLIS
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Membership is open to any person fourteen years of age or older who:

- Is in agreement with the open and free search for religious truth that is part of our Unitarian Universalist heritage;
- Expects to attend our Sunday services and programs with some regularity;
- Will, within his/her means, provide financial contribution on an annual basis;
- Will be active, as time allows, in church life beyond the Sunday worship experience.

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code : _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Place of Employment: _____

Special Talents/Skills: _____

Family Members: _____

Your name to appear on your name tag: _____

How did you find out about First Universalist? _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Welcome! We celebrate your commitment to First Universalist Church

Please return this form to the church office.

New Member Biographical Information

The following data will be included in the biographical information printed in the Order of Service for the ceremony at which new members are welcomed into the church community.

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Please write a simple biography of yourself. Some things people often include are their place of employment, family, hobbies, interests and activities in the church.

Please note: If you do not choose to write a short biography of yourself, only your name, address and phone number will be included in the Order of Service

Signature: _____ Date: _____

We would like to strengthen your connection with First Universalist by assigning a member to serve as your mentor during your introduction to the church. Your mentor is available to answer any questions you may have and assist you with your orientation to First Universalist.

_____ Yes, I would be interested in having a mentor.

_____ No, thank you.

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Volunteer Opportunities

Please take time to look through the attached Shared Interest Survey, indicate areas in which you'd like to volunteer, and return the survey with your application. Your participation is an important contribution to the life and spirit of this church community.

Pledging Guidelines

First Universalist Church is supported by contributions from members and friends. An annual Stewardship Campaign is conducted each year, the results of which determine the budgetary and programming levels for the following year. The Stewardship Campaign brochure details the immediate monetary needs of our church as well as our hopes and dreams for the future. Each member is expected to make as generous a pledge as possible. Pledge payments may be made annually, semi-annually, quarterly, monthly or weekly, at the donor's choice. At least one contribution must be made each year to remain an active member. However, no one should feel unable to join our church because of true financial hardship. Upon request, a minister may waive the pledge requirement.

Many members find it convenient to make their pledge through automatic debits on their bank accounts. The amount contributed will vary from person to person according to personal circumstances, but two to four percent of gross annual income is a general rule of thumb for many of the church's members. There are, however, a few things that new members should consider when determining the amount of their financial pledge:

- It costs an average of \$200.00 per person for First Universalist to keep a member on the roster. This includes annual dues to the UUA, Prairie Star District, newsletter mailing costs, etc.
- Any additional programs the church undertakes, such as Religious Education, Youth Ministry, Adult Education, Social Justice, Pastoral Care, Worship and the Arts, Music and general operating costs such as building upkeep, furnishings, utilities, ministerial and staff support are totally dependent upon the monetary pledges of our members.
- Before the joining ceremony, you will be asked to complete a pledge card to indicate your level of financial commitment to our church. You must determine what amount is right for you. If you need further guidance, a member of the Membership Council, Finance Committee or one of our ministers will gladly assist you.

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