Becoming a Member of First Unitarian Church of Des Moines

The meaning of membership is different for every individual. It may be that you’re choosing to support the presence of free religion. It may mean your membership means deeper recognition that you have found a spiritual home. It may be that you are choosing to add your name in support of the kind of religious education your children are receiving here, or of the social justice programs we are creating together. It is likely that the meaning of membership will change and expand for you over the years. As a member, we ask you for the following:

1. **Presence**—Attend church services and/or programming as you are able.

2. **Participation**—Get involved in the life of our community in ways that grow your soul. All members are asked to serve on a *Hospitality Team* to assist with Sunday services six times a year by greeting visitors, ushering and providing refreshments after services.

3. **Pledging**—All members are required to make and pay a regular pledge of financial support.

4. **Pass It On**—Share your pride in our religious community by talking to people about our church.

When you are ready to join our community, please complete the *Intent to Join Form* (attached) and return it to the church office.

Upon receiving your form, a member of the staff will contact you to set up a one-on-one conversation to answer any questions you may have about First Unitarian Church of Des Moines, the membership process, and to assist you in making connections in the community.

**New Member Ceremony**

During a regular worship service, you and other new members will be officially welcomed into the church. The ceremony is simple but an important ritual in our community. If you prefer, a private membership book signing can be arranged by contacting Laura Berardi, Membership Coordinator.

**New member ceremonies for 2019-2020:**
- Sunday, November 3, 2019
- Sunday, April/May 2020 (date to be determined)

If you have any questions at all, please contact Lyra Halsten, Membership Coordinator, at 244-8603, ext 103 or via email at membership@ucdsm.org.
First Unitarian Church of Des Moines: Intent to Join Form

Name: _________________________________________________________________  Date: ____________________

Name as you want it on your permanent nametag: _______________________________________________________

Pronouns: ________________________________ Include on nametag? Y / N____  Birth Date: ____________________

Address: __________________________________________________________  City: ___________________________

State/ZIP code: ___________________________ Email Address:_______________________________________________________

Would you like to receive our weekly newsletter via email? [circle one]  Yes / No / I already do!

Preferred Phone: ______________________________

   Type (circle one):   Mobile      Home     Work

Alternate Phone: ______________________________

   Type (circle one):   Mobile      Home     Work

Employer:_________________________________________  Occupation: _____________________________________

Name of Partner (if applicable):__________________________________ Is your partner joining? ________________

If not, include in directory?   Y  /  N

Children living at home – names and birth dates (if applicable):

__________________________________________________________________________________________________

Church activities currently involved in:

__________________________________________________________________________________________________

I would like to learn more about (please select all that apply):

☐ Spiritual deepening through classes and/or small groups
☐ Social and community activities to get to know more people with similar interests
☐ Social justice efforts by this church
☐ Ways to contribute to this church community by serving on a board, council, committee or team
☐ Say more about your particular interests (optional):  __________________________________________________________

Hospitality Team Preference [circle one]  9:15 a.m. service  or  11 a.m. service  or  where needed

New member ceremony you will be attending [circle one]:

   Sunday, November 3, 2019 - 9:15 a.m.  or  11 a.m.
   Sunday, April/May 2020 (date to be determined) - 9:15 a.m.  or  11 a.m.

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# First Unitarian Photo Release Form

Please include **ALL** family members attending First Unitarian Church.

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If “Yes” is checked above, I hereby authorize First Unitarian Church of Des Moines to publish the photographs taken of me or my child for use in the church’s printed publications, brochures and website. I acknowledge that since my participation is voluntary, I will receive no financial compensation. I release First Unitarian Church, its members and its employees from liability for any claims by me or any third party in connection with my participation.

Signature: _______________________________ Date: ________________