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Rights and Responsibilities of Members

Rights of Members

Because we are a democratic community, members are collectively vested with responsibility for the congregation. Some benefits of membership in UUCE include:

- Voting on Church business. When you join UUCE, you are able to vote on church decisions (as long as you have submitted a pledge form for the current church year).
- Members may receive once annually a wedding, naming ceremony, or Celebration of Life at UUCE for only staffing costs (custodial and A/V support).
- You can serve on the Board of Trustees, the Leadership Development Committee, and the Committee on Right Relations.
- You get a colorful printed nametag.
- You receive the UU World quarterly magazine from the UUA (eventually).

- Members have access to the online Church Directory. To set up access, contact the church office. This access allows you to find contact information made available by Members, Emeritus Members, and Friends.

Responsibilities of Members

Because we are a covenanted congregation, members have certain responsibilities to the congregation and to one another. They are best fulfilled by:

- Participating regularly at worship or other ongoing group activities. Weekly worship cements the bonds of community, and keeps our attention directed to our highest values, while nurturing our spirits.
- Caring for each other.
- Voting at congregational meetings.
Responsible participation includes imagining the needs of the entire congregation, rather than focusing only on one's own needs or desires. Consider how issues affect all members of the congregation, as well as potential members and others in the world outside the congregation.

- Making financial contributions. Not only does this provide for the support of the congregation, but it also serves as a spiritual discipline.
- Submitting a pledge form annually (every spring) to indicate you are still interested in continuing your membership in UUCE.
- Sharing your talents and gifts.
Congregations succeed because their members find ways to give of themselves, whether through singing, financial management, educating children, sharing their passion for social justice, organizing, cooking, greeting—the list of tasks goes on. Finding ways to give back that nurture your own soul helps to avoid resentment and supports your own growth.
- Working deliberately at your own spiritual development is a gift to the congregation and to the larger world. We offer a variety of Adult Faith Development classes and ongoing opportunities to reflect together.

Questions about Membership?

If you have questions, please contact:
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