

Pastoral Care Associates
First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany
Application

Date:

Name:

Primary contact method:

Applicant e-mail:

Please insert your answers into this Word document Please limit your response to a half page *or less* (< 250 words) for each question or set of questions.

- 1. What does being a Pastoral Care Associate mean to you? How would this commitment fit/integrate with others in your life?**

- 1. What is your expectation of what you will gain from this program?**

- 2. What experience, strength and skills do you have in working with people?**

- 4. How does Unitarian Universalism inform your desire to minister to others?**

- 5. How would your Unitarian Universalist beliefs guide your work as a pastoral care associate? How will you minister to people whose beliefs or lifestyles are different from your own?**

- 6. Please list 2 or 3 people to whom you have offered pastoral care (or emotional support) who would be willing to speak on your behalf with the minister? (This reference list may include a current PCA.)**

The job description for the PCA role can be found on the next page.

Pastoral Care Associates

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Goal: to offer pastoral listening and emotional support to members and friends of our congregation

Desirable qualities in a Pastoral Care Associate:

- Good listening skills
- Understanding of Unitarian Universalism and a sense of identity as a Unitarian Universalist
- Solid ties to the congregation
- Member in good standing
- Good personal support system
- Ability to work collaboratively
- Self-awareness
- Willingness to ask for help when needed

Pastoral Care Associate Application:

- Submit a written application
- Attend training program

Pastoral Care Associates Duties:

- Commit to being available to offer listening ministry and emotional support for one or more congregants
- Serve as a PCA on duty Sunday morning at least once a month
- Participate in monthly ongoing support and guidance from the minister and PCA team