

MEMBERSHIP MENTOR WEST SHORE UU CHURCH

Purpose – “The membership initiative is one of the most important ministries that a congregation embodies,” said Mike Durall in his November 06 report. People join the church for a variety of reasons but unless they make the “Human Connection”, they won’t stay. The purpose of the membership mentor is to enable that Human Connection. We were all new once, and drinking coffee with no one to talk with after the Service –very scary. You will build a relationship with the new member and introduce that person to people you know in our church and get them involved in activities—like making coffee, taking an RE class, volunteering for the Service Auction or Canvass. The best way to get to know someone is to share an experience with that person. The return on this investment will be immense to both parties as well as our church community.

Process – Call and arrange a meeting with the new member – maybe lunch after Sunday Service or a visit in their home—you want to get acquainted. This might be a good opportunity to tell how you came to West Shore, talk about your involvement, what being a member of West Shore means to you and how you decided to join the church. **Please call them as soon as you get this letter. I have told them they are getting a mentor and so they will be waiting for your call.**

Contact your New Member about once a month and check in. Be sure to invite them to any big church event – and try to sit with them. At the end of 6-9 months – have a closing meeting in person (not on the phone) with the new member. Have they made connections, attended a class, church party or event, volunteered for a social action projects, etc. Then e-mail or phone Kathleen Heck, Membership Coordinator about the status of the new member and let her know any ideas of committees or activities that may interest the new member. kheck@wsuuc.org or 440-333-2255X107.

Most important – have fun with this and make a friend!

NEW MEMBER INFO

Names & Birthdates _____

Children and Birthdates _____

Address _____

Phones

Home _____ Cell _____

Work _____

E-mail _____

Profession(s) or Hobbies _____

Do you sing or play an instrument if so – what _____

Tell us something that will help to get to know you better – interests, an amazing experience, vacation, accomplishments:

Have you met someone that you would like to be your Membership Mentor or do you want me to select someone? _____

Bio Samples

Jane Smith lives in Avon Lake with her 2 cast-Boo and Kaia. . She works as a Counselor and Assistant Professor at Lorain County Community College. She has been a devotee of Vipassana Meditation Practice for many years. Her passions include books and movies. She also loves to travel and garden. “Thinking and Dialog are always important.”

John Smith lives in Elyria with his wife Jane and 2 daughters. He is in the Ohio Army Nation Guard and has been involved in the military since 1974 as a combat medic, medical specialist and LPN. His passion is working with computers, software internet, networking, IT. He currently works in the IT field and enjoys sharing his knowledge. Loves Puerto Rican folk music called Plena or Jibaro music. Also enjoys Blues, Rick (70’s) and early Hip Hop. Vacations are usually to visit family in Florida or Puerto Rico. His hobby is Abstract Art – also helps him to meditate.