

New Member Gifts Questionnaire

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Name of New Member:
Phone / E-mail:
Date of interview:
Interviewed by:
In person or over the phone:

Background

1. How long have you been attending FUUSD?
2. How did you become acquainted with First Church or Unitarian Universalism?
3. In what ways have you been participating in the congregation so far?
4. Thinking of what motivated you to try First UU Church. Which of the following statements are true for you?
 - _____ A desire to develop a spiritual path **[PATH]**
 - _____ A need to have a liberal religious environment for my family **[FAMILY]**
 - _____ A yearning to find a place to make friends **[COMMUNITY]**
 - _____ A desire to impact our world through social justice with others **[JUSTICE]**
 - _____ A need to express yourself creatively **[ARTS]**
 - _____ A need for support and comfort in a time of transition **[SUPPORT]**

5. What made you decide to become a member of First Church?

Work/School/Training

6. Are you working, retired or not working at the moment?
7. In what ways do you spend your time throughout the week?
8. What are some of your favorite activities?
9. Do you have hobbies or interests outside of school or work?
10. Have you ever worked as a volunteer?

Gifts

We all bring various gifts to this congregation. Your giftedness includes more than your skills, talents, and resources. The following sentence-completion exercise will help you explore several aspects of your giftedness. Just answer with the first thing that pops into your head. If you cannot or are not comfortable answering just say “pass”

1. One of the dreams I want to accomplish in my lifetime is ...
2. Three things I have done or experienced in my life that I especially value are ...
3. Some of my passions are ...
4. In the coming two years I would especially like to learn ...
5. Others tell me I have the gift of ...

Connections

First UU Church hosts over 70 special interest groups which are sheltered within 7 Ministry Teams. These teams are: *Caring, Denominational Affairs, Generosity, Inreach, Lifespan Religious Growth & Learning, Social Justice, and Worship & Program*. You can find a complete listing of all of the groups in our **Ministry Team Magazine** in your New Member Packet.

Another way to learn about the many activities is by viewing our Annual Report. This year our report is full of wonderful photographs. You can access this on our website at www.firstuusandiego.org, just click on the Events page and follow the link to the 2007 Annual Report. If you would prefer to view a hard copy, let us know and we can print you one.

The following are some of the groups that are active in the areas which you designated as begin a motivating factor in your choosing to attend First Church. Are there any activities within these areas that you might like to find out more about?

ARTS

- _____ Art Guild & Art Gallery
- _____ Bookroom
- _____ Choir (*youth, children, adult, bell, intergenerational*)
- _____ Concert Series
- _____ Library
- _____ Looking Glass Theatre Company
- _____ Music & Worship

COMMUNITY

- _____ 18 – 24 year old
- _____ 25 – 35 year old
- _____ Couples
- _____ Covenant Groups
- _____ LGBT
- _____ Men's Fellowship
- _____ Neighborhood Groups
- _____ Singles
- _____ UCSD Student
- _____ Women's Federation

FAMILY

- _____ Children & Youth Choir
- _____ Family Camp (All Church Camp)
- _____ Multi-racial parenting support
- _____ Our Whole Lives (sex education)
- _____ Parenting Our Principles
- _____ Parents of Teens support

JUSTICE

- _____ Anti-Oppression, Anti-racism work
- _____ Fair Banking
- _____ Fair Trade Coffee sales
- _____ Green Sanctuary (Earth Spirit)
- _____ Homeless Shelter
- _____ Hurricane Relief
- _____ Organizing for Justice
- _____ Partner Church (Romania & Philippines)
- _____ Peace & Democracy
- _____ Peacemaker's Book Club
- _____ Reproductive Freedom

PATH

- _____ Buddhist Sangha
- _____ Christian Fellowship
- _____ Cosmos
- _____ Earth Centered Spirituality Circle (Pagan UUs)
- _____ Humanist Discussion
- _____ Meditation

_____ Voluntary Simplicity

SUPPORT

- _____ Lay pastoral support with a trained Lay Pastoral Care Associate
- _____ Meeting with director of Religious Education (family and child issues)
- _____ Pastoral counseling session with a minister
- _____ Practical support (rides to a medical appointment or help with shopping during a recovery from illness or injury)

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY CIRCLE

During your first six months of church membership, you are encouraged to get involved in as many different ways as you can, in order to build community, form bonds and make a place for yourself. Becoming a Sunday morning volunteer is an excellent way to develop a strong relationship with this congregation. Would you be interested in finding out more about any of the Sunday volunteer opportunities?

- _____ **BOOKS** Shelving and selling books and magazines.
- _____ **COFFEE** Help set up social hour and/or serve coffee.
- _____ **GREETER** Welcome people as they enter the church grounds.
- _____ **USHER** Welcome people to the meeting house, hand out orders of service, seat people and help take the Sunday offering.
- _____ **WELCOME TABLE** Hand out gift packets and nametags, help people sign up for our newsletter and directs visitors to the Meeting House.

Additional Comments:

Is there anything else about your background, your interests and your experience that you would like the ministers and staff to know?