

New Member Joining

Opening Words and Chalice Lighting:

We come together in an attitude of openness - not knowing quite what will happen, yet daring to receive a new idea, a new experience, sustenance for our minds and our hearts.

We come with an attitude of praise, expressing our thankfulness for the good that has come into our lives.

We come with an attitude of humility, knowing how much we need one another, how alone we can be in the world, how vulnerable if we face life solely by ourselves.

We come in the spirit of love, seeking human warmth and fellowship in the hands and faces of those around us.

*We come in the spirit of joy, seeking reconfirmation and renewal of life, of love, and of hope.
-- adapted from Peter Lee Scott*

Welcome & Introductions

- What are you seeking in a spiritual home? How have you found that here or how would you like to?

What is a UU?

- Members have many different philosophical and theological beliefs
 - “We need not think alike to love alike.” – Francis David
- No creed: religious authority rests in the individual human heart
- Practice, not belief: how we come together is key
 - Covenantal tradition
 - What is at the center? Seven Principles

How Did We Get Here? Unitarian Universalist History

- Unitarianism
- Universalism
- Merger

What is the Fellowship’s history?

- Founded in 1955 by 10 individuals from different religious backgrounds
- Upcoming minister transition

What is the meaning of membership?

- Important step for many people to feel like they belong to this community
- Joining is making a commitment
- Process of joining
- Pledge

How can I get involved?

- UU101
- Small Groups & Journey groups
- Wellspring
- Invite them to something this next week

Ritual of Joining

- Sign book
- Receive stone of Joy and Concern

Questions?

Chalice Extinguishing

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