

# Becoming a Member of Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation

After you have finished OUUC's Membership class series\* please complete the following steps to become a member of Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation.

\*the "described orientation program\*" as specified in OUUC's bylaws (see below)

- \_\_\_ Complete a New Member Information Form (see below).
- \_\_\_ Complete a Stewardship Pledge Form (see below).
- \_\_\_ Complete the Meeting Notification Opt-In Form (see below).
- \_\_\_ Submit a photo for OUUC's Directory. Send a photo via email to [liberalfaith@ouuc.org](mailto:liberalfaith@ouuc.org).  
Or bring a photo to our Administrator in the church office.
- \_\_\_ Respond to the email invitation from OUUC to Join OUUC's Realm Directory and database. OUUC will send this invitation once your contact information and new member status have been added to our Realm database.  
When you respond to that email invitation **you** give your permission to add the contact information you would like to share to OUUC's Directory. People use this directory to communicate with people they meet here at OUUC.
- \_\_\_ Schedule a conversation with Bonnie Guyer Graham, Community Life Coordinator, to talk about how you can find your place in our congregation. Contact Bonnie at [communitylife@ouuc.org](mailto:communitylife@ouuc.org)

Complete these forms and return them to our Administrator in the church office.

**These forms are also available anytime on OUUC's website at:**

<https://www.ouuc.org/newcomers/how-to-become-a-member/new-member-forms/>

New Member Information Form

Stewardship Pledge Form

Meeting Opt-In

Spring 2019

## Membership as described in our congregation's Bylaws

### **I. Qualifications**

OUUC is constituted of its members. Membership in the Congregation is open to any person who is in general sympathy with the purpose and covenant of OUUC, and has:

- A. Completed a prescribed orientation program, or is a current member of OUUC;
- B. Made a financial pledge of support for the current fiscal year; or is included in a pledge made on behalf of a pledging unit;
- C. If under 18, completed a coming of age program as determined by OUUC's Director of Religious Education; and
- D. Signed the OUUC membership book.

### **II. Responsibilities of Membership**

- A. A member shall accept responsibility for the well-being of the OUUC community through contributions of time, energy, and financial resources.
- B. Members shall not represent themselves as speaking on behalf of the Congregation unless authorized in accordance with Board of Trustees (Board) policy.

### **III. Privileges of Membership**

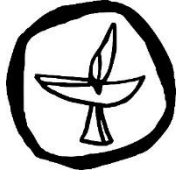
- A. Thirty days after signing the membership book, a member shall have the following privileges:
  - 1. The right to vote at all congregational meetings;
  - 2. Access to congregational facilities and ministerial services in accordance with policy of the Board;
  - 3. Participation in Congregation-sponsored activities.
- B. Members of the Congregation who reside together as a family may pledge as a single unit. Each such member shall have all the privileges of membership, including the right to cast an individual vote.

### **IV. Continuation and Termination of Membership**

- A. Members shall maintain their membership status by submitting an annual pledge or requesting for waiver from an annual pledge.
- B. Members who have not renewed their annual pledge may be removed from the list of current OUUC members.
- C. Members may voluntarily terminate their OUUC membership.
- D. Membership in OUUC may be canceled by majority vote of the Board for good cause. The person whose membership is at issue shall have: the right to know the reasons for cancellation; an opportunity to speak to the Board before the vote on cancellation; and the right to appeal cancellation to the next congregational meeting by requesting inclusion on the meeting notice.

### **V. Friends of the Congregation**

Friends of the Congregation are non-members who contribute to the life of the Congregation. Friends of the Congregation are welcome to participate in the life of OUUC. The Board may determine that a person is not welcome to participate as a friend.



# New Member Information

Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address Line 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Address Line 2 \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Month, day and year

**May we publish your birthday in the online directory?**

\*Circle One: Publish month and day in directory OR Do not publish

**Spouse/Partner Name (if applicable)**

\_\_\_\_\_

first

last

**Names and birthdates of children attending OUUC**

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**Would you like information about the Religious Education program? Yes or No**

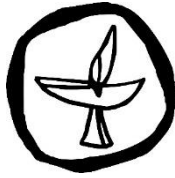
**What brought you to Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation?**

**What prompted you to become a member of our congregation?**

**How can we best help you to become involved in the church community?**

**What are your three favorite activities?**

**What else would you like us to know about you?**



# Stewardship Pledge Form

Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address Line 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Address Line 2 \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Total Pledge \_\_\_\_\_

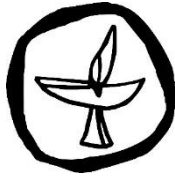
\$ amount for the pledge year (January-December)

**I wish to make my pledge:**

- Weekly
- Monthly
- Quarterly
- Annually
- Other
- Waiver

Waiver: I am unable to pledge financially at this time but will continue to support OUUC with my time and talent. Please keep me on the roster!

**Special Instructions, if any:**



# Meeting Notification Opt-in

Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation

## Notification Preference

Yes, I choose email notification for congregational meetings.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_