

How to Become a Member of UUFA

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If you're a newly arrived visitor

- We encourage you to attend a 'New to UUFA' orientation session. These are held roughly every 2 months, from 8:45 am - Noon, on a Saturday morning at UUFA. Sign-up sheets rest on the Visitor Table in the foyer. At these sessions you meet other newcomers and Fellowship leaders, including our minister, Rev. Alison Eskildsen. We allow time for everyone to briefly share their religious journey and why Unitarian Universalism might be of interest. Additionally, you share what you hope for in a spiritual community.
- Can't make a New UU session? Then contact Rev. Eskildsen to schedule a meeting so you can get to know each other and she can share some basic information about UUFA.

If you've attended a UU congregation elsewhere

- We hope you'll still attend a 'New to UUFA' orientation (described above) so that you can meet a variety of people and share your religious journey with us. At a minimum we ask you to set up a meeting with Rev. Eskildsen so you can get to know each other.

Requirements of Membership

- Attend a 'New to UUFA' orientation or meet privately with Rev. Eskildsen.
- Review and sign a Covenant of Membership form, indicating you understand UUFA's expectations for members—
 - Participate in at least one activity that feeds your soul or promotes spiritual growth, however you understand those terms. This might mean joining a small group ministry, an adult education class, or even volunteering on a committee.
 - Attend Sunday services regularly so that you know what's going on in the community and maintain connections with others.
 - Participate in at least one social justice activity a year to live out your values.
 - Support UUFA financially, at whatever level your personal circumstances allow.
- When you're ready to become a member, and you've done the above two items, we will formally present you at a New Member Ceremony during a Sunday morning service. Afterwards, you may sign the Membership book.

Where to learn about what's happening at UUFA

- Sign up for our weekly e-news by contacting Shaye Gambrell, (uufa@uuathensga.org), or by going to the appropriate website page (uuathensga.org/connections/newsletter/).
- Be sure to check out the entire website (uuathensga.org), where we regularly update events and opportunities to become more deeply involved in the community and further your own spiritual development or faith understanding.
- Talk to Rev. Eskildsen, send her an email, or ask anyone at the Visitor Table on Sunday morning if you have any questions not answered here.

Membership is not a requirement. You may stay a 'friend' of UUFA while learning more about the Fellowship, getting involved and supporting UUFA as your means and interest allow.