

ALBANY UU SERVICE OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

Service Opportunity: Stewardship Testimonial Speaker (not a member of the Stewardship Committee)

Service Opportunity Brief Description: During the Sunday service deliver a testimonial describing why it is important to you to financially support Albany UU.

Service Opportunity Detailed Description: As part of the Stewardship Campaign to fund the annual operating budget of Albany UU, all members and friends are asked to make an annual financial pledge. As part of the Stewardship Campaign, 2 or 3 members are asked to give a brief (3-5 minute) testimonial during a Sunday service, describing their personal commitment to Albany UU. The Testimonial Speaker will not be sharing her or his pledge amount, but talking about the importance of Albany UU to them and their family: why they attend, and why they pledge.

The goal of the testimonial is to inspire others to make generous financial commitments that provide the resources necessary for Albany UU to continue our strong programs for ourselves and the wider Albany area community.

Length of Service Commitment:

This is a one-time activity. Because the congregation enjoys hearing testimonials from a variety of members, we have different Testimonial Speakers each year.

This opportunity will enable you, during preparation of your testimony, explore in depth the reasons you were attracted to Albany UU in the first place, why you stayed, and what the experience of being a member has meant to you. Previous Testimony Speakers have found exploring these questions a very rewarding experience. By presenting your thoughts during the Sunday Service, you will help to raise funds vital to the support of Albany UU.

Skills Needed :

Some level of comfort at public speaking is necessary. But it is not necessary to be a polished speaker or to possess any particular oratorical skills of persuasion. You only need to be able to communicate your answers to the questions you explored in preparing this testimony.

Training, assistance, and safety requirements: The minister will provide assistance if you wish.

Key words: communications skills

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