



## First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany

### *Intent to Join Statement*

**Signing this statement begins the process of becoming a member of our congregation.** There is no test of faith or belief requirement to join our community. We simply require general agreement with our Congregational Covenant:

*“As a congregation with respect for our past and commitment to the future, we draw from the depth and power of our hearts and minds, guided by our Unitarian Universalist principles, to serve our mission and vision.*

*We celebrate the diversity of our identities and experiences, and foster a culture of appreciation, inspiration, and kindness.*

*We honor both the strength of the collective and uniqueness of the individual, willing to support and challenge each other with love and compassion.*

*We entrust ourselves to each other in beloved community, to embolden personal and congregational growth and transformation.”*

Rather than creeds, we have expectations for membership. These expectations help facilitate the integration of a new member into our community.

***The expectations of membership are:***

- ☞ Participation on Sunday morning;
- ☞ Involvement in and helping with our activities;
- ☞ Financial support of the congregation.

Each expectation is flexible depending on each person’s ability to participate.

***Before joining we encourage each person to:***

- ☞ Meet with our minister;
- ☞ Attend our “Getting to Know UU” class;
- ☞ Meet with a representative of our stewardship team.

Members support the congregation by making a yearly commitment of support called a pledge. Our budget year runs from July 1 to June 30.

One officially becomes a member by signing our membership book. This is arranged between you and a member of the Membership Team or the Minister.

***I*** have read this explanation of joining and am ready to become a member of the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Please send this statement to Darlene Lupe-Gotham Church Administrator, Albany UU, 405 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12206. The minister will contact you to set up a meeting.*

*If you have questions, email the office at [admin@albanyuu.org](mailto:admin@albanyuu.org) or call 518-463-7135.*