

## ***What does being a member of Albany UU mean?***

### **Membership means...**

...Joining a community that shares principles, purposes, and tradition. The living tradition we share draws on many sources:

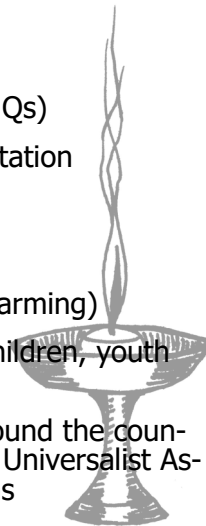
- Direct experience of the transcending mystery, affirmed in all cultures, that renews the spirit.
- Words and deeds of prophetic people, challenging us to confront evil with justice, compassion, and love.
- Wisdom from the world's religions, inspiring our ethical and spiritual life.
- Jewish and Christian teachings calling us to love our neighbors as ourselves.
- Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed science and reason, and warn against idolatries of mind and spirit.
- Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions, celebrating the circle of life and teaching harmony with nature.

You can learn more about our principles and traditions by talking with our minister, Rev. Ann Kadlecsek; attending a Newcomer/New Members Class; reading literature from our library; subscribing to *UU World*, the Unitarian Universalist magazine.

### **Membership offers...**

...Support and fellowship in the form of many activities and services, such as:

- Sunday morning services and discussion forums
- Involvement in social activism
- Choir and other musical activities
- Book groups
- Men's support groups
- Projects and Quilts (Ps & Qs)
- Sunday Mindfulness Meditation
- Small Group Ministry
- Bridge
- SAS (Suddenly Adults Swarming)
- Religious education for children, youth and adults
- Connections with UUs around the country through the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations
- Dinners, potlucks, picnics, etc., etc...



### **Membership assumes...**

...That members, to the extent of their abilities, will be

***Present***—taking an active part in the life of the Albany UU community.

***Participating***—sharing their time and skills through volunteer opportunities:

☞ Within the church

- Serving at coffee hour
- Singing in the choir
- Working on a committee
- Co-teaching an RE class
- Helping with Auction, Fellowship Dinner, or other annual events

☞ And in the larger community

- Focus Food Pantry
- Sustainable environmental issues
- Interfaith Impact
- Immigration support

***Pledging***—giving monetary support for the work of the congregation through the annual stewardship campaign.



*To learn more . . . visit the Welcome Table in the lobby during coffee hour.*

# Unitarian Universalist Principles and Purposes

*We affirm and promote...*

*...The inherent worth and dignity of every person;*

*...Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;*

*...Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregation;*

*...A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;*

*...The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregation and in society at large;*

*...The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;*

*...Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.*



**To sustain a vital and nurturing religious community**

## Need more information?

### On Unitarian Universalism...

Visit the Joy library, the brochure rack, the minister, or [www.UUA.org](http://www.UUA.org).

### On Albany UU membership or just getting on the mailing list...

See someone at the Welcome Table in the lobby during coffee hour, or call the office at 518-463-7135.

### On Religious Education...

For children, contact the Director of Programs for Children & Youth at [dre@albanyuu.org](mailto:dre@albanyuu.org).

### On social events, committees, congregational meetings, etc...

Sign up at the Welcome Table in the lobby for *Windows Weekly*, our weekly email newsletter.

### On anything else...

Try our friendly staff in the office— if it's happening in this church, they can tell you who, where, and when! Call 518-463-7135.



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*A welcoming congregation*