

### **What are the Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism?**

- 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 congregations'
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations 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.

### **Why should I become a member?**

Unitarian Universalist minister A. Powell Davies wrote, "When you find a church which expresses the outlook and values you yourself hold as vital, you are depriving both yourself and those values of needed strength if you fail to identify yourself with that church." Membership at CVUUF gives you a vehicle for living out your values, developing supportive relationships and furthering your own spiritual journey. Because we are a democracy, membership also gives you a voice and a vote on many critical issues that face our Fellowship.

### **What will be expected of me as a member?**

Once you become a member, you accept responsibility, along with the other members, for the ongoing work of the church. In order to make a difference in the lives of its members and the larger community, CVUUF requires the passion and energy of the people who share its values. As a member, you will be expected to take part in shared ministry by volunteering your time and talent as you are able.

You will also be asked to make a monetary pledge commensurate with your financial situation. Lastly, it will be important for you to attend congregational meetings, inform yourself about the issues before the Fellowship and vote according to your conscience for the greater good.

### **How can I get the most out of my membership?**

Coming to worship services on a regular basis provides a common experience and binds us together in our spiritual journey. Beyond the Sunday services, opportunities abound to get involved! Small groups are a great way to get to know people on a more personal level and deepen your spiritual life. See the literature on display in the Social Hall or the CVUUF website ([www.cvuuf.org](http://www.cvuuf.org)) for more information to see what groups interest you.

## **Okay, I'm ready to become a member. What do I do now?**

The two-part "Path to Membership" classes are a great introduction to Unitarian Universalism and CVUUF. The first class, All About UU, covers the historical roots of our denomination, our beliefs and principles, and personal spiritual journeys. The second class All About Us covers our own CVUUF history, governance, financial commitments and avenues for spiritual growth. At the end of this series, you will be given an opportunity sign the membership book. The dates for the upcoming classes this year are:

All About UU - Sept. 14, Nov. 9,  
Jan. 11, Mar. 22  
and May 17.

All About Us - Sept. 21, Nov. 16,  
Jan. 18, Mar. 29  
and May 31.

The classes meet from 12:15 pm to 3:15 pm and lunch is provided. Childcare will be available for both classes as well.

## **Is there a formal welcome into the congregation?**

Once you have become a member, we will celebrate with an induction ceremony at a Sunday service. These are typically scheduled quarterly. You will also be invited to our quarterly New Member Potlucks during your first year of membership.

## **What if I have more questions?**

We understand that making a membership commitment to CVUUF is an important decision and we are happy to discuss any questions or concerns you may have. Feel free to talk with Rev. Betty, or any member of the Welcoming Committee for more information.



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## **Path to Membership**

We're glad you have discovered the Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (CVUUF) and are considering becoming a member! Membership in our community provides an opportunity for you to deepen your relationships with others, affirm your support of Unitarian Universalist principles and give of your time, talents and treasure to the greater good of all people. What follows are answers to some common questions about membership in our Fellowship.

### **Who can join CVUUF?**

Membership is open to all people. No one has to subscribe to a particular belief or creed. What binds us together are our Seven Principles.