



First Unitarian Church of Des Moines Membership & Intent to Join Form 2016-17

Becoming a Member of First Unitarian Church of Des Moines

The meaning of membership is different for every individual. It may be that you're choosing to support the presence of free religion. It may mean your membership means deeper recognition that you have found a spiritual home. It may be that you are choosing to add your name in support of the kind of religious education your children are receiving here, or of the social justice programs we are creating together. It is likely that the meaning of membership will change and expand for you over the years. As a member, we ask you for the following:

1. **Presence**—Attend church services and/or programming as you are able.
2. **Participation**—Get involved in the life of our community in ways that grow your soul. All members are asked to serve on a **Hospitality Team** to assist with Sunday services six times a year by greeting visitors, ushering and providing refreshments after services.
3. **Pledging**—All members are required to make and pay a regular pledge of financial support.
4. **Pass It On**—Share your pride in our religious community by talking to people about our church.

When you are ready to join our community, please complete the **Intent to Join Form** (reverse side) and return it to the church office.

Upon receiving your form, a member of the staff will contact you to set up a one-on-one conversation to answer any questions you may have about First Unitarian Church of Des Moines, the membership process, and to assist you in making connections in the community.

New Member Ceremony

During a regular worship service, you and other new members will be officially welcomed into the church. The ceremony is simple but an important ritual in our community. If you prefer, a private membership book signing can be arranged by contacting Laura Berardi, Membership Coordinator.

New member ceremonies for 2016-17:

Sunday, November 13, 2016

Sunday, May 21, 2017

If you have any questions at all, please contact Laura Berardi, Membership Coordinator, at 244-8603, ext 103 or via email at membership@ucdsm.org.

First Unitarian Church of Des Moines: Intent to Join Form

Name: _____ Date: _____

Preferred Pronouns: _____ Birth Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State/ZIP code: _____ Email Address: _____

Would you like to receive our weekly newsletter via email? (circle one) Yes / No / I already do!

Preferred Phone: _____

Type (circle one): Mobile Home Work

Alternate Phone: _____

Type (circle one): Mobile Home Work

Twice a year, we email a **church directory** to all church members, friends, and extended visitors. If there is any information you would prefer **NOT** to have published in this directory, please circle it below:

Address | Email | Home Phone | Mobile Phone | Work Phone

Employer: _____ Occupation: _____

Name of Partner (if applicable): _____ Is your partner joining? _____

Children living at home – names and birth dates (if applicable): _____

Church activities currently involved in: _____

I would like to learn more about (please select all that apply):

- Spiritual deepening through classes and/or small groups
- Social and community activities to get to know more people with similar interests
- Social justice efforts by this church
- Ways to contribute to this church community by serving on a board, council, committee or team

Say more about your particular interests (optional): _____

Hospitality Team Preference (circle one) 9:15 a.m. service or 11 a.m. service

New member ceremony you will be attending (circle one):

Sunday, November 13, 2016 - 9:15 a.m. or 11 a.m.

Sunday, May 21, 2017 - 9:15 a.m. or 11 a.m.

FIRST UNITARIAN PHOTO RELEASE FORM

Please include ALL family members attending First Unitarian Church

Name	Yes	No

If "Yes" is checked above, I hereby authorize First Unitarian Church of Des Moines to publish the photographs taken of me or my child for use in the church's printed publications, brochures and website. I acknowledge that since my participation is voluntary, I will receive no financial compensation. I release First Unitarian Church, its members and its employees from liability for any claims by me or any third party in connection with my participation.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____