



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. The By-Laws only require general agreement with the purpose of our organization as stated therein:

*"We unite in order to create and sustain a non-creedal religious community. Our unity is based upon our concern for the individual and society and for the quality of life reflected in each. Thus we join together to inspire and support one another in a search for the insights and actions that will foster and strengthen this concern."*

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;
- ☞ Meet with a representative of our canvass committee.

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. That can be done in front of the congregation on a Sunday morning or it can be done in the minister's office. We highly recommend joining in front of the congregation to allow people to welcome you into membership. These joining ceremonies usually happen on the third Sunday of the month.

***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: \_\_\_\_\_ (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (night)

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

*Please send this statement to the Church Administrator, FUUSA, 405 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12206. The minister will contact you to set up a meeting.*