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### **Books about Unitarian Universalism**

The following are available through our Bookstore or Church Library:

Buehrens, John A., and F. Forrester Church, *A Chosen Faith: An Introduction to Unitarian Universalism* (rev. ed. 1998).

Mendelsohn, Jack, *Being Liberal in an Illiberal Age: Why I Am a Unitarian Universalist* (rev. ed. 1995).

Sinkford, William, *The Unitarian Universalist Pocket Guide* (4th ed. 2004)

### **Websites**

<http://www.uua.org/newcomers/>

Offers information and answers questions for those who are new to Unitarian Universalism.

[www.uucr.org](http://www.uucr.org)

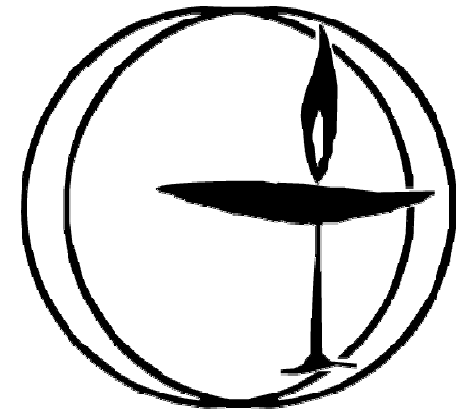
Our church website offers information about upcoming events and on-going activities.

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Becoming a  
Member  
at the  
Unitarian  
Universalist  
Church of  
Rockville



## How do I join UUCR?

Unitarian Universalism is non-creedal; that is, members are not required to affirm or adhere to any set of beliefs. To become a member of UUCR, you need only sign the church membership book. That's all there is to it. Sign it and you become a Unitarian Universalist and a member of UUCR. However, prior to joining, it is important that you understand what Unitarian Universalism stands for and what church membership means. The best means of gaining such an understanding is to attend Pathways to Membership, a series of three one-hour sessions offered on successive Sundays twice a year. There are also books, video tapes and pamphlets that describe Unitarian Universalism.

To enroll in the class or to join UUCR, contact the minister, a member of the Membership Committee or inquire at the Visitor's Center

## What does it mean to be a member of UUCR?

Being a member of UUCR means that you understand and support the principles and purposes of our liberal religion. Your membership means that you support and encourage your own and others' efforts to grow spiritually, and that you support the congregation and the UU denomination.

UUCR is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). As a member congregation of the UUA, we covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- 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.

Members are encouraged to attend Sunday worship services on a regular basis and are expected to provide financial support to the church, as they are able. Financial contributions can be made during Sunday worship services. However, most members prefer to make a pledge to contribute weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually. Giving financially is vital to the health of the congregation and its ability to serve its members, the UU denomination, and the community at large.

Members are encouraged to attend congregational meetings, read our newsletter (*Quest*), periodically access our web site ([www.uucr.org](http://www.uucr.org)), become informed of congregational issues, and exercise the right to vote. Members are eligible to vote at official congregational meetings three

months after joining UUCR.

Members are also encouraged to participate in the life of the church by working with the Religious Education program, volunteering musical talents, serving as an usher, with hospitality following the service, as well as serving on one of the many committees necessary to the life of the congregation. Members of our congregation are involved in a number of activities that provide service to the greater community. Through UUCR, you can be involved in service to others through any of a number of ongoing social justice and denominational programs.

There are also a variety of church community activities such as Small Group Ministry (weekly spiritual discussions), book discussions, walking/hiking, quilting, crafting, music, poetry, meditation groups, as well as meeting with those who gather for lunch or dinner discussions.

You can develop your spirituality through reading, reflecting, or meditation individually or in a group. You can participate in adult enrichment courses, work on lay-led services, share in support groups, or help people in need, both within our congregation and through our social justice program.

There are many levels at which you may connect to the wider UU movement. *UU World* (the UUA magazine) is sent to members free of charge. Members often find district and national denominational conferences and workshops to be of immense value.