



COUNTRYSIDE CHURCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

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Aspirations of Membership

Participate in Sunday Services and Congregational Meetings

Worship is the heart of what we do as a congregation. It is the time and place where we gather together to celebrate, grieve, share, challenge and be inspired to grow and live our best lives. Unitarian Universalism is congregation-based in its governance model. It is the responsibility and privilege of membership to participate in Congregational meetings, and to stay informed about what is going on in the life of CCUU by attending town hall meetings, voting, participating in special forums and events, and reading the Focus and our web-page.

Seek out and share opportunities for spiritual, ethical, and meaningful growth

As a community, we celebrate and accept many diverse sources of spiritual knowledge. Spiritual growth is a lifelong endeavor. At Countryside, we work to encourage and support each person's spiritual quest.

Engage in congregational projects, programs, or events that reach beyond the church

Part of spiritual growth comes from participating with others to make a difference in the larger community. There are many who do much as individuals, but it is also important to act on our beliefs as a community. We achieve spiritual growth as a congregation when we work together to help those beyond our walls and to stand on the side of love in the wider world.

Engage in congregational projects, programs, or events that support the life of the church

Our congregation is privileged to have a professional staff that supports and guides us and our endeavors, but the richness of our congregational community is deep and varied because of the contributions of everyone. We each have talents and skills that we can contribute. How much time we have to offer will change from year to year, depending on where we are in our work and family cycles, but we all are asked to contribute in some way.

Strive to give 3-5% of my income to support the mission of the church

Generosity is a spiritual practice that allows the individual to become part of a greater good. To be a source of inspiration and spiritual growth for our congregation, to be a voice for the ideals we espouse, and to cover day-to-day expenses of operations requires an enduring financial commitment from each of us. Each member is asked to strive towards the goal of committing 3-5% of their income to help make this possible.

Share with others outside the church the value of my membership at Countryside Church Unitarian Universalist

We believe that the world can benefit from our values of acceptance, inclusiveness, reason, love, and the celebration of diversity. Many people are looking for a faith rich in meaning and purpose. We share our faith to encourage seekers in their quest for fresh insight and to offer seekers the vision of a faith that celebrates the best in the human spirit and embraces a world of wisdom.