

The Pathway to *Membership in the Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation*



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Requirements for Membership

Membership in the congregation is defined in the congregational bylaws. You can find the complete bylaws here: <https://www.ouuc.org/about/who-we-are/bylaws-and-policies/>

The requirements to become a member of OUUC are:

1. For those ages 14-18, to have completed the Coming of Age program, made an identifiable pledge, and signed the membership book
2. For those ages 18+, to have completed the New Member Class series or received a waiver from the minister, have made an identifiable pledge, and signed the membership book

Membership Classes

Are offered two or three times a year and are typically 8 to 9 sessions long. You don't need to attend every session, just more than half. However, we believe the content for each session is important and encourage you to explore the topic even if you cannot make the session. This pathway guide can help you do that.



Who We Are: OUUC

This session focuses on OUUC history and the physical buildings and grounds. If you miss this session you can:

1. Watch the 70th Anniversary History Video here:

[https://youtu.be/rtI9YbUwzqE?
si=hiOIqqXzYoe4-VJL](https://youtu.be/rtI9YbUwzqE?si=hiOIqqXzYoe4-VJL)

2. Read more about OUUC history here:

<https://www.ouuc.org/about/who-we-are/ouuc-history/>

3. Read our OUUC Covenants:

<https://www.ouuc.org/about/who-we-are/covenants/>

4. Explore the OUUC building and grounds

5. Chat with a member of the Buildings and Grounds Team (get connected by asking the OUUC office for contact info) about how we care for our space here

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Who We Are: Unitarian Universalism

This session focuses on UU history, theology, and national and worldwide organizations. If you miss this session you can:



1. Watch the history videos we have made here:
<https://www.ouuc.org/about/history-of-unitarian-universalism-video/>
2. Explore the Unitarian Universalist Association website: <https://www.uua.org/>
3. Explore the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee website: <https://www.uusc.org/>
4. Learn about our Partner Church here:
<https://www.ouuc.org/connect/partner-church/>

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How and Why We Worship

This session focuses on worship and spiritual practice at OUUC. If you miss this session you can:

1. Read About Worship on our website:
<https://www.ouuc.org/worship/worship-why-how/>
2. Attend worship on Sunday morning
<https://www.ouuc.org/worship/upcoming-services/>
2. Talk to a member of the Worship Arts Team about how we craft worship. You can be connected by asking the OUUC office to connect you.
3. Explore other spiritual practices:
<https://www.ouuc.org/worship/spiritual-practices/spiritual-practice-groups/>

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How We Learn and Grow

This session focuses on faith development for all ages. If you miss this session you can:

1. Explore our website here:
<https://www.ouuc.org/learn/children/>
2. Explore our Adult classes:
<https://www.ouuc.org/learn/adult-faith-development/>
3. Explore your own goals for your faith development journey. Optionally, meet with Rev Sara to discuss your goals and resources to help you.

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How We Care For Each Other

This session focuses on pastoral care and other ways we care for each other at OUUC. If you miss this session you can:

1. Explore our website here:
[https://www.ouuc.org/connect/congregation
al-care/](https://www.ouuc.org/connect/congregation-al-care/)
2. Read our OUUC Covenants:
[https://www.ouuc.org/about/who-we-
are/covenants/](https://www.ouuc.org/about/who-we-are/covenants/)
3. Talk to a member of the Pastoral Care Team or the coordinator of the Caring Friends Group. You can be connected by asking the OUUC office for a connection.
4. Talk to a member of the Healthy Congregations Team. Connect through the OUUC Office.

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How We Put Our Faith Into Action

This session focuses on our service and justice activities. If you miss this session you can:

1. Explore our website here:
<https://www.ouuc.org/act/current-justice-efforts/>
2. Take part in a Faith in Action activity. You can find one in the announcements or contact Rev Sara for updated information.
3. Talk to a member of a FIA team. You can be connected by contacting the OUUC office for contact information.

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How We Connect

This session focuses on small groups and communications at OUUC. If you miss this session you can:

1. Attend a small group gathering. To find more information about a group right for you, you can contact Rev Sara.
2. Get set up with the Realm platform. Contact our Member Engagement Specialist, Chloe Meyer, for help.
3. Read a recent edition of the Weekly Update and The Spark:
<https://www.ouuc.org/connect/news-communications/>
4. Explore our website: <https://www.ouuc.org/>

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Membership

This session focuses on the meaning of membership and stewardship at OUUC. If you miss this session you can:

1. Explore the stewardship materials on the website:
<https://www.ouuc.org/give/stewardship/>
2. Talk to someone from the Legacy Giving Team about the Legacy Giving program. You can get connected by talking to the OUUC office for a connection.
3. Talk to a member of the Board about governance at OUUC.
<https://www.ouuc.org/about/who-we-are/board/>

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