

### **Nice to Meet You!**

We are happy you found us through Google, through driving by, through meeting a member, or visiting our website. We are here to help you get acquainted with us socially, philosophically, spiritually and personally. We are a lively group of people who are interested in expanding our worlds through our connections with each other and the proud and changing culture of a liberal religion called Unitarian Universalism.

### **Getting to Know You!**

We invite you to attend all of our social events, our coffee hour after our church service, and a host of classes and small group meetings that are listed on our website and in our Order of Service each Sunday. We offer UU & U classes for visitors that are interested in sharing their stories and meeting other people who are interested in our community. This is the most efficient way of getting an overview of our history, our members and our principles. These meetings are held periodically and are hosted by Jaime Alexander who can be contacted at [jaimealexander@cox.net](mailto:jaimealexander@cox.net).

### **Getting to Know Us!**

Each of us have many reasons that we have joined this community and we have many reasons that we enjoy and benefit from membership. Do ask members any questions that occur to you about their membership motivations, both past and present. Feel free to ask tough questions, dumb questions, smart questions, and personal questions. One of the tenets of this church is openness to new ideas, new people, and new challenges. We are intellectually and philosophically very diverse. We also have a lot of reading material about Unitarian Universalism that we are happy to share.

Feel free to schedule a meeting with Rev. Frank Rivas, who will be delighted to meet you as well. We are quite enthusiastic about what we have to offer people and families in the Omaha area and Rev. Frank is one of the facets that make the First Unitarian Church of Omaha unique and engaging.

Get our newsletter and visit our website, and attend the Holland Lecture Series, which is a free, Omaha wide event sponsored by our church and Richard Holland. We bring speakers who are nationally known for their work in a variety of areas in philosophy, science, economics and cultural trends and the lectures are held twice yearly at the Holland Center.

### **Interested in Membership?**

Take as much time as you need to get to know us, to sample our classes and social activities and to engage in whatever volunteer work that strikes your fancy. Activities include: Circle Suppers, Soulful Thursdays, Young Adult Group, Book Club and a host of other social activities and classes. You need not be a member to volunteer on any committee or attend any event.

The meaning of membership varies with all of us and the motivation to become a member is equally varied from finding a spiritual home, wanting a larger, more diverse community, wanting religious education for your children that is free from dogma, or

joining social justice causes that are fundamental expressions of generosity and human rights in this culture. Some people join to find intellectually stimulating conversations with people who challenge them and enhance their view of the world.

**Responsibilities of Membership:**

**Presence**: Attending church services and programs as you are able.

**Participation**: Get involved in the life of our community in ways that enhance your life and spirit with music activities, social events, social justice action, classes, or whatever you desire. The possibilities are unlimited!

**Pledging**: Support the church and its mission through an annual financial pledge.

**Passing It On**: Share your pride and enjoyment in our community by talking about our church and what it means to you. Bring friends and relatives to our services, classes and social events.