

Unitarian Universalist Congregation Ormond Beach

The Responsibilities of Membership

1. *Attend Church regularly*

Communal worship is essential to the life of any congregation. Although we don't expect you to attend every Sunday, if you don't attend regularly, you're not likely to feel like you are part of the religious community.

2. *Work on your own spiritual development*

Although we have no creed or dogma, that doesn't mean we don't believe anything. Each of us is responsible for finding and expressing a personal belief. We can't tell you what to believe, but **we can help you** discover what you believe.

3. *Serve on a task group*

The many tasks of the church community are not done *for us* but *by us*. A responsibility of membership is to do tasks associated with the church. We expect everyone to help with the work of the church.

4. *Pledge at a stewardship level*

We can believe in our message of hope, the dignity of every person, and the potential of the free human spirit but unless it is held up by stewardship it simply won't be expressed. Stewardship requires that we give more than a token pledge. Stewardship requires us to reflect on what we might have to give up in order to support the church. To be a member requires that we commit our treasure as well as our hearts.

5. *Be involved in services to others*

Francis David, the first Unitarian minister, wrote,

"We need not think alike, in order to love alike." Implicit in this statement is the expectation that we will love. But love requires more than words. To love means that we not just "talk the talk, but walk the walk."

Our acts of caring are expressions of our faith and are an essential part of belonging to a community of faith.

6. *Connect to the Wider UU movement*

We are part of a larger religious movement that began more than 400 years ago. Although each church is self-governing, each church has a responsibility to work with other churches for the greater good of the movement. *We are Unitarian Universalists.*