

An Invitation to Become a Member or Friend of UUTC

I. Preparations

- Visit often. Email questions to membership@uutc.org.
- Attend team meetings, interest group meetings and social events as our guest.
- **Complete a UUTC Prospective Member Class** Next class is October 7th, 2017.
- Become familiar with the following choices defined in the Bylaws of the Unitarian Universalists of Transylvania County (UUTC) found at www.uutc.org/inside-uutc.

II. Our Bylaws define Members and Friends of UUTC.

A person who wants to become a Member:

1. Is 16 years of age or older
2. Is in sympathy with the principles and purposes of UUTC (and the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, UUA)
3. Agrees to abide by the UUTC Bylaws and other decisions lawfully made by the Congregation or the Board of Trustees
4. Commits to actively participate in the life of UUTC and make a contribution of time, talent and financial support, all as personal circumstances permit
5. **Meets with the Minister.**
6. **Signs the membership book in the presence of the Minister or a Board Member.**
7. Is entitled to all the services and privileges of UUTC, including the right to vote

A person who wants to become a Friend:

- Is in sympathy with the principles and purposes of UUTC (and UUA)
- Participates in its (UUTC's) life and activities
- **Requests Friend status**
- Is encouraged to make a contribution of time, talent and financial support as personal circumstances permit
- Is entitled to all the services and privileges of UUTC, including the right to speak at meetings, but excluding the right to vote or hold elective office

III. In a Nutshell

- Members make a commitment to themselves and UUTC to actively participate and make all three forms of contributions, as personal circumstances permit.
- Friends are encouraged to do the same and many do at UUTC.
- Members are counted for ministerial searches and all congregational votes.
- Members vote and may hold elective office and committee leads.
- Members are recognized by the UUA and receive the UU World magazine.