



UCCA MEMBERSHIPS

Membership in UCCA is open to anyone who freely chooses to join with us and share in our ministry. We do not discriminate in any manner.

The UCCA has chosen to use a “Dues/Donations” revenue stream, rather than the traditional “Tithes/Offerings” format. We hope this will better meet the financial demands we anticipate and will allow us to provide those Ministry Programs and Services we believe are needed and desired by our Members. Also, it is our hopes that by initiating a set financial commitment from our “Members” they in turn will feel more personally “invested” in our work, our faith, and the UCCA.

The dues/donations listed herein are considered a minimal investment by each Member, further financial contributions are a choice left up to each Member. Such contributions are needed and greatly appreciated by the UCCA.

The UCCA – General Council may from time to time make revisions to this document at the discretion of the GC. However, no actions regarding Dues/Donations shall be retroactive. The following UCCA Members Categories are open to all who meet the criteria specific to the chosen category.

PROPOSED MEMBER CATAGORIES with MINIMUM DUES/DONATIONS:

Individual Member	\$40.00/year
Ordained Clergy Member	\$50.00/year (Requires proof of Ordination active or retired)
Student Member	\$25.00/year (Proof of enrollment and age is required)
Church/Fellowship Member	\$100.00/year (See below)
New Group Member	\$25.00/year (See below)
Lifetime Member	\$200.00 (one-time fee for Individual Members only)
UCCA Credentialed Members	\$40.00/year

Memberships further explained below.

ALL DUES/DONATIONS TO THE UCCA ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.

UCCA has a “Special Hardships Program” for individuals and Churches/Fellowships who can demonstrate their need for special considerations concerning our dues/donations.

Dues/Donations listed are used to maintain and conduct the business of the UCCA.

All UCCA finances are audited and accounted for each year.

Each UCCA Member will receive a “Membership Card” with an expiration date that is renewed each year along with membership.

The Membership Dues/Donations structure will be reviewed annually and decisions will be then made about any increases. However, those who pay in advance, for up to three (3) years, will not be affected by any fee increases during that period. Individuals who choose to become Lifetime Members will not be affected by any fee increases.

NOTE: In addition to our Memberships, UCCA accepts donations, in any amount, from all who might choose to support the UCCA and our work. Please make all payments and/or donations only in U.S. Dollars.

DETAILS OF MEMBERSHIP:

Individual Member: An “Individual Member” is a person who has freely chosen to join with the UCCA to support and promote the ministry and is in sympathy with the UCCA – Platform and our work. As an Individual Member; with their permission, their name will be included in our “Members Roster” which is available on-line, they will receive by mail a membership card, and on-line electronic copies of: our Magazine and our News Letter as they are published. Our “Blog Site” is by invitation only, for Members only. Other Member benefits may be added by action of the UCCA – General Council.

Ordained Clergy Member: An “Ordained Clergy Member” is a person who currently holds Ordination or other valid Credentials from a recognized religious body, other than the UCCA. And, has freely chosen to join with the UCCA to support and promote the ministry and is in sympathy with the UCCA – Platform and our work. As an Ordained Clergy Member, with their permission, their name will be included in our “Clergy Members Roster” which is available on-line, they will receive by mail a membership card, and on-line electronic copies of: our Magazine and our News Letter as they are published. Our Ordained Clergy Members may offer submittals of their writings for possible inclusion in our publications and may also elect to be listed in our “Speakers Ministry Listing” that will be on-line for those seeking to offer ministerial services. Our “Blog Site” is by invitation only, for Members only. Other Member benefits may be added by action of the UCCA – General Council.

UCCA Licensure and Ordination individuals are not part of this Membership. If that is desired it is addressed elsewhere within the Organization.

Student Member: A Student Member is a person of legal age, who is currently enrolled in a recognized academic program at a university, college, seminary, public/private school or other

such educational institution. (Proof of enrollment and age is required). A Student Member is a person who has freely chosen to join with the UCCA to support and promote the ministry and is in sympathy with the UCCA – Platform and our work. As a Student Member; with their permission, their name will be included in our “Members Roster” which is available on-line, they will receive by mail a membership card, and on-line electronic copies of: our Magazine and our News Letter as they are published. A Student Member may also make application to be an organizer of a local Students Ministry on their campus (UCCA Campus Representative). Our “Blog Site” is by invitation only, for Members only. Other Member benefits may be added by action of the UCCA – General Council.

Church/Fellowship Member: Any independent, legitimate, operating Church/Fellowship may apply for Affiliate Membership with the UCCA by providing documentation demonstrating satisfaction of the following conditions: An Ordained Clergy Staff Member of the Church/Fellowship must first become an “Ordained Clergy Member” or “UCCA Credentialed Individual” of UCCA. Proof of no less than 10 sustaining and official members of the Church/Fellowship must be provided. The Church/Fellowship must be legally recognized within the state and/or country in which it operates by proper and active registration or incorporation as a non-profit or religious entity, approved to operate within that jurisdiction. Appropriate documentation will be required. The Church/Fellowship must provide an “Official Statement” that it is in agreement with the principles and faith statements of the Unitarian Christian faith as presented by the UCCA and the UCCA Platform, and that the Church/Fellowship operates as an independent congregational Church/Fellowship without answering to any other denominational authorities. After application is made other information may be required to complete the process. Church/Fellowship Members are not “Churches/Fellowships” sanctioned, planted or supported by the UCCA, they are independent affiliates only. As a Church/Fellowship Member, your church will receive by mail a certificate for framing and display. Written permission to publicly state your affiliation with the UCCA, your name and contact information will be included in our “Affiliated Church/Fellowship Members Roster” which is available on line. You will receive electronic copies of our Magazine and News Letter as they are published, with permission to physically reproduce these for internal Church/Fellowship use, when done so without financial gain of any kind. Advertising space is also available to our Church/Fellowship Members in both publications. We will be offering other “Church/Fellowship Member” services and products as our ministry grows. These items will include instructional materials for all ages, sermon helps and many others.

New Group Member: This is a special category offered for “Organizing Groups” who are in sympathy with and support of the Platform and work of the UCCA. If a Unitarian Christian/UCCA small group is being formed (House Church, Meet-up Group or other) they may make application to UCCA for “New Group” membership. A “New Group” must have, and

maintain, at least one current UCCA Member within their group. The benefits afforded our “New Group Members” are similar to those of our “Church/Fellowship Members”, however, these Members receive special attention of the President/Sr. Pastor and the members of the UCCA – General Council to assist in their growth and success. Our “New Group Members” will be publicly listed and promoted in a special section of the UCCA web site and Facebook pages and with our on-line publications. Like our “Church/Fellowship Members” these Members are also, independent affiliates of the UCCA with the same conditions. When application is made further instructions and information will be provided.

Lifetime Member: A Lifetime Member is any “Individual Member” (see above) who has freely chosen to join with the UCCA to support and promote the ministry and is in sympathy with the UCCA – Platform and our work. And, this Member has chosen to show their support for the UCCA by seeking Lifetime Member status. For a one-time dues/donation, a Lifetime Member will have their name included in our “Members Roster” with a special designation as a Lifetime Member. The Roster is available on-line. They will receive by mail a special Lifetime membership card, and on-line electronic copies of: our Magazine and our Newsletter as they are published. Our “Blog Site” is by invitation only, for Members only. Other Member benefits may be added by action of the UCCA – General Council.

UCCA Credentialed Members: These are individuals who have acquired Licensure and/or Ordination through the UCCA. These individuals will receive all benefits afforded the “Ordained Clergy Members” along with others as approved by the General Council of the UCCA.

Other Relative Provisions:

Any member in good standing with UCCA is entitled to contribute to the UC Faith Community through submitting their writings relative to our faith and the UCCA Platform. All such items will be reviewed to determine acceptability for publishing in the UCCA Newsletter or our Magazine. Any “submittal” deemed “not acceptable as is” may be returned for possible revision, with a written explanation, all decisions of the editor are final. “Ordained Clergy Members” and “UCCA Credentialed Members” receive additional considerations.

All Members will be encouraged to participate in our “Members Making Members Program”. In this manner, our Members become an active part of the UCCA and the World-Wide Unitarian Christian Community, doing their part to introduce our faith to others, unite those who choose to call themselves Unitarian Christians, and to build our denomination and the UCCA. UCCA will also provide on-going staff support for all our members. This initiative may evolve into a type of “mentoring” program or, at least, a “pen-pal network” or other type of support network.

Voting privileges toward matters of the UCCA are as specified within the Official UCCA By-Laws. Any qualified UCCA Member in good standing may be nominated for any vacant seat on the UCCA General Council, per the provisions of the UCCA By-Laws. As a member of the UCCA General Council no dues/donations are required, (donations may still be made if desired), but membership is retained while serving.

A Member may resign their Membership by requesting in writing, stating effective date and reason, that their name be removed from the UCCA Members listings. No further dues/donations will be expected and the UCCA will cease all benefits assigned. A reasonable time for execution of the process shall be expected.

Other, benefits will be considered as we grow and/or as might be proposed by our General Council or our Members.

All aspects relating to the subject of this document are governed by the rules and statutes provided for within the currently adopted UCCA By-Laws which shall be the undisputed ruling authority of the UCCA.



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