

2008-2009 Membership New Orientations

Fellowship Welcome Class (Marie)

- 1/month after 9:15 service, and every three months offer after Saturday service
- Required 45 minute class in order to join

Outline:

- Introductions and share first experience at the Fellowship
- 15 minute history of Unitarianism and Universalism; principles/beliefs; saving message
- 10 minute history of the Fellowship and where we are today
- New member process and meaning of joining: commitment and responsibilities of membership
- Low commitment activities: short term covenant group, UU101, AE classes, FW, website

UU101 (Roger, Dottie, Marie)

- 3 times per year
- 2 weeks (4 hours) or Sat class (5 hours including an hour for lunch)
- Expected, but not required

Outline:

- Introductions and share a transforming moment you've experienced here
- Exploring the essential religious/human questions (God is, Love is, Human beings are...) in small groups
- Sharing spiritual journey
- Governance, long range plan, by-laws, budget, building expansion
- Services and rites of passage
- Introductions to Fellowship programs (RE, AE, Music, Social Action, Membership, Small groups and committees, Lay Ministry, Circle Dinners) and info about Fellowship Connections class

Fellowship Connections Class (Marie)

- 2 times per year
- Going deeper with community
- 2 hours

Outline:

- Introductions and share something already involved in that enjoy or something hope to get involved in
- Covenant Group Experience (MN example)
- Hear from DRE about teaching and adult classes, Social action chair or Dottie about Social Action , Small group leader about being part of small group
- Other events: Fellowship Wednesdays, new member potlucks, Circle Dinners

UU201 (Dottie and Marie)

- One time per year (Three week course)
- Deeper UU history and how to apply it to today's world

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Outline:

- Class one: History on Unitarianism; discussion on our sacred beliefs and what we are willing to risk for those beliefs
- Class two: History on Universalism; discussion on our concept of the afterlife and evil
- Class three: Major UU events, recent history and movement into Humanism; discussion on the theology of community