

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Los Gatos

Policy-Procedure on Membership

A Member "in good standing" is defined as any Member who has consistently participated in fellowship activities and who has either made a contribution of record (in the form of "time, talent, or treasure") within the past year, or has been granted an exemption.

Steps to Becoming a Member of UUFLG:

1. Participate in the life of the Fellowship for a period of time (including attending at least four Sunday Services within a two-month period) and make a commitment to contribute to UUFLG through:
 - a. Making a financial pledge,
 - b. Volunteering, and/or
 - c. Contributing a special skill
 - d. in any amount during that time.
2. Attend a "Principles in Practice" orientation class (offered every other month). The number of sessions for and content of the orientation class are to be determined by the Membership Committee in conjunction with the Minister and appropriate staff. This step can be omitted for former members of other UU congregations.
3. Meet with the Minister and/or Board President (after meeting the above requirements) or, in the case of the absence of both Minister and Board President, a person designated by the Board, at which time the membership book will be signed and a pledge made (a commitment of time, talent, or treasure).

Other Congregational Categories:

1. A lapsed Member is one who has not participated in the life of the Fellowship and who has not made a financial contribution of record for two consecutive years. Lapsed Members do not have voting rights.
2. Friends of UUFLG support the Fellowship's purpose and programs and are usually visible in the life of the Fellowship but do not complete all requirements for membership. Friends may make either a pledge or identifiable financial contributions in any amount. Friends are encouraged to participate in the Fellowship's programs and maintenance. Friends can serve on, but not chair, a committee. They may not serve on the Board, vote at the Annual Congregational Meeting or any specially called Congregational Meeting, or serve as a delegate to the District Assembly or General Assembly.
3. Visitors come to the Fellowship one or more times but do not yet participate in the life of the Fellowship.

Voting Eligibility:

- a. To be entitled to vote at Annual or Special Business Meetings, a Member must be "in good standing."
- b. The Board and/or Membership Committee shall prepare a list of members in good standing prior to posting a notice of the annual business meeting or congregational votes. This membership list shall be available at all business meetings and shall determine voting rights, eligibility for elected positions, and the presence of a quorum.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on October 14, 2021.