

**Interested in MEMBERSHIP at**  
***The Unitarian Society of Hartford***

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- Attend a '**First Sunday USH Connections**' session. These are held following the service, in the lower lobby, on the first Sunday of each month, October through May, and also in mid-August. The conversation is geared to visitors and you are welcome to attend as many as you'd like.
- Attend one session (or as many as you'd like) of '**Being a UU**', also held in the lower lobby, following the service on various Sundays – these will be announced from the pulpit, in eNews or in the "Current Happenings" insert in the Sunday Order of Service.

Details on both of these programs, as well as other opportunities for newcomers, are available in the brochure, "**Becoming Connected at USH**", available at the upstairs Welcome Table and Visitor Table downstairs in Fellowship Hall, as well as on the visitors page of our website, [www.USHartford.com](http://www.USHartford.com).

- After you have attended worship services for a time, and feel you are ready to become a member, please call the church office (860-233-9897, ext.103) and arrangements will be made for the minister to meet with you to answer any additional questions and give you the opportunity to sign the Membership Book.
- Membership carries many responsibilities, both tangible and intangible. Are you wondering what is expected of members in terms of financial support – what stewardship is needed to keep our Society up and running? Our Society has many costs, starting with bringing Sunday worship services to you in this wonderful setting! Our goal is for members to make financial contributions toward the costs of keeping USH on a firm footing that reflect a fair share, based on their financial resources.

After signing the Membership Book (this makes you an official member), a volunteer from Stewardship will contact you to give you more information about pledging, answer your questions, and discuss options available to you in planning your financial giving.

**What YOU can RECEIVE from  
the USH COMMUNITY:**

- A supportive community, open to meeting your spiritual, social, and emotional needs
- A place to continue your spiritual journey in safety
- A place to be renewed and inspired each week in the company of friends
- A place where you may join with others to do good works in the larger community

**What YOU can GIVE to  
the USH COMMUNITY:**

- Your presence in our worshipping community
- Your participation in small group activities where you can meet other members and continue your spiritual journey
- Your commitment to some form of service within and beyond our society
- Your gifts of money, time, and talents

**New members are recognized during the worship service two times a year, and also have opportunity to participate in other events throughout the year, in order to grow in understanding of our faith and in knowledge of our community.**

**Additional information** about USH, the Unitarian Universalist Association, and Unitarian Universalism can be found on the following websites:

**Unitarian Society of Hartford**  
**Unitarian Universalist Association**  
**UUA bookstore**  
Publisher of much UU material:

**[www.USHartford.com](http://www.USHartford.com)**  
**[www.UUA.org](http://www.UUA.org)**  
**[www.uuabookstore.org](http://www.uuabookstore.org)**  
**[www.beacon.org](http://www.beacon.org)**