Membership Circle meeting February 2, 2023

Note: We have 83 INUUC members

\*Marie Bjork, Amy Teel, Phyllis Thayer, Martha Nichols will be continuing to serve on the Membership Circle for the 23-24 year.

\*We submit a budget of $0 for the coming year. If any funding needs occur, we will submit a request to the Finance Circle at that time.

\*Martha will write the annual report for the GC.

\*We will meet again during the last half of April to design an email to be sent to each INUUC member that will confirm their contact information and their recommitment to INUUC for 2023-2024.

FROM THE BYLAWS AS POSTED ON THE WEBSITE

\*We request the following changes be made to the bylaws at the next general meeting:

**Section 1~~.~~ Congregation Membership**

Charter members who joined on or before March 1, 2021, and Congregational members joining after that date meet the following criteria: ~~any person 16 years of age or older who is in accord with the principles of this Congregation may become a member by:~~

1. 16 years of age or older
2. ~~Signing the membership book, after~~ take~~ing~~ the path to membership course; or if transferring from another UU Congregation, they may become a member without the course. ~~classes.~~
3. Annually committing to donating their time and talent in ways that bring them joy, and funds according to their means.
4. Annually committing to adherence to the Principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association, the INUUC Bylaws, and the INUUC covenant.

Members may vote on Congregational matters following at least 60 days of membership, may be members of another Congregation, and may be removed for cause following procedures discussed in Section 3, below.

FROM THE INUUC WEBSITE

\*The following sections of the website shall remain the same as they are:

(About Us, Membership Circle)

The Membership Circle provides a path to membership for people who want to join INUUC and guides them along that path. The Circle also keeps track of membership and member contact information, and ensures that new members receive the UU World magazine.

**Mission:**

* To provide a path to membership for people who want to join INUUC, guide them along that path, and keep track of members.

**Aims:**

* Contact people interested in joining the church and provide appropriate information about becoming a member.
* Notify appropriate Circles of new member and write an article for the newsletter introducing them.
* Provide an annual recommitment process for all members.

**Contact us at****membership@inuuc.org****.**

(Become A Member)

If you would like to become a member of INUUC, it’s a pretty simple process.

We welcome all who wish to become members and who commit to donate their time, talent and funds as is reasonably possible for each person. Members attest to the following:

*I commit to do the following as a member of the INUUC:*

1. *To embrace and practice the UU principles and the INUUC covenant*
2. *To give of my time and talents in ways that bring me joy*
3. *To abide by the INUUC Bylaws*

If you would like to join, or just have questions, please email membership@inuuc.org. If you are ready to join, please tell us so and include your name, phone number, and postal address. Someone from the Membership Circle will contact you to answer your questions and guide you through the next steps. Members must be 16 years of age or older and participate in the Path to Membership course, which is currently an online course. If transferring from another UU Congregation the Path to Membership course is optional.

When potential members have completed the membership process, they are officially accepted into membership by the Governing Circle at their next regularly scheduled meeting and added to our membership rolls.

We ask members to annually recommit to membership prior to the Annual Membership Meeting held during June.