

Pathways to Membership at South Fraser Unitarians!

We are so excited you want to explore being a part of our community! We hope you find a path that works for you and helps you become a valuable member of our beloved community. To become a member, complete a total of seven activities, with at least one in each category, plus the two items below the table. These activities are all being held online while we physically distance to keep each other safe and healthy!

Connect	Change	Care
Help with coffee hour at least three times (set up, clean up, or bring treats)	Meet with the Minister	Read the book <i>Centering</i> and discuss with someone from SFUC
Attend one of our Connecting Conversations	Attend at least five services	Attend a Canadian Unitarian Council sponsored event (CUC)
Attend three social events	Watch at least two recommended videos on UU History/Theology	Serve as an Usher or Greeter three times
Join the choir!	Read the UU Pocket Guide	Create a shawl for a member in need
Engage in a discussion with a member of SFUC as to their reasons for membership.	Join a Soul Matters Discussion Group	Participate in one of our social justice events
Join the book club	Attend a book discussion group on <i>White Fragility</i> or <i>The Skin We're In</i>	Offer a ride, deliver a meal, or help a member

- Commit to attend the monthly Deepening Our UU Faith sessions covering theology, worship, our roots, our philosophy of religious education; social justice, governance and policy, and membership.
AND
- Meet one on one with the Minister or a member of the Membership Committee to discuss Privileges and Responsibilities of Membership
- Attend a Membership Joining Ceremony at a Sunday service where you will be asked to:
 - Fill out a pledge card (required by bylaws)
 - Sign the book (required by bylaws)

CONGRATULATIONS! Welcome to South Fraser Unitarians!

Connect

One of the best ways to connect is to serve our community and the needs of one another by striving to maintain personal connections to help create a caring community. Here are some of the ways you can connect.

- Help with coffee hour at least three times (set up, clean up, or bring treats): Every Sunday we offer coffee hour. We always need help to make it happen. But don't worry, Monty Rose is always available to show you the ropes!
- Each month we hold a Connecting Conversation – join us to participate in engaging conversation with members and friends of SFUC. For an hour you'll be engaged in three different break rooms on Zoom to talk to different people about a topic. Topics range from how you are coping with loneliness during COVID or are taken from our questions to wrestle within our Soul Matters packets.
- Attend three of our social events.
- Join our choir! Sylvia Zeelenberg, our Choir Director, would be more than happy to welcome you into this fun and engaging way of serving our community by providing the gift of song.
- There's no better way to understand a community than to delve into its history. Rev. Samaya or a member of our Community Engagement Team will be more than happy to provide you with a list of names to interview.
- Our book club meets monthly. Contact Gwen to find out how to participate. A list of books they will be engaged in this year are listed on our SFUC calendar which can be found on our website.

Change

- Meet with the Minister: Over coffee, in her office, or via zoom, Rev. Samaya Oakley is available to meet with you to discuss the history and theology of Unitarian Universalism and how you can find where you fit.
- Attend at least five services: All are welcome to attend a service and learn more about our theology.
- Watch at least two recommended videos on UU History/Theology: These videos will help you better understand our history or theology.
 - [We are Canadian Unitarian Universalists](#)
 - [How to Explain Unitarian Universalism without a Pamphlet](#)
 - [What it Means to be a Unitarian Universalist](#)
 - [Unitarian Universalism - You're a Uni-What?](#)
- Read the [UU Pocket Guide](#). A great book! Get your own online (<https://www.uuabookstore.org/The-Unitarian-Universalist-Pocket-Guide-P18502.aspx>) or arrange to borrow a copy from Rev. Samaya
- Join a Soul Matters discussion group. We currently have two groups that meet to delve deeper into the Soul Matters packets – with a particular focus on reflecting on what it was like to engage in one of the spiritual practices and your reflections on what it was like to engage with one of the questions to wrestle with.
- Attend one of our book discussion groups based on the books [White Fragility](#) by Robin Diangelo or [The Skin We're In](#) by Desmond Cole.

Care

- Read the book Centering. It is a joint project of the Committee for Antiracism, Anti-oppression, and Multiculturalism of the Unitarian Universalist Ministers' Association (UUMA) and Skinner House Books, Centering is the first book to center the stories, analysis, and insight of Unitarian Universalists of colour offering their religious leadership. Buy online <https://www.uuabookstore.org/Centering-P18206.aspx> or borrow from Rev. Samaya. Then discuss with someone who has read it to debrief!
- Attend Canadian Unitarian Council (CUC) sponsored event.
- Serve as an Usher or Greeter three times.
- Create a shawl for a member in need: We give shawls to those going through a hard time and are always in need of more. If you knit or crochet, we'd love to have your skills. Get a pattern here <http://shawlministry.com/> and if you need yarn, let us know!
- Engage in service to our fellow members by offering a ride, delivering a meal, or helping a member: We have lots of ways you can help one of our members who live near you and need a little boost.