Welcome New Members Ceremony

Introduction: Rev. Anita

Bettye McNeely

Charlie Mitchell & John LA Brie

Sandra Schuerman

Silvia Hansen

Don & Charley Schuman

Peter & Lisa Reed

reinstating:

Kevin Ryan

Cynthia & Ted Cushman

Welcome to membership in the Allen Avenue Unitarian Universalist Church, a church with a long and proud history, an exciting and inspired future. You have made a significant decision, to move from the outside, as spectators looking in, to stepping inside the circle, claiming this community as your own, sharing its aspirations and its support, and, with us, making what course corrections are needed.  You do so as one of us, the community of care and faith, journeying together.

It is our great joy to welcome you, offering you opportunities to learn and lead, to heal and be healed, to do justice and love kindness with us.  Welcome.

Congregation: At Allen Avenue Unitarian Universalist Church,

We are a growing community that transforms lives through the power of love.

We celebrate diversity encourage spiritual growth,

And promote social responsibility, as we walk with care on this earth. We empower our members to share their gifts

To build a world of compassion, equality, and freedom.

Question to Congregation:

Members of Allen Avenue Unitarian Universalist Church, will you welcome these new members into our congregation?  Will you reach out to them in friendship, and be open to their unique gifts and ideas?  Will you extend a caring hand to each of them as we journey together in this beloved community?

Congregation:

Yes.  We welcome you into our community and look forward to sharing our journey with you.  You are part of us, and we are a part of you.

Question to the children of the Congregation: (DRE Bob)

Children of Allen Avenue Unitarian Universalist Church, will you welcome these new children into your classes and into your lives, sharing your times of learning, playing and laughing together, and comforting each other when you are sad?

Children of the Congregation:

Yes.  We will welcome you, sharing our classes, learning, playing, laughing together and comforting each other when we are sad.

Question to the New Members: (Rev. A)

  Bettye, Charlie, John, Sandra, Silvia, Don & Charley, Peter & Lisa, Kevin, Cynthia & Ted

It is a joy to welcome each of you into this beloved community. Will you walk with us in times of joy and sorrow, sharing the rewards and responsibilities of membership?

New Members:

Yes.  We embrace this community, walking together in times of joy and sorrow, happily accepting the rewards and responsibilities of membership.

President: (Diane )

At A2U2 we light our chalice to center ourselves, marking the beginning of our sacred time.  We light candles at important times in our lives to mark our joys and sorrows.    Today we invite you to mark this sacred moment by lighting a candle, a symbol of our faith and of your choosing to be a part of us.  Lighting of Candles

Distribution of Gifts and hugs