

Northwoods UU **Partners for Connection** Program

The Northwoods Unitarian Universalist Partners for Connection program offers a method for visitors and new members to be matched with current members based on their shared interests, skills, and passions. This partnering program will help visitors and new members become engaged with our Northwoods community in ways that work for them and provide for a smooth transition to membership.

Partners for Connection is a way for us to enact our Covenant's commitment to "work to build community." It is also a way to "learn, support, and serve one another" – as our Mission Statement urges us to do. It is offered as a part of our Pathways to Membership program.

Complete the following form if you wish to join the Partners for Connection Program as a visitor or new member, or as a Partner (current member). This information will enable us to match visitors and new members with established member Partners, according to their shared interests and concerns.

Of course, participation is completely voluntary.

For more information, please contact Kate Rhoad or Helen Sherwood.

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General Information

Check one: _____ Visitor _____ New Member _____ Partner (current member)

1. Name(s): _____

2. Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Prefer contact by: _____ phone _____ cell phone _____ e-mail

3. Children's names, M/F, and ages (optional)

4. How long have you been a member of Northwoods? _____ been a UU? _____

Interests, Passions, Hobbies, Beliefs

5. What are your **interests and hobbies**? What do you do for fun?

6. What are your **passions**? What is important to you?

7. UUs hold many different **beliefs**. If you are seeking a Northwoods Partner, would you like to be partnered with someone who holds a similar belief to you? If yes, what is your belief? If you are a current member, and are seeking to be a partner, what is your primary belief system?

8. Northwoods offers special programs for specific ages. Check all that pertain to your family at Northwoods:

_____ Infant/Toddlers

_____ Elementary-school age

_____ Adolescent/Teen

_____ Young Adult

_____ Senior/Retiree

The first table below contains **Volunteer Opportunities** at Northwoods that helps keep us sustainable, both physically and spiritually. The second table contains a list of current **Interest and Spiritual Practice Groups** associated with Northwoods. If you are a visitor or new member, checking a box means you'd like to learn more about that group or be matched up with a Partner that participates in that group. If you are a current member Partner, check all boxes that you currently participate in or have participated in.

Volunteer Opportunities		Volunteer Opportunities	
	Church Governance - Board of Trustees		Music Program- Participate in the Folk Choir, Flute Choir, or other musical groups/opportunities at Northwoods
	Church Finances <input type="checkbox"/> Endowment Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship Committee		Fundraising Events <input type="checkbox"/> Arts in Action <input type="checkbox"/> Avant Garden Gallery <input type="checkbox"/> Rummage Sale <input type="checkbox"/> Service Auction
	Church Building & Grounds - Help keep the building and grounds in good shape		Audio/Visual - Help solve tech related problems as needed
	Lay Ministry - Help with transportation, meals or other member requests of assistance		Events for Fun - Help at special events, such as the church picnic, family fun night, etc.
	Hospitality <input type="checkbox"/> Help with coffee hour on Sunday mornings <input type="checkbox"/> Help with special events requiring food		Religious Education <input type="checkbox"/> Adults <input type="checkbox"/> Children <input type="checkbox"/> RE Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Special RE projects <input type="checkbox"/> Teach RE
	Sunday Services <input type="checkbox"/> Be a lay leader <input type="checkbox"/> Be a guest speaker <input type="checkbox"/> Help set up the sanctuary on a Sunday <input type="checkbox"/> Run the soundboard during Sunday service		Social Economic Environmental (SEE) Justice <input type="checkbox"/> Fair Trade Coffee sales <input type="checkbox"/> KIVA Foundation Microloans <input type="checkbox"/> Millbend Coffeehouse <input type="checkbox"/> Share the Plate <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in SEE Justice projects benefitting other charitable organizations <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in SEE Justice advocacy events
	Other <input type="checkbox"/> By-laws revision <input type="checkbox"/> Communications		Other <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Writing <input type="checkbox"/> Membership
Interest Groups		Spiritual Practice Groups	
	Courageously Co-Ed Book Club		Asimov Humanists
	Family Game Night		Blue Mountain Meditation
	Men's Book Club		CUUPS (Covenant of UU Pagans)
	Men's Fellowship Group		Drum Circle
	Northwoods Playgroup		Ewe - Ewe Knitting Ministry
	Northwoods Seniors Friendship Group		Northwoods Progressive Christian Fellowship
	Northwoods Writers Group		Zen Mind Buddhist
	Women's Book Club		
	Young Adults Fellowship Group		