



*Advancing UU values in the nation's capital*

**Date:** March 12, 2021

**To:** UUSJ Board of Trustees

**From:** John Peterson, Chair, UUSJ Membership Committee

**Subject:** Motion to establish a uniform national policy for UU member congregations

**Motion:**

Move to direct the UUSJ Membership Committee to develop a uniform UUSJ congregational membership policy and process by June 1, 2021 for the approval of the UUSJ Board of Trustees.

**Dissemination Date:**

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**Background:**

- The UUSJ Board of Trustees has not set criteria for becoming a UUSJ member congregation in either the UUSJ bylaws or UUSJ policies.
- The UUSJ aspires to be a national organization to broaden its strategic influence to advance equitable national policies and actions aligned with UU values.
- The establishment of a national network of UUSJ member congregations would support the evolution of the UUSJ becoming a national organization.
- A national network of UUSJ member congregations would foster a significant increase in the pool of eligible volunteers to support the UUSJ's implementation of its education and advocacy programs.
- Once the policy and process for UUSJ member congregations are approved, UUSJ staff and the UUSJ Membership Committee will provide the support necessary to determine and develop the appropriate UUSJ congregational membership designations and agreements, subject to the review and approval of the UUSJ Executive Committee.