

Motion to amend UUSJ Policies on Membership Committee

1. Eliminate GP 3.5: Membership Committee Responsibilities

The Committee shall meet on a regular basis and provide reports to the Board at all quarterly Board meetings and at other times upon the request of the Board. The reports shall include the current number of UUSJ congregational, affiliated, and individual members, the status and trends of UUSJ membership, and plans and activities for UUSJ member recruitment and retention. The Committee shall periodically recommend to the Board the level of dues for each category of membership.

2. Amend GP10.1 which currently reads as follows:

GP 10.1: Responsibilities for Each Category of Membership

Representatives of UUSJ and congregations desiring to be UUSJ members shall be asked to cosign a Covenant of Congregational Membership. The Covenant shall identify the initiatives and supportive activities UUSJ will endeavor to provide. It shall also outline the activities each congregation is willing to take on, given its capabilities and priorities. Congregations shall be asked to designate a UUSJ Congregational Liaison, to promote connection, visibility, and partnership with the national organization.

To read:

GP10.1: Responsibilities of Each Category of Membership

Congregations desiring to be UUSJ partners shall be asked to designate a Congregational Liaison to promote connection, visibility and partnership with UUSJ. Such liaison would be the point of contact with UUSJ for those initiatives and supportive activities that UUSJ will endeavor to provide. Congregations will be encouraged to make a financial contribution to UUSJ. Congregations will be directed to the membership page of the website to indicate their interest in partnering with UUSJ.

3. Amend GP 10.2: Member Contributions as follows:

UUSJ shall pursue a financial strategy that relies on both its congregational and individual members for funding its basic operating expenses (ie. staff salaries and contracts, office expenses operating expenses etc.).

Congregational members shall be encouraged but not required to make an annual financial contribution to the UUSJ. A suggested donation level shall be annually [~~proposed by the Membership Committee in collaboration with the Finance Committee, and sent to the Board for approval~~] **approved by the Board**. The suggested donation level shall be a designated percent of the congregation's annual operating budget. The congregation's donation may come from a budget line item, special collection, or other source, at the congregation's discretion.

Any size contribution makes an individual a member of UUSJ. A giving guide, to be annually [~~proposed by the Membership Committee in collaboration with the Finance Committee and sent to the Board for approval~~] **approved by the Board**, will provide a suggested contribution level, as well as other possible contribution levels and an indication of what UUSJ activities those contribution levels enable.