

## **BECOMING A MEMBER OF OUR FELLOWSHIP**

Joining the Keweenaw Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is an act of commitment. Our faith is non-dogmatic; you are not required to conform to a creed. Rather, your own religious and spiritual journeys are welcomed as enriching to the entire community. What we do ask is that we listen deeply to one another, and to speak our truths with love. As founding American Universalist John Murray wrote, "We need not think alike to love alike."

Lifelong growth and learning is the most common discipline among UUs. We welcome the insights from science, art and experience as we celebrate and enlarge our compassion and religious range. UU poet Rev. Kenneth Patton wrote:

Ours be the poems of all tongues,  
All things of loveliness and worth;  
All arts, all ages and all songs:  
One life, one beauty on the earth.

As do all UU congregations, we practice congregational polity: we are self-governing and self-supporting. Voting members make a contribution of record in time, talent and treasure to the best of their ability; pledging financially; volunteering for maintenance and governance work; tending the flame of this liberal religious presence on the Keweenaw.

We are a member of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations. The UUAC creates and coordinates a wide range of educational and social justice activities. UUA.org is a great place to start exploring. If you would like to go further, we recommend: [famousuus.com](http://famousuus.com) and [uuabookstore.com](http://uuabookstore.com).

The mission of the Keweenaw Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is to be an inclusive and religious community. "New to UU" seminars are the best path to exploring the Unitarian Universalist tradition, its history and scope, and the life of this congregation. And nothing beats jumping right in to help out with Sunday hospitality and services, social justice and environmental initiatives, and other activities! If you find yourself in accord with our principles and programs, you are welcome to sign the membership book. (The book is available every Sunday and any Board Trustee – look for the red/orange dot on their nametag – can witness your signature.)

We wish you all the best in your quest for a meaningful religious community. We hope that you will find here the warmth and challenge that can comfort and enliven your days. Should you choose to join us, it will be an honor and a pleasure.

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