



Comox Valley Unitarians

Application for Membership

I (please print full name) _____

Pronouns _____

hereby apply for membership in *Comox Valley Unitarians* (CVU).

In applying for membership at this time, I acknowledge my responsibility to contribute to the life of this Fellowship by:

- Fulfilling the responsibilities of membership as per the CVU Bylaws.
- Contributing my time, skills and financial support as I am able in support of the CVU mission.
- Abiding by the CVU Covenant of Respectful Relations to the best of my ability.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Please read page 2 and complete page 3.

CVU Mission Statement: *“Caring for one another, our community, our environment and those in need or suffering injustice: We work to transform ourselves and our world through compassionate action. We intend to fulfill this mission, being guided by our Eight Unitarian Principles.”* (Adopted at AGM May 27th, 2012)

CVU Bylaw Membership Definition: According to Comox Valley Unitarians’ By-Law 2.2 any person may become a member of the fellowship who:

- 2-2a is sympathetic to its purpose and
- 2-2b is willing both to further the purpose and to participate in supporting the activities of the Fellowship and
- 2-2c submits a completed application form approved by the board and
- 2-2d makes an annual financial contribution of record. The board may waive this provision for any member based on compassionate grounds

Such application must only be for the purpose of complying with the Societies Act and must not be construed as a declaration of religious belief, creed, or otherwise.

Comox Valley Unitarians’ Respectful Relations Covenant

We are a Unitarian Universalist community that values being in respectful relations. Based on our principles, we aspire to bring justice, equity and compassion into those relations by:

- Ensuring each person has a voice in matters that concern them
- Being generous with our time, talents, and treasure
- Sharing responsibility for the wellbeing of our CVU community

Recognizing that we are a diverse community and see the world through different lenses, we aspire to create a safe environment by:

- Listening deeply to self and others
- Treating others as they would like to be treated
- Holding stories and personal material in confidentiality
- Communicating kindly, authentically and assertively

Recognizing that both peace and conflict are natural parts of life, we aspire to recognize and address conflict by:

- Working in a timely manner
- Acting with caring, curiosity and respect
- Committing to staying engaged in the process
- Valuing the presence of silence and the space to reflect
- Allowing for the expression of feelings and thoughts
- Assuming the other person’s best intentions
- Taking responsibility for our own words and actions
- Ensuring that all those affected have a voice in the process
- Actively pursuing reconciliation
- Seeking mediation assistance when we cannot solve the conflict on our own

Recognizing that there is both joy and suffering in the world, we aspire to actively support each other in all that life offers. We aim to create a better world through transforming ourselves and our world through compassionate action.

Adopted at the AGM May 29, 2016 for a one-year trial
Adopted at the AGM May 28, 2017 to be reviewed in May 2022
Adopted at AGM May 29, 2022 (Renamed Respectful Relations)

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Name: _____
(as I wish it to appear in our directory and on my name tag)

Pronouns: _____

Address: _____

Mailing address (if different): _____ Postal Code

Request for Reimbursement of Funds Telephone: _____ e-mail

Members of my household:

Name	Relationship	Member of the Fellowship?
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Have you previously been a member of this Fellowship? _____ **If yes, when?** _____

Are you a member of another Unitarian Church or Fellowship? _____

If yes, which one _____

If you are not now a member of a Unitarian Church, have you ever been a member? _____

If yes, which one _____ **When?** _____

Please provide a brief biographical sketch about your past and present that we can publish in our newsletter "About Us".

Please email your completed application to our Membership Registrar: admin@cvuf.ca