

Unitarian Universalist
Church of Spokane

New Member
Joining Ceremony
November 13, 2011



Covenant Statement

*We, the Unitarian Universalist congregation
of Spokane, promise to:*

- *support and care for one another,*
- *embrace diversity of persons
and spiritual paths,*
- *search for truth and understanding, and*
- *work for social justice and
environmental stewardship.*

*With this covenant, we honor each other with
our laughter and tears, our compassion, and respect.
We are a community of open hearts,
open minds, and open hands.*

Welcome To Our New Members

You have accepted the responsibility of membership, finding that you support the ideals of Unitarian Universalism and our church and that you want to commit to these ideals.

The responsibility of becoming a member is a lifetime process. We are glad that you have chosen to be one with us. May you find the years ahead to be filled with the hope and vision that your membership promises.

As we welcome you individually, we seal this covenant with a rose symbolizing our hope that you will fully bloom in your new church home.

Let the congregation join together.

Unison Readings

- **Congregation:** Each of us, through our membership in this community, chooses to create greater meaning for ourselves and for others. We celebrate your membership as fellow seekers and companions on our spiritual journey. With you, we pledge to listen deeply and to respond with open hearts and minds. We welcome your full participation in our community of faith.
- **New Members:** We embrace membership in this church as both a gift and a commitment. May our strands of connection grow ever stronger, day-by-day and year-by-year, as we join with you in living lives of service.
- **Everyone:** Together, we pledge to embody our Unitarian Universalist principles in our everyday lives, blessed by the freedom that encourages us to live with authenticity and integrity, and secure in the knowledge that we are members of a faith community that helps us to live our highest ideals.