

Unitarian Universalist
Church of Spokane

**New Member
Joining Ceremony
November 14, 2010**



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. You have found that you resonate with the ideals of Unitarian Universalism and that you want to commit to these ideals and live them.

The responsibility of becoming a member is a lifetime process. We are glad that you chose 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 seal this covenant we welcome you with a handshake and a rose symbolizing our hope that you will fully bloom in your new church home. After the service, you are invited to sign the membership book if you have not already done so as a symbol of your official commitment of our church.

Let the congregation join together.

Unison Readings

- **Congregation:** 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. We commit to act on our belief that we belong together.

