



*Invitation to the
Nelson Unitarian Spiritual Centre
Membership Ceremony*

*Welcoming members to the Canadian Unitarian
family and the formation
of our new Nelson Unitarian Spiritual Centre
congregation.*

*Rev. Debra Thorne presiding
Beacon Unitarian, Westminster, BC
With guests from several Unitarian Congregations*

*717 Vernon St. Nelson, BC
11 am Sunday, October 22, 2017*

*Workshop: Deeper meanings of membership
2-4 pm Saturday, October 21, 2017*

*Welcoming Potluck dinner
5 pm Saturday, October 21, 2017
Michael and Julie's 508 Hoover St.*



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*Sunday, October 22, 2017
Nelson, BC*



Becoming a member of Nelson Unitarian Spiritual Centre

You become a member of Nelson Unitarian Spiritual Centre at the ceremony and by signing our Membership Book. You also become a member of the Canadian Unitarian Council. The simple commitments are to:

- Make a financial pledge to support the congregation (the donations are a charitable tax deduction)
- Learn about and live into the Unitarian principles
- Participate, serve and give back

The five practices of meaningful membership

- **Celebrate liberally:** gather regularly with the community to celebrate the spirit of life, to grieve our struggles and to hear the call to a greater love and to gain the strength to act in partnership.
- **Connect in community:** build relationships with others at your same stage of life, as well as across generations, through social connections and small groups, and give and receive care during life's transitions.
- **Grow in spirit:** commit to a lifelong practice of spiritual growth through participation in the community.
- **Serve in partnership:** serve both within and beyond the congregation with others who share our values – prioritizing relationship and the model of servant leadership, transforming our world as we transform ourselves.
- **Give in gratitude:** practice generosity in recognition of the ways all life is a gift; make a generous pledge to our community, share your time and a willing spirit, all so that together we may further the reach of love.

Why choose to become a member?

You feel this community makes a difference in your life, giving it greater strength, depth, significance and direction

- You feel a sense of belonging.
- You are committed to the Unitarian principles and values.
- You support the community with ideas, energy, time and money, so that these values and principles can be realized in the world.
- You have a vote in democratic governance, election of the board of directors and congregational decisions.

Membership is completely voluntary

If you feel that our church is a good place to be, but you are uncertain about becoming a Member, we invite you to sign up as a Friend of Nelson Unitarian Spiritual Centre. Friends are recognized in our by-laws as being in agreement with our principles.

Friends:

- Are in agreement with the Principles of Unitarian Universalism.
- Are willing to participate in the life of the church.
- Do not have voting privileges, but will receive all communications and may sit on committees and teams.
- Are included (if desired) in the Directory of Members and Friends, and receive a paper copy of this document.
- Are very welcome to make donations of money or energy. (Also tax receiptable)

