

Board Members'  
**Sunday Morning Welcome Statement**

Board Members: Please leave this document in your mail slot for easy reference.

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**"Good Morning!** (wait for response) I am \_\_\_\_\_, a member of the Board of Trustees of Jefferson Unitarian Church."

**STATEMENT OF INCLUSIVITY:**

"Whatever the faiths you have known, or the flags of your heritage — You are welcome here.

Whoever you are, and whomever you love — You are welcome here.

And — whether you ran in here today on little feet, Or walked in briskly, Or ambled in, Or rolled in,

You are welcome here. **We welcome you to Jefferson Unitarian Church."**

**GREETING OF VISITORS and GUESTS:**

"I extend a warm welcome to our visitors and guests. If you feel comfortable doing so, I ask our first or second time visitors to please stand and tell us your name and where you are from."

Recognize each person standing and encourage them to speak. If you can, thank them by name.

Leave a little time for shy folks to stand. If there are no visitors go directly to announcements.

"If you have not done so already, we invite visitors and guests to fill out a Guest Registry form at the Welcome Table outside the sanctuary. On that form you can indicate if we may make a name tag for your next visit and if you would like a complimentary 3-month subscription to our newsletter. I will be available at the Welcome Table after the service with several others of our congregation to answer any questions you may have about our church activities and programs, and about Unitarian Universalism. And please join us for coffee and conversation immediately after the service in the south commons area."

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** "I call your attention to the announcements in today's Order of Service (hold up copy). I have the following additional announcements..." (see Board policy on verbal announcements).

**GREETING of NEIGHBORS:** "I ask that you now greet those seated around you." You may step down to greet those in the front row and then be seated. The "Call to Worship" person will quiet the group and start the service. If there is no "Call to Worship" listed in the Order of Service, give the congregation about a minute and then ask for their attention as we start the service.

**SUGGESTED ADDED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NEWCOMERS:**

1, **"Today is . . . Joining Sunday.**

Newcomers interested in joining our church, particularly those who have picked up a membership packet and have attended the *Getting to Know UU* and *Path to Membership Class*, please look for members of our Membership Group at the Welcome Table after the service."

2. **"Today is . . . Getting to Know UU Sunday**

Newcomers interested in learning more about our denomination and Jefferson Unitarian Church are invited to meet informally with our ministers at 12:15 p.m. here in the sanctuary following the second service.

3. **"Please remember that our . . . Path to Membership Class will be held next Saturday at 9 a.m."**

This quarterly class is designed to familiarize newcomers with UU history and principles as well as the many activities and programs at Jefferson Unitarian Church. Please RSVP at the bulletin board in the south commons. Child care and a light lunch are provided."