

Letter to New Members

April 14, 2003

Dear (New Member's Name)

We welcome you into membership in Jefferson Unitarian Church! We hope and believe that you will find it to be an enriching part of your life. This congregation is formed by many people who, like you, have committed to engage in a search for truth and meaning and who, like you, wish to make the world a better place.

To get the most out of your membership, please do not treat it as a "spectator sport." One does not derive much benefit from watching others work at keeping the church healthy. The real experience of community forms as people work together for their common vision, and we invite you to participate with us, in whatever ways fit your abilities and interests.

If you wish to get started right away, feel free to call either of us at the church or Annie Hedberg, JUC's New Member Coordinator (303-279-7451). Within a few months you will have a better idea of areas in which you may wish to become involved more deeply.

You are especially invited to attend the upcoming All-Church Fellowship Dinner (at no charge) on Wednesday, May 14 from 6 to 7 p.m. Not only do these dinners provide a valuable opportunity to make new acquaintances in a casual setting, but our recently announced ministerial candidate plans to be present as well! Please RSVP to the church office. Mark your calendar now!

We would also encourage you to take note of the various seminars and classes offered this spring by our Continuing Religious Education department. Descriptive details, days and times can be found in The JUC Crier and the Sunday bulletin. Sign up sheets are posted on the south commons room bulletin board.

Sincerely,

Richard S. Gilbert
Interim Minister

Todd M. Strickland
Minister for Lifespan Religious Experience

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Note: This letter is tailored to reflect upcoming events. If the timing is right, a PS is added as a reminder about an upcoming New Member Welcome in the Sunday service.