

The Constitution of UUM: Unitarian Universalists of Middlebury College

Article I: Name

The name of this organization will be UUM: Unitarian Universalists of Middlebury College

Article II: Purpose

Unitarian Universalism is based on the following principles:

- * The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- * Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- * Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- * A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- * The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- * The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all; and
- * Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

This organization aims to promote exploration of these principles, interfaith dialogue, and positive social action. The group also aims provide a supportive community for students, faculty, and staff of Middlebury College who are interested in free spiritual inquiry.

Article III: Membership

Membership is open to all students, faculty, and staff of Middlebury College.

Article IV: Officers

All officers will be Middlebury College students. The following positions will stand:

Co-conveners - Duties shall include organizing activities, maintaining membership lists, and serving as liaisons between the organization and C-CAL and between the organization and the local congregation, the Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society (CVUUS). The co-conveners may also organize committees as needed and are responsible for addressing any other needs that may arise. They should also be nice people.

Treasurer - Duties shall include serving as the liaison between the organization and the Student Government Association Finance Committee, drawing up the annual budget, and managing the group's financial resources.

Article V: Elections

Elections for the following academic year will be completed annually before March 15th, per Finance Committee guidelines. A quorum of over half of the membership, as specified by the email contact list, must be present for elections to occur. All elections will be by simple majority. If necessary, officers may serve for one semester only, in which case special elections will be held according to the above guidelines.

Article VI: Meetings

Meetings will be really fun and inspirational. They will reflect the desires of the membership at the time, but will include meditation/prayer, guided discussion, community service activities,

attending services at CVUUS, and social justice campaign work. Meetings/activities will occur at least twice a month and will be open to all members of the group and greater Middlebury College community.

Article VII: Committees

Committees will be appointed, should the need for them arise, by the co-conveners in consultation with the larger group.

Article VIII: Faculty Adviser

The membership recommends a member of the faculty/staff to advise the organization, if the group, at any time, deems it beneficial.

Article IX: Affiliations

The group will have an informal affiliation with both CVUUS and its minister and with the larger Unitarian Universalist Association (see www.uua.org). The group retains the right to formalize this relationship should the membership deem it beneficial and feasible.

Article X: Discrimination Policy

This student organization operates in full accordance with Chapter Four, Section II, A of the Middlebury College Handbook concerning Student Organization Policies of Discrimination, Freedom of Association, Anti-Hazing, Freedom of Inquiry and Expression, Student Publication, Funding, Advertising, and Scheduling. Any and all changes made to the Student Organizations Policies section of the Middlebury College Handbook will immediately become policies adopted by the membership of UUM: Unitarian Universalists of Middlebury College.

Article XI: Ratification

- A. The constitution must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the membership.
- B. The constitution must be approved by the Student Government Association Constitution Committee.

Article XII: Amendment

- A. Amendments to this constitution must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the membership.
- B. Amendments to this constitution must be reported to the Student Government Association Constitution Committee.

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