



First Unitarian Society of Ithaca

Definition of Membership, Congregant and Member of Record Policy

Whereas the Board of Trustees (BoT) reviewed a draft policy for building rental and memorial services during the December 21, 2022 meeting. The draft included two footnotes. The first specified that active Society members will not be expected to pay building rental or a ministerial fee for a wedding, child dedication, memorial service or funeral. The second footnote defined a Society member;

Whereas the BoT did not vote to adopt the definition of a Society member at that meeting; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees hereby adopts the following definitions of member, congregant, and member of record:

- (a) Member is an individual who has signed the membership book and has been currently active in the past 10 years (pledging annually, volunteering on a team, etc.);
- (b) Congregant is an individual who is an active congregant, i.e. who has not signed the book, but is active in pledging, volunteering time and energy);
- (c) Member of Record is a long-time member who signed the book and may have been a board member, committee chair, team leader, but has not been active/engaged in the past several years.

Approved by the Board of Directors: August 15, 2023