



October 2017

Dear Congregational Presidents and Treasurers,

IMPORTANT: Annual Congregational Certification of Membership Request

Growing vital religious communities in Canada is a joint, inter-dependent effort, and the work of the Canadian Unitarian Council (CUC) in engaging with Unitarian and Universalist congregations and communities is only possible with your congregation's support and commitment. In order to do this work, CUC by-laws require that Member Congregations report the number of voting members held by each congregation. This number is determined by your own procedures and by-laws. We strongly encourage you to have a clear and consistent process for establishing this number and that you update it each year.

The membership figure provided will be used to determine how many voting delegates your congregation is entitled to for the Annual General Meeting in May 2018, as well as to calculate the amount of your congregation's Annual Program Contribution (APC). We ask that you provide us with the current number of voting members as of September 1st 2017, which will be reflected in your congregation's "Fair Share" contribution for 2016.

In May 2017, delegates at the CUC's Annual General Meeting passed a resolution to increase the APC amount **from \$93 to \$100 per member**. This is the first increase since 2013, and is in keeping with the cost of inflation.

In May 2013, a resolution was passed which gives congregations the option of providing a reduced APC amount of **\$35 for Youth or Young Adults members – 35 years of age or under**. Congregations can decide if they want to remit this reduced amount for Youth and Young Adult members, or remit the full \$93 for all members.

Please ensure that the attached Annual Congregation Certification of Membership form is completed and sent back to the CUC office by **October 31st, 2017**. The form must be signed by two elected officers of the congregation and returned to the CUC office in order for your congregation to remain in good standing and to have the entitled number of delegates vote at the Annual Conference and Meeting in May 2018. While it is usual for the president and treasurer sign the certification, other elected members such as the Board Secretary, or Membership Committee Chair, are also able to sign.

For any questions, please contact Ahna DiFelice, Organizational Administrator, at info@cuc.ca.

Your co-operation and timely response is greatly appreciated.

In Faith,

Vyda Ng
Executive Director



CANADIAN UNITARIAN COUNCIL

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL CERTIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP - 2018

We certify that (name of congregation or fellowship): _____

___ Held regular, open worship services or meetings in the 12 months prior to September 1st, 2017

___ Held an annual general meeting of members in the 12 months prior to September 1st, 2017

___ Had, on September 1st, 2017, officers who were democratically elected

___ Had, on September 1st, 2017, adequate records of membership

___ Made an Annual Program Contribution to the CUC in the 8 months prior to September 1st, 2017

The TOTAL number of ALL voting members is _____

The number of youth and young adults (35 years or younger) members is _____

This number is included in the TOTAL above: YES _____ NO _____

We have not counted our youth and young adult members separately _____

We wish to pledge our Annual Program Contributions based on **one** of the following:

___ \$100 per voting member for **ALL** members

___ \$100 per voting member (36 years or better) and \$35 per youth / young adult member.

The above is certified by the following two of the elected officers of the congregation:

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Position/Title: _____ Date: _____

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Position/Title: _____ Date: _____

Please complete by **October 31st, 2017** and return to the CUC office at:
Suite 400 – 215 Spadina Avenue, Toronto, ON M5T 2C7 or by email to info@cuc.ca