



NORTHLAKE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Informal Groups at NUUC

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BACKGROUND/HISTORY/DISCUSSION:

N/A

PURPOSE:

From time to time, like-minded NUUC members may create informal groups. This policy was created to provide and document uniform guidelines applicable to such groups.

POLICY:

Informal groups at NUUC will form, meet, and operate according to the Guidelines outlined in this policy.

AREAS/COMMITTEES/SUBCOMMITTEES INVOLVED:

N/A

MODIFYING CIRCUMSTANCES/EXCEPTIONS:

N/A

DEFINITIONS (as/if applicable):

Formal Groups: Committees, ad hoc committees, and task forces as created by the NUUC Board of Directors. Examples: Ways and Means Committee, Caring Committee, Worship Committee, Comprehensive Planning Committee.

Informal Groups: Special/common interest groups formed by like-minded NUUC members in alignment with UUA principles and the NUUC mission statement. Examples: book group, writing group, art group, quilting circle, etc.

Rental Groups: Groups outside NUUC that have signed a formal rental agreement/contract and pay a rental fee to use NUUC’s facility.
Example: ELWAS, Studio East.

Member in Good Standing: For purposes of this policy, a “member in good standing” is one who satisfies each of the following requirements:

1. Has been a member for NUUC for 6 months or more.
2. Acts and behaves in harmony with NUUC Covenant of Right Relations and UUA principles.

PROCEDURE:

1. Requests for standing as an informal group at NUUC, and/or for facility use, must be approved by the NUUC Board of Directors. The Board reserves the right to revoke its approval for an informal group’s standing and/or facility use.
2. Although NUUC does not fund or sponsor informal groups, when feasible, NUUC may provide meeting space and event publicity, limited to posting of meeting or event notices, order of service announcements, newsletter notices, and web page postings.
3. More than (5), or 50% (whichever is greater), of the active participants on a regular basis must be NUUC members in good standing.
4. All leadership, facilitator, and coordinator functions must be performed by NUUC members in good standing.
5. For facility use, formal groups or activities of NUUC have priority over informal groups.
6. Informal groups may not cite or refer to NUUC in any way in print, in speech, or electronically, except to indicate NUUC as a meeting location.
7. Groups that do not receive approval from the Board may request to rent NUUC facilities under the Building Usage Policy.

REFERENCES/CITATIONS (e.g., Roberts’ Rules, bylaws, or other policies):

N/A

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs) AND ANSWERS:

N/A

OTHER RESOURCES:

N/A