DRAFT- UUSD Bylaws Membership Section

A**rticle IV. Membership**

**Section 4.1 Member**

**Anyone, eighteen years of age or older may become a Member of UUSD by signing the Membership Book.**

**A Member is an individual who**

1. **enters into a covenant with the other Members of UUSD, is in general agreement with the Purposes and Programs of UUSD, and the Purposes and Principles of UUA.**
2. **makes an annual financial contribution of record and supports UUSD’s activities to the extent that their finances and time permits.**

**Thirty days after signing the Membership Book, a Member may vote in Congregational Meetings (see Article V, Sections 5.1 and 5.2).**

**Section 4.2 Other Categories**

1. **Friend**

**A Friend is an individual who wishes to maintain an affiliation with UUSD, and**

1. **is not counted as a Member.**
2. **is not required to make a financial contribution of record or support UUSD’s activities, but may do so if they wish.**
3. **cannot serve as an Officer or Trustee, or vote in Congregational Meetings.**
4. **Member Emeritus**

**A Member Emeritus, or Emerita, or Emeritum is an individual who having once been a Member is honored with this status by the Board of Trustees, and**

1. **is not counted as a Member.**

**Section 4.3 Removal from Membership**

**A Member may be removed from Membership status, following approved procedures.**

1. **upon their request, written or oral, to the Minister or Membership Committee.**

**(2) upon written notice by the Minister, in consultation with appropriate committees, to the Board of Trustees that the Member has died, or has been inactive for at least a period of 12 months.**

**(3) upon the considered judgment of the Minister, that the person has acted and continues to act in a manner harmful to the organization’s purpose or principles as defined by UUSD Board of Trustees’ Policy: Disruptive Behavior Policy (Appendix 6 D).**

**See UUSD Board of Trustees’ Policy 4.5, Powers Reserved for the Board 4.5.1 and 4.5.2 which can be amended following any changes in the bylaws.**

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