



Unitarian Universalist Church of South County (UUCSC)

Title: INFORMAL GROUPS AT UUCSC		
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BACKGROUND/HISTORY/DISCUSSION:

N/A

PURPOSE:

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

POLICY:

Informal groups at UUCSC 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 UUCSC 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 UUCSC members in alignment with UUA principles and the UUCSC mission statement. Examples: book group, bridge group, Simplicity Circle, Peace Circle.

Rental Groups Groups outside UUCSC that have signed a formal rental agreement/contract and pay a rental fee to use UUCSC's facility. Example: The Sierra Club.

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 UUCSC member for 6 months or more.
2. Acts and behaves in harmony with the UUCSC Covenant of Right Relations and UUA principles.

PROCEDURE:

- I. Requests for standing as an informal group at UUCSC, and/or for facility use, must be approved by the UUCSC Board of Directors (the board). The board reserves the right to revoke its approval for an informal group's standing and/or facility use.
- II. Although UUCSC does not fund or sponsor informal groups, when feasible, UUCSC 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.
- III. More than five (5), or fifty (50) percent (whichever is greater), of the active participants on a regular basis must be UUCSC members in good standing.
- IV. All leadership, facilitator, and coordinator functions must be performed by UUCSC members in good standing.
- V. For facility use, formal groups or activities of UUCSC have priority over informal groups.
- VI. Informal groups may not cite or refer to UUCSC in any way in print, in speech, or electronically, except to indicate UUCSC as a meeting location.
- VII. Groups that do not receive approval from the board may request to rent UUCSC 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