



CUA Affiliation Packet

Congregation/Ministry Name: _____

Website: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Meeting address: (if applicable): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Check all that you offer:

- Regular schedule of real-world worship services that are open to the public?
 - ...in a traditional sanctuary, or commercial facility
 - ...in a house, pub, park or other non-traditional facility
- Regular schedule of online worship services that are capable of real-time, two-way interaction from congregants?
- One-way streaming, videos, posts, printed publications, recordings, etc.
- Community social services, such as: pantry, kitchen, housing, job training, medical clinic, sobriety, etc.
- Preschool, daycare, etc.
- Grade-school or similar
- College courses

Anything else you wish to promote?

What other denominations or conventions do you belong to?

Which denominations or conventions ordained or commissioned your current ministry staff (list all)?

Anything else you want us to know:

Noninterference Affiliation Agreement

between

_____ and the **Christian Universalist Association**

Purpose and Intent of the Affiliation:

_____ (“congregation” or other ministry) and the Christian Universalist Association (CUA) both seek to spread the Good News that, through Jesus Christ, God reconciles everyone to Himself. This is the doctrine that brings our two organizations together. The CUA does not interfere with the autonomy of any local congregation.

The CUA is an association of churches who have banded together for mutual growth and shared educational resources. We have a mission of education, ministerial training & ordination, and a broad support of the doctrine of Christian Universalism. The congregation is a separate organization that preaches the Love of God, the Teachings of Jesus Christ, and shares a Christian Universalist belief.

The CUA will continue to develop and play an important role in enhancing its outreach within this new affiliation, which will allow both CUA and the congregation to grow. This affiliation will provide opportunities to build a more effective and efficient delivery of the message and service programs that benefit those we serve, and those we seek to serve. Working together, the CUA and the congregation will more creatively and efficiently engage individuals and strengthen the Christian Universalist message.

Commitment:

- Both the congregation and the CUA shall have complete independence in terms of governance and operation.
- The congregation and the CUA shall continue to provide acts of love, respect, caring, and mutual support.
- The congregation and the CUA shall develop and continue sharing resources, ideas, and leadership training as appropriate.
- Neither the congregation nor the CUA endorse any form of discrimination based on race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.

Governance:

- The congregation governing body governs the affairs of, and is responsible for, formulating the mission, vision, goals, and strategic plans for its organization.
- The CUA Board of Directors governs the affairs of, and is responsible for, formulating the mission, vision, goals, and strategic plans for the CUA.
- Neither the congregation nor CUA will develop a mission statement or vision statement that contradicts each other.
- Neither the congregation nor CUA is responsible for, or sets policy for the other organization.

Branding:

- The congregation will retain its identity, continuing to use its name and logo, while being able to promote affiliation with the CUA.
- The CUA will retain its identity, continuing to use its name and logo, while being able to promote affiliation with the congregation.
- Both organizations will, to the extent possible, maintain separate web sites (domains), with a clear link to each other.

Finances:

- All assets and liabilities of the congregation will remain those of the congregation.
- All assets and liabilities of CUA will remain those of CUA.
- Neither the congregational governing body, nor CUA Board of Directors shall have any control, authority, or fiduciary responsibility for the other organization.
- All financial services, and fund-raising activity, shall be the sole responsibility of each organization.

Duration and Review:

- This affiliation agreement will be in effect on the date it is signed by representatives of both the congregation and the CUA. The agreement will remain a mutual agreement until such time that either party wishes to dissolve

the agreement, which will be done in writing. Any changes to the agreement can be requested in writing by either party and will be considered in a timely manner, and will be addressed in writing.

Termination:

- Either the governing body of the congregation or the CUA Board of Directors may terminate this affiliation by written notification to the other organization.

Appendices:

- CUA Mission and Doctrinal Statements
- Congregation Mission and Doctrinal Statements (please attach)

Attestation:

The approval of this agreement is properly recorded in the minutes of the congregation and CUA Board, as attested to by the undersigned officials of both organizations.

Representative name

Rev. Dr. Lance W. Haverkamp
CUA Chair

Title

Return entire packet to:

CUA
13520 New Discovery Rd.
Colorado Springs, CO 80908

Or, scan and send to: info@ChristianUniversalist.org

CUA STATEMENT OF FAITH:

1. We believe in God, who is Love, Light, Truth, and Spirit, the Creator of the universe, whom we are called to seek, know, and love; and whose nature was revealed to the world in the person and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth.
2. We believe that the universal commandment is to love and serve one another as we love ourselves.
3. We believe in the law of justice by which actions generate consequences, whether to be manifested in this life or the life to come; and that love, grace and forgiveness ultimately overcome the law of justice.
4. We believe in the full and final triumph of the grace of God over the powers of sin and death: that the mercy and forgiveness of God are victorious; that this victory of redemption is revealed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus; and that, therefore, no human being will be condemned or allowed to suffer pain and separation forever.
5. We believe every person is the divine offspring of God, created in the image of the Heavenly Parent of all; and that every person is destined to be raised up from imperfection to maturity according to the pattern of the archetypal Christ, the Son of God, the Perfect Human in whose image all humanity shall be transformed.
6. We believe in mysterious spiritual phenomena, such as the resurrection of Jesus Christ, which transcend materialistic views of reality.
7. We believe that God's Holy Spirit has inspired numerous prophets, saints, philosophers, and mystics throughout history, in a variety of cultures and traditions; and that by reading the Bible (the authoritative textual basis of our faith) and other great texts of spiritual and moral wisdom with a discerning mind, and meditating to connect to the Spirit within, we may all gain a greater understanding of truth, which should be applied for the betterment of ourselves and our world.

Expanded commentary on each point is available on our website
ChristianUniversalist.org/beliefs/

CUA Mission

Who We Are

Founded in 2007, the Christian Universalist Association is an association of individuals, churches and para-church ministries. We teach the overwhelming historical and scriptural evidence that all are reconciled to God as revealed in the life, death and resurrection of Christ Jesus ([see our doctrinal beliefs](#)). Like the early Church, we spread this message with an emphasis on how it positively impacts and motivates people to love in action (James 2:8).

For most of the Church's history, there has been a mistaken belief in a retributive God who will punish unbelievers with endless torture. This error has poisoned the behavior of generations of believers into being retributive to others. Jesus taught us that we love God by loving our neighbors and enemies. Just as Jesus taught, we strive to promote restoration of relationships, with each other, and with God, rather than retribution.

What We Do

The Christian Universalist Association teaches, equips, and connects individuals, churches, and ministries who agree with the early Church's teaching of universal reconciliation and Jesus' central teaching to devote oneself completely to his restorative love and peacemaking ethic: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

While we avoid the term "denomination," we provide many of the services, resources, and events of a small denomination:

- Official recognition for congregations and ministries
- Ministerial Education by correspondence (as an alternative to seminary)
- Ordination as Clergy, for both chaplains and congregational ministers
- Search assistance for hiring a pastor or chaplain
- Resources to support, understand, and spread the message of universal reconciliation—that the restorative love and peacemaking ethics of Jesus frees people to love one another rather than struggling under the burden of religion
- Resources and support, to understand and spread the practice of working toward restorative solutions and responses to conflict and social problems
- Conventions, conferences, regional gatherings, and online conversations

Where We're Going

As the only international, big-umbrella group for all Christian Universalists, our calling is to motivate people to act in love, peacemaking and making the world a better place.

To accomplish this, we desire to:

- Promote global fellowship and camaraderie among Christian Universalists
- Expand the number of Christian Universalist congregations and ministries
- Train and recognize Christian Universalist clergy through the education, and ordination, of both chaplains and congregational clergy
- Continue our college-level Christian Universalist educational program for scholarly believers who are not called into the clergy
- Identify and promote specific, proven restorative justice models that align with the principles of universal reconciliation