



Sacred Wind Sanctuary Of Universal Life

Benefits of Becoming a Member

You may ask yourself, “If I am welcomed with open arms already, why should I become a member of the congregation”? And while it is true, we openly accept all who wish to attend regular service, regardless of one’s race, nationality, gender, beliefs, orientation, or membership, there are many benefits to joining as a full member of our Congregation.

When you join our membership, you are being a part of and making a commitment to a Congregation of like-minded people, greatly increasing your circle of family and friends for fellowship and spiritual growth. Even if you practice as a solitary, you can benefit from the guidance and support of others in the community, while expanding your horizons and base of knowledge.

As a member, you’ll be eligible to obtain various services from the church, including weddings, rites of passage, funerals and assistance from the benevolence fund if need arises. You’ll also enjoy access to special holiday services, and membership events.

Participation in the community is a vital role of members, not to mention great opportunities to meet and get to know others. As a Member, you’ll be able to join any number of important committees, all important to the continued success of SWSUL, in ALL we do.

Being a member also provides you the opportunity to pursue and serve in positions of leadership in the church. Members who take an active role in the Congregation can be considered for election or appointment to various roles, even to sit on the Board of Directors, as is set forth in our Bylaws.

Along with all of these benefits provided, Members are also entitled to all the rights set forth in the Church bylaws as stated in Article III, Section 2.

But as a Member of Sacred Wind Sanctuary, the biggest benefits are the ones you provide back to the church. You help to create and maintain the lasting relationships and influences of the congregation, and community as a whole. You help to finance the activities and expansion of the congregation, which in turn provides more benefits and activities for members, and helps us help the community!

Become a full member of our Congregation, and not only enrich your own life, but help to enrich the lives of others, and ensure the continuation of Sacred Wind Sanctuary and our message of harmony, understanding and acceptance!



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Membership Excerpt of Bylaws

Article III. Membership

Section 01 Qualifications and Terms of Membership

- A Membership in Sacred Wind Sanctuary of Universal Life shall consist of individuals who satisfy the following requirements:
- 1 An applicant desiring Membership in SWSUL shall submit an "Application for Membership" form, along with applicable Membership Dues and required documents to SWSUL through the Board of Directors. Inductions shall be approved/denied at regularly scheduled Board meetings.
 - 2 The applicant must be at least eighteen (18) years of age, or have written consent from a parent or guardian submitted with the application.
 - a Those under the age of eighteen years shall be afforded Associate Membership, and will be prohibited from voting in SWSUL elections until they reach the age of eighteen years and submit the Membership dues of a full member.
 - b Associate Members do not hold voting privileges and dues are discounted accordingly.
 - 3 Term of Membership will be one year from date of acceptance/induction.
 - a Membership shall terminate when the member has not paid their Membership dues for the annual period beyond the preceding year as a member.
 - b Membership and all Membership rights shall be suspended until annual membership dues are paid for the subsequent year.
 - c Membership is deemed to be reinstated once Membership dues are paid, and Membership will expire on the next anniversary date of initial membership or one year from Membership dues payment if 90 days or more delinquent.
 - d Membership may be terminated by the Board in the event that the member has found to be in breach of the Policies, Procedures or Purposes of the Church.
 - i The Board must vote regarding the revocation of membership only after all facts of the matter have been brought before the Board for investigation, review, discussion and decision. A simple majority of the Board shall determine the matter.
 - e All membership applications must be approved by the Board of Directors. SWSUL reserves the right to deny membership to any seeking membership with due cause. If membership is denied, all applicable dues shall be returned. The application shall be filed in the customary manner.

Section 02 Rights of Members

- A Members shall have the right to:
- 1 Vote at any Membership meeting of Board election;
 - 2 Ratify bylaws or any amendments or changes thereof in accordance with Article X;
 - 3 Vote on any question of acquisition, major additions thereto, sale or pledge of such real property, with 2/3 vote of a Quorum of Membership having the authority for determination;
 - 4 Vote for the removal of any Board Officer from his/her position in accordance with Article II, Section 06-A;
 - 5 Offer suggestions to Clergy or the Board as would seem advisable for the good of the Church and the community.
 - 6 Call special Membership meeting when the affairs of the Church warrant such action, as specified in Section 03-B of this Article.
 - 7 Vote to override an action of the Board, providing the issue is communicated to the Membership in writing 10 days prior to the subsequent meeting of the Membership, with a 2/3 majority of those comprising a Quorum of the Membership and having the authority for determination; and,
 - 8 Request liaison assistance concerning an unresolved matter of importance, after all other appropriate channels have been taken, by notifying the Board in writing with a minimum of a Quorum of Members being required to take such action.



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Section 03 Membership Meeting

- A The annual Membership meeting of Sacred Wind Sanctuary of Universal Life shall be held at the location specified and arranged by the Board at such an hour as may be designated by the Board.
- B Special Membership meetings may be called by:
 - 1 The Board with the knowledge of Clergy, at any time the affairs of the Church warrant; or
 - 2 Membership by signed petition of no less than 33% of Current Membership
 - a The petition must state the purpose of the meeting and the agenda shall be restricted to the stated purpose;
 - b Any such meeting shall be held within 21 days after presentation of this petition to the Board Secretary
 - i The Board may meet to discuss the petition within the 21 day period
 - ii The Board may, at its discretion, extend the special meeting deadline up to nine (9) additional days for a total of thirty (30) days after the presentation of said petition
 - 3 Written notice of any Membership meeting shall specify the date, time, place and agenda for the meeting and shall be delivered, through electronic or physical means, to all Members at least ten days prior to the meeting.
 - 4 Participation in the business affairs of any Membership meetings shall be restricted to active (Membership dues current) Members in attendance. Non-member participation in discussion of business must be approved by a 2/3 majority vote of the Members in attendance.

Section 04 Financial Support

The financial support for the Church will consist of fund raising events, Member dues and ongoing voluntary donations. No pledges of any kind, for any purpose, shall be required of any Member other than annual dues.



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Membership Agreement

We agree to uphold and encourage the vision of Sacred Wind Sanctuary of Universal Life.

We will faithfully participate with this church in ritual, prayer, study, fellowship, and will use our spiritual gifts for the common good.

We will accept and fellowship with all members, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, background, social status, level of education, or specific religious beliefs.

We will pursue peace with all people, always being slow to take offense and eager to reconcile differences.

We agree to give dignity and respect to those among us who are not official members, and seek to welcome and include newcomers warmly.

We agree to seek to treat others the way we would want to be treated.

We affirm the need to support our children, youth, and elderly, to value our different nationalities and backgrounds, and to encourage the equal interaction of men and women.

We agree to speak truthfully, directly, and lovingly to each other and practice kindness whenever possible; it is our intent not to judge, criticize, or gossip about each other, but rather build each other up in love.

We agree to contribute to the ministry of this church through serving in an area of interest and giftedness, as well as through giving joyfully to the expenses of the church. We also agree to appreciate the contributions of others.

We agree to develop our spiritual maturity through personal reading and prayer, through regular attendance at church, and through connecting with others in our community

We agree to seek knowledge and enlightenment by living joyfully with honor and integrity by showing compassion to those less fortunate than ourselves.

We will conduct ourselves in a manner befitting our ideals and beliefs both in attendance and in public.

We agree to the Qualifications and Terms of Membership in the Bylaws, Article III, Section 1.

We agree to a Membership Donation payable by cash or check of at least \$10 monthly, \$27.50 quarterly, or \$100 yearly per person, payable with cash or check, with a commitment for one (1) year. First donation is to be provided with application.

Applicant's Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/ 20____

We wish to expand our focus into all Pagan paths. Please tell us your Spiritual Path.
(Wicca, Asatru, Celtic, Druid, Kemetic, etc.):

Please Select Your Preference for
Collection of Dues:

- Monthly (\$10 per Month)
- Quarterly (\$27.50 each Quarter)
- Yearly (\$100 each Year)

Return Application to: Sacred Wind Sanctuary of Universal Life, PO Box 342, Tennent, NJ 07763