

North Texas Unitarian Universalist Congregations (NTUUC) Board Member

Description of Organization and its Opportunities:

NTUUC (formerly NTAUUS) is a cluster of Unitarian Universalist congregations in the North Texas area. Currently there are 13 member congregations. The mission of NTUUC is to proclaim and promote our UU covenant of liberal religion by supporting, serving and strengthening our member congregations and having an impact on the wider community.

NTUUC promotes collaboration and co-sponsorship of events among our congregations. NTUUC is interested in social justice issues that align with our principles and also seeks to promote youth development and involvement. (See the web site under “What does NTUUC Do?”). NTUUC serves as a clearing house to encourage communication about issues, events and activities within the cluster and contracts with a Web Master for assistance in this area.

One of the current goals of NTUUC is to provide low-cost, high quality educational opportunities to its members. These are designed to enhance leadership skills and create better prepared leaders and, thus, stronger congregations. These programs also encourage social justice, faith development and communication among cluster attendees. NTUUC offers at least four educational programs and conferences per year with the largest one being the Standing on the Side of Leadership (SotSoL) conference. SotSoL brings in nationally known Unitarian Universalist speakers and offers many break-out sessions. NTUUC also offers a conference on one of the current items for study or witness from the Unitarian Universalist Association’s yearly conference, the General Assembly (GA). NTUUC trains incoming boards at the semi-annual boards training conferences, Toward Effective Governance. Several other educational programs are offered or co-sponsored each year in response to congregational requests. There is a rotation of conferences/Board meetings allowing different congregations to host, which benefits the host congregation and the NTUUC Board. NTUUC also co-sponsors programs with organizations with shared causes, as well as organizes and sends congregations’ contingents to march in the local Pride Parades.

NTUUC has an endowment that is managed by the Endowment committee. Grants are offered yearly to assist congregations meet growth and development needs through an application process to the Endowment Committee. Awards to honor leaders, staff and ministers of our NTUUC congregations are disseminated at a yearly Awards Ceremony in January, at which time the Grants are also awarded. NTUUC has a half time Executive Director to help implement the mission of NTUUC.