

My partner Brad and I just started coming to Sunday services the beginning of January. As someone who has had unpleasant experiences in other more traditional religious communities, I was uncertain of whether we would feel respected and welcome here. I needn't have worried.

Brad and I were impressed by the reception we were given as newcomers, from warm greetings, to name tags on everyone, to authentic conversation, and refreshments after the service.

We have come to Sunday services consistently since then and appreciate all the effort that goes into running the services seemingly flawlessly, mostly by volunteers. As someone who has been involved with many non-profit agencies, I know the value of paid staff to help with continuity, growth, and reducing volunteer burnout.

Brad and I both support the initiative to fundraise for a developmental minister and have decided to support this community by going through the process to become members and by pledging an amount which we hope will help this unique and important community get closer to its worthwhile goals.