

Policy on Groups

The following types of groups are recognized by the UUC.

a. Sponsored Groups

A Sponsored Group (SG) is a group sponsored by the Congregation as it furthers the goals of the Congregation and provides a service to the congregation and the Blacksburg community and has successfully completed the process to become an SG. If space is limited, Congregation members will have first priority to participate in an SG. SGs enjoy preferential building use privileges and may have a link to their web materials placed on the UUC website.

The representative for an SG must be a Congregation member.

To become an SG, a presentation outlining the services provided by the group and the time and space needs of the group must be made at a Board meeting. The Board shall vote on whether to sponsor the group at a subsequent meeting in order to allow time for input of members of the Congregation. The Board shall vote on whether to renew sponsorship of previously sponsored groups at the August Board meeting.

b. Congregational Groups (CG)

Congregational groups are made up of Congregation members whose purpose(s) further the goals of the Congregation. CGs enjoy preferential building use privileges.

CGs may be formed for a number of purposes including spiritual practice groups, study groups, support groups, service groups or advocacy groups. CGs may be of short-term duration or on-going.

Any member may form a new group within the church as long as (1) the group's general purpose is in alignment with the mission, vision, and values of the congregation, and (2) there are at least three UUC members who are interested in actively organizing and participating in the group. To form a new group, a member should begin by discussing the possibility with the minister or DLFD. If encouraged to do so, the member should fill out the "Group Application Form" available from the administrator and submit it to the minister or DLFD for approval. Before approving a new group, the minister or DLFD should consult with any appropriate ministry team. New groups will be assigned to an existing committee or ministry team as appropriate.

c. Member Groups (MG)

A Member Group is a group not affiliated with the Congregation, but organized by a member of the Congregation for personal reasons. The representative for an MG must be a Congregation member.

d. Non-member groups (NMG)

Non-member Groups are independent groups that have no connection to the Congregation.

e. Non-Profit Groups (NPG)

Non-profit groups are independent groups that have no connection to the Congregation and are a legal non-profit organization.