



Connection Groups

Approved by the Board of Trustees

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Purpose: This policy outlines the procedures for forming, maintaining and supporting connection groups.

Definition: A Connection Group is a member-led, special-interest group whose purpose and activities are consistent with the Mission of UUCCV, including the group's ability to create bonds among members. All connection groups follow all UUCCV policies.

Procedures: Each Connection Group will have a church member who will act as the point of contact for the group and a lead facilitator who will share information about meeting times and how to join the group on the website and in the newsletter "Currents".

Groups may set their own meeting times (weekly, monthly, etc.) and communicate with group members via their preferred means of contact.

Lead facilitators are encouraged to open groups to all, but may discuss with COM to determine if attendance is time-limited. The lead facilitator may require that visitors contact them prior to attending.

Lead facilitators may ask members who are disruptive or who are not following the UUCCV Covenant of Right Relations to leave the group.

Connection groups are generally not included in the UUCCV operating budget unless by special request to the finance committee chair.

Lead facilitators are encouraged to attend shared ministry meetings at UUCCV.

The Lead facilitator will be invited to submit an annual report for the UUCCV

Annual Meeting.

If there is a need for support, the Lead Facilitator is encouraged to contact a member of the Council on Ministry.

Building Use: Lead Facilitators of connection groups will follow building use guidelines as detailed in our building use policy. Leaders of ongoing groups should be aware that room assignments may change should special needs arise.

Beginning a new Connection Group

Application process: Prospective groups may apply at any time by requesting a Connection Group Request Form from the Operations Assistant. The request will be reviewed by the Council on Ministry. The Council on Ministry will consider if the group reflects our need for balanced programming and/or if it provides a unique service for the congregation or larger community. In addition, the Council on Ministry will consider what kind of resources the group might require from the staff, volunteers, the building, etc. on a regular basis.

Related Documents:

- Use of the Building
- Communication Policy
- New Connection Group Request Form