

standing order mandate

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Please pay to the current account no. 30375284 of the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches at HSBC, 123 Chancery Lane (Sort code 40-02-07) the sum of

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This standing order supersedes any existing mandate payable to The General Assembly of Unitarian & FCC

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"BEING AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER
HELPS ME TO FEEL PART OF THE
LARGER COMMUNITY"

"I BELIEVE THAT WE ARE MUCH
STRONGER IF WE ALL WORK
TOGETHER"

In addition, each autumn, you will be sent:

- ✓ A Newsletter.
- ✓ A Golden Chalice Badge
- ✓ A Membership card
- ✓ Any relevant GA published materials

annual subscription

The subscription for Associate Membership is £30 paid annually, or £3 per month via a monthly standing order. Larger subscriptions will also be gratefully received and if you are a basic rate taxpayer please consider signing up for Gift Aid. For those under 25 years, the subscription is £10 pa; 12–18 years £5 pa

Please complete the attached application form (one form for each applicant) and return it to the Associate Membership Secretary, Unitarian Headquarters, Essex Hall, 1/6 Essex St. London WC2R 3HY

All of these things are essential to the health of our faith and community – to our congregations and our districts, to us as individuals and to our liberal witness in a world of increasing dogmatism and fundamentalism.



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join us

Unitarians unite in a spirit of mutual sympathy, co-operation, tolerance and respect, recognising the worth and dignity of all people and their freedom to believe as their consciences dictate, and believing that truth is best served where the mind and conscience are free.

The General Assembly of Unitarian & Free Christian Churches (GA) is the national body of Unitarians in the United Kingdom. Associate Members are individuals who wish to associate themselves with the national body, are in sympathy with the Object of the Assembly and pay an annual subscription. (Full membership of the GA is open only to affiliated congregations and organisations, ministers and lay leaders on the roll and honorary members).

As an Associate Member, your subscription helps to support our central organisation. This provides services to member churches and fellowships such as:

- Organising the recruitment, training and maintenance of ministers and lay leaders, in association with two colleges for ministerial training;
- Representing us nationally and internationally and with other faiths;
- Advising on buildings, legal, charitable and financial issues and providing a payroll calculation service ;
- Promoting religious education for all ages, and organising a national youth programme;
- Encouraging social responsibility by individuals and congregations;
- Supporting the Inquirer, and publishing the web pages, books (including the Lindsey Press), leaflets, posters etc;
- Using national advertising and responding to requests for information about us;
- Encouraging the use of the Nightingale Centre in Derbyshire, for holidays, retreats etc;
- Organising the Annual Meetings;
- Co-ordinating our spiritual and practical aspirations.

"I LIKE TO THINK THAT I AM DOING MY BIT TO SUPPORT THOSE CONGREGATIONS WHO NEED HELP"

annual meetings

The Annual Meeting of the General Assembly is held each April. Each congregation sends representatives according to membership; in addition any individual Unitarian can attend. Participants at the meetings discuss the formal business of the Assembly, and worship, work and socialise together. As an Associate Member you will be made especially welcome!

associate membership

Associate Membership is a way of encouraging anyone who attends a Unitarian congregation to feel part of the wider Unitarian movement as well as supporting the Assembly financially.

Others, who may not attend a congregation but who are in sympathy with our declared Object and share our vision, are also welcome to apply.

associate benefits

- The knowledge you are supporting Unitarianism in Britain and abroad.
- Early notice of the Annual Meetings and a booking form.
- You may speak at Annual Meetings but not vote.
- An invitation to a reception at the Meetings.
- A copy of the General Assembly Annual Report.
- An individual vote to elect the GA Executive committee.

membership application

I wish to apply for Associate Membership of the GA. My donation, including any Gift Aid element, will be matched by an equal donation from the Bowland Trust. I am in sympathy with the declared Object of the GA.

name

address

date / /

I enclose:

- a single contribution: £
(min £30)
- a monthly standing order: £
(min £3 per month)
- an annual standing order: £
(min £30 per annum)
- Junior Membership: £
(age 12-18: £5 per annum; 18-25: £10 per annum)

signature

date / /

Thank you for your generous support. If you pay basic rate income tax we can reclaim the tax on your donation. Please sign the Gift Aid Declaration below if you are able and then any charitable donation made to the General Assembly in future will be tax efficient.

GiftAid declaration

I am a UK taxpayer. Please reclaim the tax on all my donations to the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches (Charity no. 250788) from 6 April 2000 and any I make in the future, until I notify you otherwise. I will advise you if I cease to be a taxpayer, and of any changes to my name and/or address

signature

date / /

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