

# Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Oxford

P.O. Box 1822, Oxford, Mississippi 38655

## Pledge Form 2009-2010

Please complete this form and return it to UUCO by March 15 2009:

Yes! I would like to make a pledge to UUCO for the fiscal year that runs from 2009-2010.

Print name \_\_\_\_\_ Sign name \_\_\_\_\_

My total general pledge for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year is \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

I plan to make my payments: (please check one)

\_\_\_ monthly \_\_\_ quarterly \_\_\_ annually \_\_\_ other

**Thank you for your generosity to the congregation!**



### UUCO Accomplishments for 2008-09

- Held Sunday programs with regular visits from ministers. For the first time, we held services through the summer. In addition, we have participated in a shared ministry group with Rev. Fred Hammond and several other congregations.
- Provided regular Religious Education for four age groups of young people including teenagers. The Theme for the year—World Religions.
- Held 2 workshops to enrich and deepen our services "Creating Sacred Space for Transformative Workshop" conducted by Rev. Fred Hammond, and "Building Community Through Music" conducted by Sarah Dan Jones.
- Generously supported charities, "giving away the plate" each month, providing a total of \$2,532 this calendar year to Habitat for Humanity, Interfaith Compassion Ministry, Knoxville Relief Fund, Gulf Coast UU Fellowship, a local family, and the UU Association. We also collected food for The Pantry.
- Had two members attend General Assembly in Ft. Lauderdale; 6 members attend Healthy Congregation Conference in Birmingham; 6 attend Stewardship Conference in Jackson, six attend Religious Education workshop "Small Power" in Jackson and 2 attend Junior High Convention "Millennium FalCon" in Huntsville.

- Continued development of Green Sanctuary Program by applying for and being awarded a Chalice Lighter grant. We added insulation to the attic in December.
- Held annual retreat at Wall Doxey.
- Provided childcare for all services, workshops and the retreat.
- Applied for and received a grant from Mid-South District in the amount of \$300 for Local Public Visibility. Purchased new banner: "Welcome to Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Oxford" and augmented our advertising in the Oxford Eagle and Daily Mississippian.

Participated in MLK "Day of Service" by picking up litter from county roads and participated in National Religious Campaign Against Torture by displaying banner and joining the Tupelo Congregation in a protest march.

- Reviewed Safety and Preparedness procedures and compiled emergency contact directory for members.
- Provided space for a dance class, tai chi and Reiki.

UUCO has been a formal Unitarian Universalist congregation for nearly 12 years and during this time we are proving to be an important voice of liberal religion in our community. Our congregation is a place where we seek to uphold our 7 principles while fulfilling our mission statement of being an intergenerational community that fosters spiritual growth and encourages the expression of our ideals.

### **Your pledge will help us to continue:**

- Making a difference in the lives of our young people as we teach tolerance and respect
  - Provide a spiritual home for many who are seeking for a broad understanding of the human experience and find the divine in unexpected places
  - Provide regular Sunday services, religious education, workshops, retreats, potluck suppers, discussion groups, in short, all those things that are part of a vibrant spiritual community
  - Provide leadership in our community through several avenues: we have members serving on the board for Habitat for Humanity, Interfaith Compassion Ministry and PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) and The Amos Network (an interfaith-based organization that works to generate equality and integrity within the community)
  - Maintain and improve our building and grounds. We would like to replace our windows with more energy efficient ones, we will soon need to paint our building, we would like to add a fence along the road above the church to better protection for youngsters. In addition, we would like to improve the aesthetics of our sanctuary and provide better space for Religious Education.
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