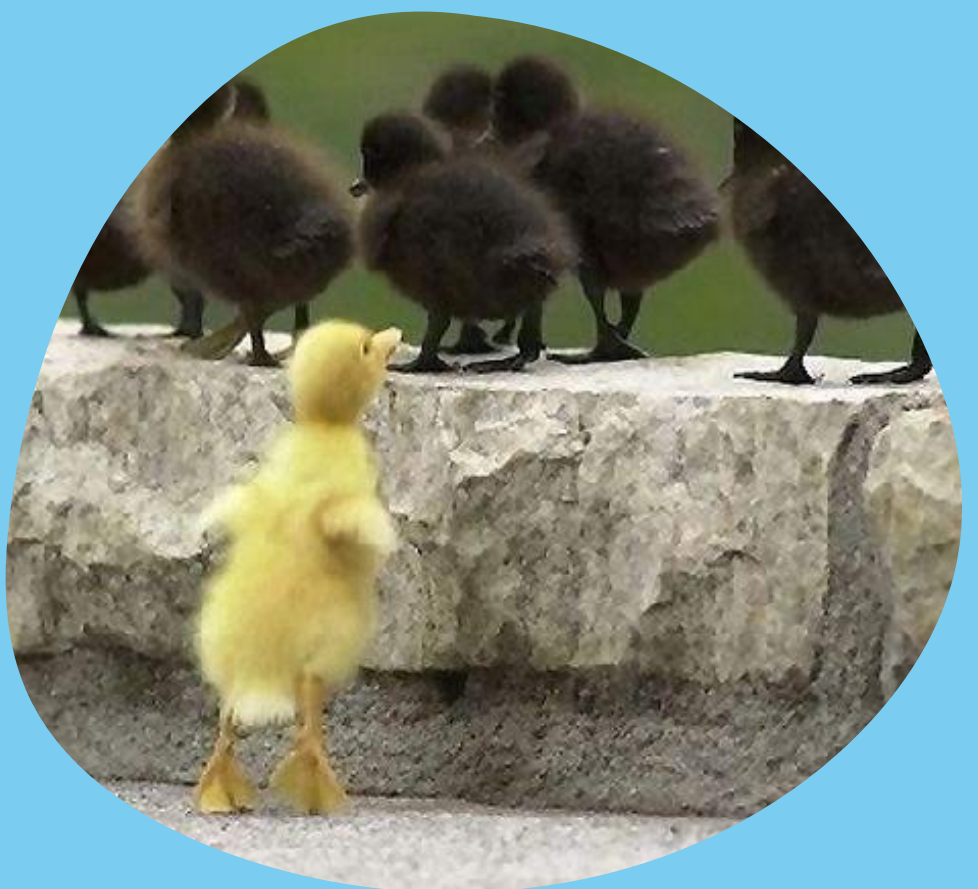


BELONGING

Many find they
want to share
their journey
with others.

What they want
is a sense of
belonging.



BELONGING

- What Membership Means
- How Do I Become a Member
- What's Next
- Deepening Your Commitment
- The Ongoing Journey



Belonging:

In our time of higher mobility and distances between family members, people sense that something is missing. Human beings are relational. We need to share our journeys. We need a sense of belonging.

What Membership Means

All are welcome here. The best way to get started here is to attend “Inquirers” which meets right after worship in the sanctuary.

Membership goes beyond attendance. It is a conscious choice and intentional commitment. It means both receiving the blessings of this community AND taking responsibility for shaping and sharing those blessings.

Members find a sense of belonging by joining a Circle of Trust or Shared Ministry Group. At ORUUC, all such groups have three functions: learn, serve and care. The Minister of Faith Formation can help you find a group that is a good fit.

Members share their interests, gifts, and talents. Some are good at greeting others; others at singing in the choir. Whatever our gifts, at ORUUC we share them for the good of all.

Members make and keep generous financial pledges. ORUUC is entirely financed by its own people, so it's important that everyone does their part, according to their ability.

Members care for others and are open enough to let others to care for them.



How Do I Become A Member?

1. Arrange to meet, in person, with a Minister.
2. Attend "Considering Commitment"
3. Complete a Financial Pledge card.
4. Sign a Membership Card.

The Board of Trustees reviews and approves all memberships at its monthly meetings

What's Next

As a new member, you are recognized in a New Member Ceremony during worship. This is optional! If you don't want to, you don't have to.

Deepening Your Commitment

Members attend their chosen small groups. Some groups meet during Faith Formation Hour on Sundays; others meet at other times during the week. Whatever your group, you join a circle of people who learn, serve, and care together. That is the ORUUC Way. By finding a group that fits and showing up consistently, your sense of belonging grows over time.

The Ongoing Journey

Members commit to a deepening journey of belonging, through authentic and trusting relationships with others, in the light of the Holy. This journey is life-long for all of us. You will see others go through change, and you will change, too. As we walk together in love, we grow in our understanding of this one beautiful life.