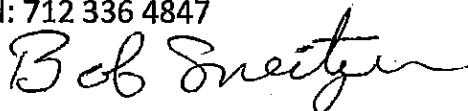


Mr. Jim Key
UUA Board of Trustees
24 Farnsworth St.
Boston, MA 02210-1409

September 10, 2014

Dear Mr. Key,
Attached find the application for membership to the UUA from the Iowa Lakes
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Okoboji, Iowa. I am submitting this for review
by the Board of Trustees' meeting in October of 2014. Please contact me if you
have any questions.

Regards,
Bob Sneitzer, Program Director
Tel: 712 336 4847

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Sneitzer".

Check List

Use this list to make sure your application is complete. Please include this checklist with your application.

Name of Congregation: Iowa Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

- Application from the congregation
- List of charter members
- The congregation's Articles of Incorporation
- The congregation's Bylaws
- Check to the UUA for the Annual Program Fund
- Recommendation from the Regional Lead
- Recommendation from the District or Regional President
- Recommendation from a local UUMA chapter minister
- Recommendation from a UUA Growth Specialist

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 $9 \times 150 = 1350$

UUA Membership Application

Date of application: October 2014

On Sept. 21, 2005, the Iowa Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
Date Name of Congregation

of Okoboji, Iowa
City, State

was organized with 17 charter members. Now 30 members
Number

The following are the elected officers (Please print):
current

President: Linda Weir

Address: _____

Phone/
email : _____

Secretary: Jim Ramsey

Address: _____

Phone/
email : _____

Treasurer: Louise Erbes

Address: _____

Phone/
email : _____

Name and Address of Meeting Place:

Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center
1405 Hwy. 71 W
Okoboji, Iowa, 51351

Official Mailing Address (will be used in UUA Directory):

Iowa Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
P.O. Box No. 93
Okoboji, Iowa 51351

Name and Address of Nearby Congregations/ Ministers:

Nora Church
12333 155 Ave.
Hanska, Minn. 56041-4310
Rev. Lisa Doege

Subscribing to the principles of the Association, including the stated policy of the UUA that applying congregations welcome into membership all qualified persons "without regard to race, color, sex, affectional or sexual orientation, age, or national origin," and pledging to support the Association, it is the desire of this congregation to become a member of the Unitarian Universalist Association. We herein enclose with this application: 1) a list of charter members; 2) the Articles of incorporation with the appropriate dissolution clause; 3) the Bylaws of the congregation, and; 4) an initial contribution of \$ 1350.00, which is not less than the suggested Fair Share of the Annual Program Fund, pro-rated for the portion of the UUA fiscal year remaining as to the date of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

<u>Linda M. Weir</u>	<u>Linda Weir</u>	<u>8-4-14</u>
President or Leader	Sign Full Name & Print Last Name	Date
<u>Jan Ramsey</u>	<u>Janet L. Ramsey</u>	<u>8-14-14</u>
Secretary	Sign Full Name & Print Last Name	Date

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
IOWA LAKES UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP
(A Non-Profit Corporation)

TO: The Secretary of State
State of Iowa

The undersigned acting as Incorporator of a corporation under the revised Iowa Non-Profit Corporation Act, Chapter 504 of the 2005 Code of Iowa, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation.

I. The name of this corporation shall be known as Iowa Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

II. The purposes of the Corporation are as follows:

- A. Foster respect for the freedom and dignity of the individual through religious study, service and fellowship.
- B. All other purposes allowed by Iowa law which supplement and facilitate the foregoing purposes.

III. The address of the Corporation's initial registered office shall be 2282 165th Street, Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360. The initial registered agent at said address is Anne McCormick.

IV. The membership of the Corporation shall consist of those persons who subscribe to the purposes set out in Article II above and who indicate an intent to become a member.

V. The business of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors initially consisting of five directors. The Directors shall serve terms as determined by the By-Laws. The number of Directors may be amended by the By-Laws.

VI. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as initial directors are:

- | | |
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| Robert Koepp | Robert Snetzer |
| David Larsen | Jill Krebs |

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Iowa Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Bylaws

Adopted September 21st, 2005

Article 1: Name

The name of this religious organization shall be the Iowa Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

Article 2: Purpose

The purpose of this Fellowship is to foster spiritual growth through study, service and fellowship.

Article 3: Affiliation

The Fellowship shall be a member of the Unitarian Universalist Association and the Prairie Star District of the UUA.

Article 4: Membership

Any person who is at least 14 years of age and who agrees with and supports the purpose of the Fellowship, may become a voting member by signing the membership book. Membership is open to all qualified persons regardless of race, color, sex, national origin or sexual orientation. Voting privileges will become effective thirty days after signing the membership book. Membership may be terminated by the member by written notice or by the Board of Directors if a member behaves in a manner contrary to the interests of the organization.

Article 5: Congregational Meetings

The Fellowship shall hold an annual meeting prior to the end of the fiscal year at a time and place designated by the Board of Directors. Notice of this or any special meeting of the congregation shall be sent to members at least two weeks prior to the meeting. The agenda of the annual meeting shall include the adoption of an annual budget, the election of Directors and any other appropriate business.

A special meeting shall be called to consider the purchase or sale of real estate, or upon petition by fifty percent of the membership. The agenda of a special meeting shall be indicated in the notice and no other business may be transacted at such a meeting.

Article 6: Rules of Procedure

Meetings of the congregation or of the Board of Directors or of any Committee of the Fellowship shall be conducted under Robert's Rules of Order. Twenty percent of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum at a congregational meeting, except that a fifty percent quorum shall be necessary in order to approve the purchase or sale of real estate.

September 2, 2014

Jim Key, Chair
UUA Board of Trustees
24 Farnsworth Street
Boston MA 02210-1409

Dear Members of the Board:

I am enthusiastically writing in support of the application of the Iowa Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Okoboji, Iowa, to become a new congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

They have been a religious community since 2005 and happily existing with the Emerging Congregation status. With the addition of some new members from other, healthy congregations a spark was ignited and imaginations expanded as to what is possible. There is now a system-wide, deeper understanding of what it means to be a member congregation of the UUA and a system-wide desire to make that happen.

Located in a resort town, they are uniquely positioned to not only serve their surrounding community, but also serve as ambassadors for other congregations. This is an opportunity I would like to explore more with other such congregations, perhaps as an Innovative Learning Circle.

I say "yes" to the Iowa Lakes UU Fellowship and hope you will, too!

In faith,



Rev. Tandi Rogers
Innovation & Network Specialist
Congregational Life





MidAmerica Region
2355 Fairview Avenue #312
Roseville MN 55113

Mr. Jim Key, Moderator
UUA Board of Trustees
24 Farnsworth Street
Boston, MA 02210-1409

September 8, 2014

Dear Members of the Board:

We write to recommend that you accept the application of the Iowa Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Okoboji, Iowa, to become a new congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association. District staff from the former Prairie Star District and field staff from the current MidAmerica Region have visited the congregation several times over the nine years they've been meeting together.

The congregation was formed September 21, 2005. They rent space in a community room at a hotel/resort in northeast Iowa. They average 30 people per service, but on occasion, and depending on the speaker, may have 40 or more. Their newsletter goes out to over 100 people who sometimes attend. The Solstice party and summer picnics are well attended.

Because they are located in a resort region, they get summer visitors from other UU congregations. They do advertise in the local newspapers and shoppers, have notices on the local TV station, and have a web site.

From the beginning, the congregation has invited UU ministers to be with them during two weeks of the summer, offering two July Sunday services and two mid-week classes. In doing so, they've demonstrated their interest in exploration of religious and spiritual topics.

Members have attended events at other nearby UU congregations, traveling up to 2 hours to get there. They are a welcome addition to events they are able to attend.

Our staff has worked with them and is in favor of their affiliation application.

Thank you,

Nancy Heege

Congregational Life Consultant, MidAmerica Region

[in lieu of Ian Evison, Lead for the region, who is on sabbatical]



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2355 Fairview Avenue #312
Roseville MN 55113

Mr. Jim Key, Moderator
UUA Board of Trustees
24 Farnsworth Street
Boston, MA 02210-1409

September 8, 2014

Re: Endorsement of Iowa Lakes UU Fellowship (Okoboji, IA) Application for UUA Membership

Dear Moderator Key:

As President of the MidAmerica Region, UUA, I offer my enthusiastic endorsement of the application of the Iowa Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Okoboji, Iowa, to become a member congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association. We in MidAmerica look forward to celebrating with the congregation as it takes this step forward!

Located in the northwestern quadrant of Iowa, they meet in Okoboji, a relatively small town west of Estherville and north of Spencer. The congregation is an active and welcoming UU community in an area where our movement has no other nearby presence. The congregation's website is a good example of their welcoming spirit -- I encourage you and other interested members of the UUA Board to "visit" them at <http://uuokoboji.com/> to get a sense of their affirming hospitality.

The congregation formed in September, 2005, and their continuing efforts have resulted in growth to the point where they are now ready to affiliate with the UUA. Their recognition as a certified congregation at the 2015 General Assembly would make for a wonderful 10th anniversary celebration next year! MidAmerica hopes to celebrate with them, as I am confident that their membership will strengthen both our UUA and our MidAmerica Region.

On behalf of the Board and Staff of the MidAmerica Region, I thank you for considering Iowa Lakes UU Fellowship's application. If I can assist you further, please feel free to contact me at bsasso@juno.com or 618-529-7808 (home).

Sincerely,

(signed) Bill Sasso

Rev. William C. Sasso
President

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Ames

The Rev. Kent McKusick, Minister

The Rev. Dr. Brian Eslinger, Minister Emeritus

Amber Anderson Mba, President of the Board of Directors

July 14, 2014

Unitarian Universalist Association
Department of Extension
24 Farnsworth Street
Boston, MA 02210-1409

Dear UUA Board,

It is with great excitement and no reservations that I write in support of the Iowa Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Our Unitarian Universalist congregations offer beacons of hope to individuals and communities. While there are places in our nation where such congregations can find many others of like mind, there are other areas where support for our liberal view of religion is in short supply. In these places our congregations are even more important. The support that our groups offer is not only important to members but as a voice in the community which is crucial to our nation's democracy.

The Iowa Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship offers us a presence in an area greatly in need of our message. They do so with courage and conviction, while providing a warm and inviting community. I have had contact with leadership for a number of years, as well as speaking and offering classes to the congregation. They seek to be inclusive and dedicated to the vision of Unitarian Universalism. Membership does not seek to be isolated, and any assistance we can provide will benefit us as a religious community.

Regards,

Rev. Dr. Brian Eslinger