

GROUP PRIORITIES

The following guidelines for group classifications is given so that we may be better able to use the church building to foster our UU values in the world without putting stress on our space.

Sponsored Groups – Church groups sponsored by First U programming and minister. (Fellowship and Congregational programming). e.g Caregivers Support Group, Circle Suppers, YCE. They must contact Program Directors for approval.

Affiliated Groups – Separate group or organization with their own board, finances, etc, but is formerly affiliated with the church. They are in line with our mission/vision. e.g. MUUSJA, AUW, TRUST The space is free if the group is in compliance with house rules*. There are a limited number of groups who fall into this category.

Special Groups – Groups who are in line with our mission and vision. They receive free space but pay for staffing if their event is off-hours. These groups need to be approved by the senior minister. (Non-Profits)

Rentals – Primarily Non-profits e.g. non-member weddings, non-member memorials, Alcoholics Anonymous, etc. For-profits are only allowed on a special basis (e.g. T-Mobile). All rentals pay for staff and space.

Long Term Use Requests

Groups and organizations wishing to lease church space on a continuing long-term basis must contact the Director of Administration.

**Groups will be moved to Special Group status if they don't comply with House Rules.*

Political Events

Under the Internal Revenue Code, First Universalist Church cannot directly or indirectly participate in any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for elective public office.

However, the building may be used for free and open, non-partisan discussions of political issues. Examples: a neighborhood meeting to discuss freeway expansion issues would be allowed; a precinct caucus for a political party would not be allowed; a debate between candidates would be allowed; a rally for one candidate would not be allowed; non-partisan voter registration would be allowed.