

## United Ministries at the University of Virginia

### Statement of purpose and membership

United Ministries exists to serve the educational aims of the University by providing for the religious needs of its students, staff, and faculty. United Ministries especially seeks to support the University's endeavor to "help students learn responsible decision-making; clarify personal values and identity; foster interpersonal relationships; (and) facilitate career exploration."<sup>1</sup> It further provides an avenue for dialogue between the University and campus ministers serving the University community.

United Ministries affirms the freedom of religious belief and practice of its members. In light of the wide diversity of faiths and denominations represented within its membership, United Ministries as an organization does not espouse or promote a particular faith, creed, dogma, or belief; similarly, within the context of United Ministries meetings or events, members may not proselytize, evangelize, or seek adherents to a particular religion. Rather, United Ministries is an administrative and professional association comprised of pastors, ministers, rabbis, nuns, priests, lay ministers, imams, and other religious leaders who are connected to and involved with the University community.

Members of United Ministries are required to:

- Provide adequate supporting information to verify that they are acting on behalf of a recognized religious group
- Support expenses for the administration and publicity of United Ministries through the payment of annual dues that are set by the elected officers
- Attend at least two of the four annual scheduled meetings
- Participate as needed in official United Ministries activities such as New Student Summer Orientation

Membership in United Ministries may be withdrawn for failure to comply with the terms of this statement. Loss of membership will be reported to the full membership as well as to the University; benefits associated with membership in United Ministries will cease upon withdrawal of membership.



I agree to the purposes and membership requirements of United Ministries as they are described in this statement.

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Name

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Organization

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Signature

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Date

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<sup>1</sup> From the mission statement of the Vice President and Chief Student Affairs Officer ([www.virginia.edu/vpsa/](http://www.virginia.edu/vpsa/)).