

**Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis**  
**CARING COUNCIL CHARGE**

*Adopted by the Board of Trustees on September 11, 2017*

**Purpose**

The Caring Council, in collaboration with the ministry team, shall oversee pastoral care of the congregation by providing a network of care.

**Goals**

- To foster a safe, caring environment throughout the congregation.
- To provide support and short-term assistance to the extent of available resources.
- To maintain confidentiality as determined by the congregant seeking services and the ministers.
- To assist congregants in locating resources or assistance beyond the scope of the Caring Council.

**Responsibilities**

The Council shall provide administrative and educational support for pastoral care, including: assessment of needs, coordination of pastoral services (such as Caring Companions and Helping Hands), and communication to the congregation and volunteers.

**Special Qualities or Skills Needed by Members**

Individuals should have, or be open to learning, the following skills: organization, empathy, problem-solving, diplomacy, good communication, ability to respect confidentiality, and active listening.

**Number of Members Needed**

5-7, including a chair or co-chairs.

**Terms of Office**

Members of the Caring Council make a 3-year commitment.

**Leadership & Volunteer Selection Process**

Members of the Caring Council are recommended by incumbents and vetted by the ministers.