

Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis
INTERFAITH ROTATING WINTER SHELTER TEAM CHARGE
Adopted by Board of Trustees on March 11, 2013

Purpose

The Interfaith Rotating Winter Shelter (IRWS) Team shall organize and oversee the Church's participation in the IRWS of Davis program to provide cold-weather shelter and hospitality to homeless men and women in the Davis community.

Responsibilities

- Encouraging broad intergenerational participation of congregational volunteers during the weeks when our Church hosts the shelter.
- Coordinating groups responsible for drivers, dinners, breakfasts, overnight hosting, setup, cleanup, etc.

Goals

- Serving the needs of homeless women and men in the Davis community by providing cold-weather shelter and food.
- Making deeper connections with the Davis interfaith community.
- Deepening connections within the Church's social groups through joint social action.
- Putting our new building to use in a meaningful way to connect with the wider community.

Special Qualities or Skills Needed by Members

Members should be committed to fulfilling the IRWS mission, which emphasizes providing a bridge between those with and without shelter. The IRWS mission statement notes: "We want to provide shelter in the physical, emotional, and spiritual sense of the word. To do so, we aim to serve, not to help nor fix. Helping implies that we put ourselves above the person receiving the help, and fixing implies the other person is broken. Instead, we strive to see the wholeness in the other person, to trust and to collaborate with that wholeness."

Number of Members Needed

3-5.

Terms of Office

Chair: 3 years, preferably with previous experience as an IRWS Team member.

Members: 3 years. Ideally, member terms would be staggered to provide a combination of experience and fresh perspectives.

Membership Selection Process

Members will be recruited by the IRWS Team, in consultation with the Senior Minister and the Director of Lifespan Learning.