

Pastoral Care Professional

10 hours per week

Background: Pastoral Care can be separated into routine tasks (crisis support, meals, visits, transportation, Sunday listening) that have traditionally been undertaken by UUFSD volunteers, and professional tasks (counseling and spiritual guidance) that have been undertaken by the minister. An email site, pastoralcare@uufsd.org, is monitored by (typically) the chair of the Pastoral Care committee, and is used to collect and monitor pastoral care requests.

In the scenario where we do not have a staff minister to administer professional pastoral care, we need to create an alternative setup. The alternative we have chosen is to require the Volunteer Coordinator (new position) to assume the responsibility for finding volunteers for the routine tasks, and a Pastoral Care Professional (new position) to provide professional services as needed. Ideally this person will be a UU minister from another congregation or from the UUA.

Job Description

- Provide pastoral care support for counseling and spiritual guidance as requested by Volunteer Coordinator or the Chair of Pastoral Care. (Support by email, phone, and ZOOM; visits are optional).
- Monitor the email alias pastoralcare@uufsd.org for any requests that seem to require their care, but let other requests be handled by the Volunteer Coordinator.
- Meet monthly (virtual OK) with the Volunteer Coordinator and the chair of Pastoral Care Committee to go over all the recent pastoral care requests and their status.
- Provide training to volunteers for pastoral care (virtual is OK).