



About Us

First Unitarian Congregation of Ottawa is a spiritual community of over five hundred people who come from many different backgrounds and orientations, working together to create a supportive, inclusive community and a just, compassionate, and sustainable world.

Our members support Environmental Action, Social Justice, and share a passion for the arts, music, and gardening.

First Unitarian is a lively, hospitable place. Besides worship services and the activities of a busy congregation—including our annual Fall Fair, which attracts thousands of visitors—we host art exhibits, concerts, lectures, conferences, community groups and rites of passage.

Our landmark building is situated on a six-acre campus adjacent to the Ottawa River Parkway. Close to the Transitway and the village of Westboro, we are easily accessible from Richmond Road, the Parkway, and NCC bike paths, and minutes from the Queensway.

Ethical Property Management

Since the late eighteen-hundreds, Ottawa Unitarians, serving social and community needs, have rented spare rooms to outside organizations. Long-term tenants have included the Rideauwood Institute and Amnesty International Canada.

When the building at 30 Cleary was constructed in 1968, members established a non-profit day care centre on the lower level. River Parkway Children's Centre now occupies a building of its own, constructed on the church campus. Another outreach program, started by the congregation in 1973, led in 1984 to the construction of Unitarian House—a non-denominational, non-profit residence for seniors—on church land.

To continue to provide stable, affordable work space to arts organizations and groups who advocate progressive social change, we have launched an ethical property management program, the 30 Cleary Centre for Non-Profits.

The Centre for Non-Profits offers tenants support, services, and the opportunity to share work space with like-minded organizations who have similar goals and missions.

By sharing our building, we hope to encourage collaboration, a sense of community, and a more sustainable use of resources among groups committed to progressive social change.

Support and Services

- multi-purpose rooms from 245 to 700 sq. ft.
- event, conference and exhibit space on-site
- use of meeting rooms, kitchen
- wireless internet
- access to photocopier and fax
- custodial services and utilities
- adjacent to the Ottawa River Parkway and NCC bike paths
- ample free parking
- gardens, picnic area
- sheltered bicycle parking
- close to bus routes and the Transitway
- River Parkway Children's Centre on campus
- flexible hours of operation
- accessible male and female washrooms
- baby change areas
- recycling and composting programs

The layout of our lower level is spacious and flexible. We can accommodate organizations who need several rooms, or those which are looking for just a desk and a telephone.

Contact Us

If you are interested in renting space at 30 Cleary, please call the congregational office at 613-725-1066 or e-mail admins@firstunitarianottawa.ca.

Facilities

Worship Hall

Many community groups and musicians use our main hall for events and performances. The hall, with its soaring ceiling of western red cedar and beautiful view of surrounding wooded areas, is designed for grand occasions.

A warm acoustic and new Steinway grand piano make it a superb venue for concerts and recording. Theatre-style seating accommodates three hundred.

Fellowship Hall

This bright, open hall is used for presentations, seminars, and luncheons. It has a large kitchen adjacent to it and is close to the washrooms. At about seven hundred sq. ft., it seats a hundred people using rows of tables, fewer if the seating is café style.

Meeting Rooms

Our building has a variety of rooms suitable for meetings, located close to facilities and easily serviced from kitchen areas. All rooms have views of the outdoors: wooded areas, the Meditation Gardens, the Ottawa River, or the Gatineau Hills.

The Meditation Gardens

Our carefully-tended gardens are an Ontario *Communities in Bloom* award-winner. With walkways and a pond, they are a perfect spot for photographs, or an outdoor wedding.



Our building is our heritage.

To manage it ethically and sustainably, First Unitarian Congregation welcomes the community for events, conferences and rites of passage, and shares resources with non-profits who need stable and affordable office space.

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