Caring Network

Mission
The Caring Network is a small group of Coordinators, who manage and guide larger Teams (i.e. subcommittees) in order to facilitate a ministry of hope and caring within the Fellowship. The Network helps members to both support each other and be supported in times of joy, sorrow, loss or other life transition.

Our Work
The Caring Network, working closely with the minister, quickly and appropriately responds to member needs as its resources allow. A Caring Team is designated for each of the following: to send cards, make visits, or provide transportation, meals, pastoral care, assistance with special short-term caring needs, or support for memorials and receptions.

Committee Structure and Responsibilities of Members
The Caring Teams are led by a group of 4-5 Coordinators. Each Coordinator is assigned to activate one or more teams. Members of the appropriate Team are activated (usually by a group email) when a need arises. The Coordinators seek out training and the most effective ways to help congregants care for each other. Replacements for retiring Coordinators are recruited from the general congregation.

One of the Caring Coordinators is selected at the beginning of each year to serve as Chair of the Network. The Chair sets the agenda and facilitates monthly meetings with the minister and Caring Coordinators. The Chair also compiles information from the Coordinators and prepares a yearly report to the UUFA Board.

At monthly meetings, Fellowship caring needs are reviewed in order for Coordinators and their teams to take needed actions. The Network submits news items to the UUFA weekly email, as needed to keep the congregation informed. The Caring Network plans yearly events to promote caring participation, recruitment to Caring Team membership, education and recognition.

Our Connections
The Caring Network works closely with the minister and the office administrator when meeting the pastoral care needs of the Fellowship. We rely on volunteers from the congregation to provide support for our mission.

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