Realm Communications Guide
Using the Realm Connect Mobile App

Realm is UUCB's church database and communication system. It provides several ways for members and friends to communicate with one another, both individually and through church groups.

This guide explains how to use the Realm Connect mobile app to communicate with other UUCB members and friends. You must have a Realm login to use these features. If you need help setting up your account or downloading the mobile app, visit the UUCB Realm login page or contact the church office.

A few things to know:

1. This guide was created as of November 2026. Realm periodically updates its mobile app, so some options may be renamed, moved, or changed. If you notice that an instruction in this guide no longer matches the app, please let the UUCB church office know so we can update the guide.
2. The original instructions and screenshots were based on the PC version of the app. The Android and iOS versions may look slightly different.
3. Some communication features have fewer limitations in the mobile app than in the web version of Realm.

Ways to Communicate

News

- View announcements, updates, photos, and posts from your groups and the broader UUCB community.
- Create a post by selecting Post, choosing your intended audience, and writing your message.
- Use the Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo group to share information with the entire church community.

Chat

- Send private messages to individual members and friends.
- Search for someone by name and start a conversation.
- Group chats are available but must be initiated by a group leader.

Groups

- Find groups you belong to and participate in their discussions.
- Share posts, photos, and updates within your groups, depending on their settings.
- Interested in starting a group or creating a space for a particular conversation? Contact the church office.

A Few Things to Know

- You must have a Realm account to use Chat and participate in Realm communications.
- You can only start a group chat if you are a group leader.
- What you can post or share within individual groups depends on that group's communication settings.
- Posts to the church-wide group may be seen by the entire UUCB community. Please choose your audience thoughtfully.
- You can adjust your notification preferences to control how you receive updates.

Community Communication Guidelines

Realm is a space for building connections and strengthening our UUCB community. Please help keep it welcoming and useful:

- Be respectful: Hateful, discriminatory, harassing, threatening, or abusive content will not be tolerated.
- Stay relevant: Keep conversations appropriate to our church community.
- Use the church-wide group thoughtfully: Reserve posts to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo group for important announcements and topics relevant to the broader congregation.
- Use groups for specific interests: Contact the church office if you'd like a group created for ongoing conversations about a particular topic or activity.
- Respect privacy: Obtain permission before sharing someone else's photos or personal information.

Need Help?

Contact the UUCB church office for help with Realm, account access, or creating/updating a group.