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UU Churches in the Philippines are simple structures with dirt floors, benches or chairs, an altar with a UUCP banner, a chalice and a centering bell. What would a visitor to your church see?

3.

Filipinos honor and respect the spirit of non-human things in nature, like animals, trees, plants, ocean, earth. They give thanks to these spirits. Do you know other people who honor the spirits in nature as well?

5.

Philippine Unitarian Universalists are UU Christians: they follow the teachings of Jesus and generally believe in God. What do you and your family believe about God? Is there a teaching of Jesus that you try to follow?

7.

Most hymns sung in UUCP worship services are traditional Filipino Christian folk hymns. Some of the songs and readings in their ymnal have been translated from English into Cebuano, the language spoken by many Philippine UUs. What is your favorite hymn? Do you ever sing folk songs in church?

2.

Faith healing, or the “laying on of hands” to help heal illness, is commonly practiced by Unitarian Universalist ministers. How do your ministers and other people in your church help people who are sick?

4.

Filipinos say “buyag” (boo-yag) after someone gives them a compliment to ward off spirits that might take it away. In North American culture, when somebody\_\_\_\_\_, the people around them say “God bless you,” or “Gesundheit” to ward off bad luck or bad spirits.

6.

Guitar is the popular instrument played in UUCP worship services. What musical instruments do you hear in your church? Do you play a musical instrument?

8.

UUCP members believe that God loves all people and would not punish anyone. The idea of “universal salvation” is where the word “Universalist” came from. What is your church’s name? Does it have the word “Universalist” in it? How did it get its name?



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9.

UUCP worship and religious education is centered on the Bible. Have you ever read from the Bible in your church school? What is your favorite Bible story?

10.

The teachings of Jesus are a very important part of UUCP beliefs. One of these teachings, often called “the Golden Rule,” is found in every major religion of the world. Can you tell the Golden Rule in your own words?

11.

UUCP members are open-minded about other faiths and different religious beliefs. Freedom of belief is very important to them. In this way they are very much like North American UUs. Do you celebrate holidays from non-Christian religions in your church?

12.

In the UU Church of the Philippines, worship services begin with lighting a chalice. Do worship services in your church start with a chalice lighting? What other things happen to show that worship is starting?

13.

Many Filipino congregations meet mid-week for special programs as well as Sundays. Does your church ever have special programs? What are they?

14.

Name one thing you’ve learned that Philippine UUs do or believe that is different from you.

15.

Name one thing you’ve learned that Philippine UUs do or believe that is the same as you

16.

If your Church School class got together with a class from the Philippines, what do you think would be most fun to do together?



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