

Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church History Quiz  
**(BOLDED ANSWERS ARE CORRECT)**

1. Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church was founded on February 6, 1949. True or False: It was one of the first Unitarian churches founded in the South.
  - a. False
  - b. True**
  
2. In the early years of the church the members and minister took strong positions on
  - a. Religious education in public schools
  - b. Assisted suicide
  - c. Segregation
  - d. Freedom of speech
  - e. Liquor by the drink
  - f. All of the above**
  
3. True or False: In the late 1950's Tennessee had a law that required public schools to conduct daily reading of the Bible.
  - a. False
  - b. True**
  
4. In its early years the church
  - a. Ran weekly ads in the newspaper about its services
  - b. Broadcast its services weekly on WNOX
  - c. Neither of the above
  - d. Both a and b**
  
5. Because the church accepted black members it violated state law. It was thus denied public rental space and had to meet in a different location weekly. During this "wandering" phase the church held services in which of the following
  - a. A bank
  - b. The YMCA
  - c. A hotel
  - d. A movie theater
  - e. The Seventh Day Adventist Church
  - f. All of the above**
  
6. Unitarian House, our first building, served as
  - a. A church building
  - b. A hostel for integrated groups traveling through Knoxville
  - c. A venue for lecturers and speakers
  - d. Meeting place for integrated professional organizations
  - e. All of the above**
  
7. The first building constructed by the church was a building at 3219 Kingston Pike. It was in the shape of
  - a. A square
  - b. A semi-circle
  - c. A circle
  - d. A diamond / praying hands**

8. The first church building held only two services in the summer because
  - a. Members tended to travel in the summers
  - b. The church had historical ties to the academic calendar
  - c. There was no air conditioning in the building
  - d. All of the above**
  
9. The building at 3219 Kingston Pike suffered
  - a. Three burglaries
  - b. Vandalizing of the building
  - c. Vandalizing of the sign
  - d. Bullet holes in the windows
  - e. All of the above**
  
10. Coffee after the service has been a long-standing tradition at the church. It used to be served in Styrofoam cups. True or false: the use of Styrofoam cups was stopped in 1988 after a third-fourth grade RE class, studying the environment, petitioned the Board to change to reusable cups.
  - a. False
  - b. True**
  
11. Our church is a Welcoming Congregation. That means
  - a. We are an overly friendly congregation
  - b. We have greeters at the door
  - c. We don't ask for money from visitors
  - d. We take intentional steps to welcome persons of all sexual orientations and gender identities**
  
12. Social actions undertaken in the first 75 years of the church included
  - a. Feeding and housing 500 people of the Poor People's March on Washington
  - b. Defied federal law by becoming a sanctuary congregation for "illegal" refugees
  - c. Helped found the east Tennessee chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union
  - d. Helped establish and run Fellowship House Summer Day Camp, a pioneer integrated day recreation program for children
  - e. Addressing racial inequalities in the criminal justice system
  - f. Outreach to the chronically mentally ill
  - g. Helped found the Knoxville Interfaith Network
  - h. Supported the Highlander Center, a local organization that teaches grass roots organizing and which was accused of being communist
  - i. Worked to help with hunger, peace and environmental issues
  - j. All of the above and more**