



**New Principles, Possibly
Order of Service
November 20, 2022**

Gathering of Community

Music for Gathering

Opening Words	Rev. Rachel Lonberg
Words of Welcome	Gordon Bolar
Announcements	Rev. Rachel Lonberg
Introit	'People of Hope' (Loiacano)
Chalice Lighting	Gordon Bolar
<i>If you are lighting a chalice at home, you are encouraged to type in the chat box 'A chalice is lit in (your neighborhood/city/street).'</i>	
Words: 'Why We're Here' by Erik Walker Wikstrom	

Affirming our Connections

Story for All, adapted from Martha Dallas	Rev. Rachel Lonberg
Children and Teacher Recessional	'Go Forth' (Ramsey/Drake)

*Go forth in peace, in search of wisdom,
With love to guide you on your way
And may the joy of life surround you
Wherever you may go.*

Offering	Rev. Rachel Lonberg
<i>Support the good and important work of People's Church:</i>	

www.tinyurl.com/givetopeoples

Offertory	'Connected' (Tate)	People's Singers
Giving Thanks for All That Sustains Us		Gordon Bolar

*From the countless gifts we each have been given,
gifts of life and love and sustenance,
we bring these small portions to share in the works of love
which none of us can accomplish alone.*

Joys and Sorrows

Searching for Wisdom and Inspiration

Silent Meditation	
Spoken Meditation 'The Heart of Both/And' by Lyn Cox	
Musical meditation	'Find a Stillness' (#352) Savannah Ramsey & Laura Bultman

Engaging with the New Draft of Article II of the UUA Bylaws

Introduction	Rev. Rachel Lonberg
First Reading	<i>listen with your heart and spirit</i> Rev. Rachel Lonberg
Small Group Reflection	
Music	'Love Will Guide Us' (#131) Savannah Ramsey & Laura Bultman
Second Reading	<i>listen with your reason and intellect</i> Gordon Bolar

Small Group Reflection

Returning to the World

Closing song	'There is More Love Somewhere' (#95) Savannah Ramsey & Laura Bultman
Closing words	Rev. Rachel Lonberg
Postlude	

Coffee Quarter breakout rooms
All are invited to stay on Zoom for 15 minutes of small group conversation.

Please share your reflections. Learning and insights about the draft Article II of the UUA Bylaws! Please complete the form found at <https://bit.ly/A2FeedbackNov> by November 28.
(Please note that this link is case-sensitive.)

Article II Purposes and Covenant

Section C-2.1. Purposes.

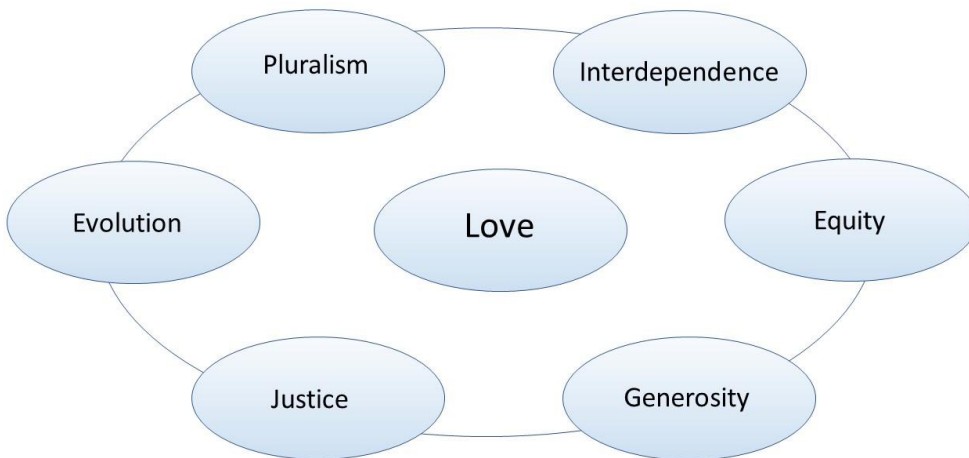
The Unitarian Universalist Association shall devote its resources to and exercise its organizational powers for religious, educational, and humanitarian purposes. Its primary purposes are to equip congregations for vital ministry, to support and train leaders both lay and professional, to heal historic inequities, and to advance our Unitarian Universalist values in the world. We will transform the world by our liberating love.

Section C-2.2. Values and Covenant.

Love is the enduring force that holds us together.

As Unitarian Universalists in religious community, we covenant, congregation-to-congregation and through our association, to support and assist each other in engaging our ministries. We draw from our heritages of freedom and reason, hope and courage, building on the foundation of love.

Love inspires and powers the passion with which we embody our values. Inseparable from one another, these shared values are:



Justice. We work to be diverse multicultural Beloved Communities where all people thrive.

We covenant to dismantle racism and all forms of oppression within individuals and our institutions. We are accountable to each other for this work.

Generosity. We cultivate a spirit of gratitude and hope.

We covenant to freely share our faith, presence, and resources. Compassionate generosity connects us one to another in relationships of mutuality.

Evolution. We adapt to the changing world.

We covenant to collectively transform and grow spiritually and ethically. Evolution is fundamental to life and to our Unitarian Universalist heritages, never complete and never perfect.

Pluralism. We celebrate that we are all sacred beings diverse in culture, theology, and experience.

We covenant to learn from one another and openly explore the depth and breadth of our many wisdoms. We embrace our differences and commonalities with love, curiosity, and respect.

Equity. We declare that every person has the right to flourish with dignity and worthiness.

We covenant to use our time, wisdom, attention, and money to build and sustain a fully inclusive and accessible community of communities.

Interdependence. We honor the sacred interdependent web of all existence. With humility we understand our place in the web.

We covenant to care for and respect the earth and all beings by fostering relationships of mutuality. We work to repair the bonds we have broken.

Section C-2.3. Inspirations.

As Unitarian Universalists, we draw upon, and are inspired by, the full depth and breadth of sacred understandings, as experienced by humanity. Grateful for the religious lineages we inherit and the pluralism which enriches our faith, we are called to ever deepen and expand our wisdom.

Section C-2.4. Inclusion.

Systems of power, privilege, and oppression have traditionally created barriers for persons and groups with particular identities, ages, abilities, and histories. We pledge to replace such barriers with ever-widening circles of solidarity and mutual respect. We strive to be an association of congregations that truly welcome all persons who share our values. We commit to structuring congregational and associational life in ways that empower and enhance everyone's participation.

Section C-2.5. Freedom of belief.

Nothing herein shall be deemed to infringe upon the individual freedom of belief which is inherent in the Unitarian Universalist heritages or to conflict with any statement of purpose, covenant, or bond of union used by any congregation unless such is used as a creedal test. In expressing our beliefs, we do so in the spirit of love, in ways that further Beloved Community.

1 **ARTICLE I Name**

2 **Section C-1.1. Name.**

3 The name of this Association shall be Unitarian Universalist
4 Association. It is the successor to the American Unitarian
5 Association, which was founded in 1825 and incorporated in 1847,
6 and the Universalist Church of America, which was founded in 1793
7 and incorporated in 1866.

8 **ARTICLE II Principles and Purposes**

9 **Section C-2.1. Principles.**

10 We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist
11 Association, covenant to affirm and promote

- 12 • The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- 13 • Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- 14 • Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth
15 in our congregations;
- 16 • A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- 17 • The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process
18 within our congregations and in society at large;
- 19 • The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
- 20 • Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we
21 are a part.

22 The living tradition which we share draws from many sources:

- 23 • Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder,
24 affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit
25 and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
- 26 • Words and deeds of prophetic people which challenge us to
27 confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion
28 and the transforming power of love;
- 29 • Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical
30 and spiritual life;
- 31 • Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's
32 love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
- 33 • Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of
34 reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries
35 of the mind and spirit;
- 36 • Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate
37 the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the
38 rhythms of nature.

39 Grateful for the religious pluralism which enriches and ennobles our
40 faith, we are inspired to deepen our understanding and expand our
41 vision. As free congregations we enter into this covenant,
42 promising to one another our mutual trust and support.

43 **Section C-2.2. Purposes.**

44 The Unitarian Universalist Association shall devote its resources to
45 and exercise its corporate powers for religious, educational and
46 humanitarian purposes. The primary purpose of the Association is
47 to serve the needs of its member congregations, organize new
48 congregations, extend and strengthen Unitarian Universalist
49 institutions and implement its principles.

50 **Section C-2.3. Inclusion.**

51 Systems of power, privilege, and oppression have traditionally
52 created barriers for persons and groups with particular identities,
53 ages, abilities, and histories. We pledge to replace such barriers
54 with ever-widening circles of solidarity and mutual respect. We
55 strive to be an association of congregations that truly welcome all
56 persons and commit to structuring congregational and associational
57 life in ways that empower and enhance everyone's participation.

58 **Section C-2.4. Freedom of Belief.**

59 Nothing herein shall be deemed to infringe upon the individual
60 freedom of belief which is inherent in the Universalist and Unitarian
61 heritages or to conflict with any statement of purpose, covenant, or
62 bond of union used by any congregation unless such is used as a
63 creedal test.

64 **ARTICLE III Membership**

65 **Section C-3.1. Member Congregations.**

66 The Unitarian Universalist Association is a voluntary association of
67 autonomous, self-governing member congregations, which have
68 freely chosen to pursue common goals together.

69 **Section C-3.2. Congregational Polity.**

70 Nothing in these Bylaws shall be construed as infringing upon the
71 congregational polity or internal self-government of member
72 congregations, including the exclusive right of each such
73 congregation to call and ordain its own minister or ministers, and to
74 control its own property and funds. Any action by a member
75 congregation called for by these Bylaws shall be deemed to have
76 been taken if certified by an authorized officer of the congregation
77 as having been duly and regularly taken in accordance with its own
78 procedures and the laws which govern it.

79 ***Section C-3.3. Admission to Membership.**

80 A congregation becomes a member upon acceptance by the Board
81 of Trustees of the Association of its written application for
82 membership in which it subscribes to the principles of and pledges
83 to support the Association. The Board of Trustees shall adopt rules
84 to carry out the intent of this Section.

85 **Section 3.4. Church of the Larger Fellowship.**

86 The Church of the Larger Fellowship, Unitarian Universalist, shall
87 be a member congregation which is not considered to be located in
88 any particular district or region.

89 ***Section C-3.5. Certification of Membership.**

90 A member congregation shall be recognized as certified during the
91 fiscal year of the Association in which it becomes a member and
92 during each subsequent fiscal year in which it established that
93 during the immediately preceding fiscal year it:

- 94 (a) conducted regular religious services;
- 95 (b) held at least one business meeting of its members, elected its
96 own officers and maintained adequate records of
97 membership; and
- 98 (c) made a financial contribution to the Association.

99 Member congregations must furnish the Association with a report of
100 their activities showing compliance with subsections (a) and (b)
101 above.