



# Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Phoenix

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## Our Covenant

*Love is the doctrine of this congregation*

*The quest for truth is our sacrament*

*And service is our prayer.*

*To dwell together in peace,*

*To seek knowledge in freedom,*

*To share our strength in fellowship,*

*Thus do we covenant.*

## Our Mission

*Welcoming all in building religious  
community, called to*

share journeys,  
grow in spirit,  
advance justice.

## Our Vision

*To be a spiritual community for our time:*

Theologically Diverse  
Radically Inclusive  
Justice Centered

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## UUCP Staff

*Our staff are the ones who support our mission and allow us to bring our vision to life. From shaping the future by providing education to our children, to providing the music that inspires us, our staff helps us amplify the power of the congregation.*

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# UUCP Covenant Of Commitment to Our Congregation

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*I am committed to the role our congregation plays in my religious exploration, and respect the shared ministry of each congregant, staff member, and minister, therefore:*

-  I acknowledge and accept my role as a community member, approaching each encounter with curiosity; generosity, and patience with the process
-  I honor differences as opportunities to learn;
-  I listen to what others say;
-  I do my best to communicate directly and with humility.

*I understand disagreement and conflict as an opportunity for growth, therefore:*

-  I state my views with kindness directly to those involved;
-  I say of another only what I would say to them;
-  I am open to be changed by others;
-  I practice both patience and fortitude;
-  I remember to show gratitude to others for their contributions.

*I affirm our flourishing religious community, therefore:*

-  I am generous with my talents, efforts, and gifts;
-  I support those who take leader positions;
-  I accept leadership when called and guide with love, warmth, and humor;
-  I encourage positive development within our congregation, individually and collectively.

*Thus do I covenant.*

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Interested in joining? For more information, email [membership@phoenixuu.org](mailto:membership@phoenixuu.org).

# Unitarian Universalist Principles and Sources

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*Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote seven Principles, which we hold as strong values and moral guides.*

*As Rev. Barbara Wells ten Hove explains, “The Principles are not dogma or doctrine, but rather a guide for those of us who choose to join and participate in Unitarian Universalist religious communities.” They are:*

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
2. Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

*We live out these Principles within a “living tradition” of wisdom and spirituality, drawn from sources as diverse as science, poetry, scripture, and personal experience:*

1. Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
2. Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;
3. Wisdom from the world’s religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
4. Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God’s love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
5. Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit;
6. Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

*These seven Principles and six Sources of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) grew out of the grassroots of our tradition, were affirmed democratically, and are part of who we are.*