

Principles Through Time

Original 1961 Version

1. To strengthen one another in a free and disciplined search for truth as the foundation of our religious fellowship;
2. To cherish and spread the universal truths taught by the great prophets and teachers of humanity in every age and tradition, immemorially summarized in the Judeo-Christian heritage as love to God and love to man;
3. To affirm, defend and promote the supreme worth of every human personality, the dignity of man, and the use of the democratic method in human relationships;
4. To implement our vision of one world by striving for a world community founded on ideals of brotherhood, justice and peace;
5. To serve the needs of member churches and fellowships, to organize new churches and fellowships, and to extend and strengthen liberal religion;
6. To encourage cooperation with men of good will in every land.

Bylaws of the Unitarian Universalist Association, 1961-1984 ARTICLE II (revised in 1970s to more inclusive language)

• PURPOSES

Section C-2-1. Purposes

The Unitarian Universalist Association is empowered to and shall devote its resources to and exercise its corporate powers for religious, educational, and charitable purposes.

Section C-2-2. Principles

The Association, dedicated to the principles of a free faith shall:

(a) Support the free and disciplined search for truth as the foundation of religious fellowship;

(b) Cherish and spread the universal truths taught by the great prophets and teachers of humanity in every age and tradition, immemorially summarized in the Judeo-Christian heritage as love to God and love to humankind;

(c) Affirm, defend, and promote the supreme worth and dignity of every human personality, and the use of the democratic method in human relationships;

(d) Implement the vision of one world by striving for a world community founded on ideals of brotherhood, justice, and peace;

(e) serve the needs of member societies;

(f) organize new churches and fellowships and otherwise extend and strengthen liberal religion;

(g) Encourage cooperation among people of good will in every land.

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Amendments proposed by the Women and Religion Committee (1983)

The Unitarian Universalist Association is empowered to and shall devote its resources to and exercise its corporate powers for religious, educational, and charitable purposes.

The purpose of the Association is to serve the needs of its member societies in the range and depth of their diversity, organize new societies, and otherwise extend and strengthen liberal religion.

Section C-2.2.

1. Principles

In Unitarian Universalist congregations people of diverse religious viewpoints gather for worship and celebration, study and dialogue, companionship and service.

The Unitarian Universalist Association is a voluntary association of societies that value their distinct origins and current religious life.

These societies reflect various forms of theism, Christianity, Humanism, Feminism, and other religious traditions.

The Association shall cherish, protect, and foster this religious pluralism as a desirable and enriching consequence of religious freedom.

Within their diversity Unitarian Universalist societies affirm their dedication to the following principles and charge the Association to defend and promote:

- (a) a free and disciplined search for truth,
- (b) love, mutual acceptance, and personal growth in our religious communities,
- (c) the worth and dignity of every person,
- (d) equality and justice in human relationships,

(e) the use of democratic processes in the life of our societies and the wider community,

(f) world community of love, justice, and peace,

(g) the integrity of the earth and our responsibility to protect its resources for future generations.

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