

# Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis Ends Statement

## **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis is to welcome each and all, cultivating the spirit, serving others in our quest for justice. (All policies of the Board of Trustees are based on this mission, and all actions are to be taken to further this mission.)

## **Expectations for Our Church**

### **1. Spiritual Growth**

The people of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis have a deeply meaningful, transforming liberal religious experience. They:

- Find hope, beauty, and inspiration in their worship.
- Know Unitarian Universalist religious heritage.
- Think theologically with respect to the nature of existence and their place in it.
- Are able to describe their personal religious identities.
- Have a setting and context in which to deepen their individual spiritual practices.

### **2. Religious Community**

The people of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis feel connected to their religious community. They:

- Are diverse and welcoming.
- Recognize and care about each other.
- Meet and connect across generations.
- Value and respect each other, aware of their differences.
- Support one another in their individual spiritual journeys and in the sorrows and joys of daily living.

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- Are actively engaged in multi-generational educational programs, including spiritual practices groups, classes, retreats and workshops focused on learning about religion from a Unitarian Universalist perspective and fostering individual spiritual development.
- Recognize life's passages, and provide comfort and aid when it is needed; they join together in times of celebration.
- Respect and celebrate the traditions of their church, and the seven guiding principles of Unitarian Universalism.
- Support their church generously with their time, talent, and money, subject to their ability to do so.
- Embody an ethic of service and caring through shared ministry. Through education, advocacy, witnessing, and service, they use their unique gifts to nurture and create a beloved community, both within and beyond our walls.

### **3. Impact in the World**

The people of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis live out their liberal religious values in the world.

- They are engaged in the betterment of their community and the world through their own work and the opportunities the church provides.
- They experience transformative spiritual growth that enriches, sustains, and inspires them to live their Unitarian Universalist values.
- They actively work to eliminate oppression and create a sustainable, just and compassionate world.
- They integrate environmental awareness, justice, and sustainable practices into their lives, worship, religious education, and all other activities of the church, as appropriate.
- People in the larger community recognize the church as visibly welcoming, as a place to achieve positive personal change, and as a credible partner in community service.
- The church contributes to and learns from the larger Unitarian Universalist community and other liberal religious traditions.