

## UUA PRINCIPLES

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

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

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

- 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;
- Words and deeds of prophetic women and men;
- Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
- Jewish and Christian teachings;
- Humanist teachings ;
- Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions.

We welcome your interest in us, the

## Mid-Columbia Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Unitarian Universalism welcomes all to an inclusive circle of welcome and religious exploration.

### Worship and Children's Program:

Sundays, 10AM

At the Rockford Grange

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MID-COLUMBIA UNITARIAN  
UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

Serving the communities of the  
Columbia River Gorge

WE BELIEVE that personal experience, conscience, and reason should be the final authorities in religion.

WE AFFIRM the worth of all people. We celebrate and honor diversity in opinion, religious belief, and life choices.

WE SEEK to act as a moral force in the world, believing that ethical living is the supreme witness of religion.

WE KNOW that our relationships with one another and among all people should be governed by justice, equity, and compassion.

We are a Welcoming Congregation.

“We need not think alike to  
love alike.”

- Francis David, 1568

## OUR PROGRAMS

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Our Fellowship is a lay led congregation of about a hundred adults, youth, and children. We work together to serve each other and our communities in many ways:

- **Sunday Worship Services**, creating an island of peace and reflection in our busy lives. All ages meet together initially, then children and youth depart for Religious Education classes and child care
- **Religious Education Programs** for children and youth, including Sunday morning classes and “Our Whole Lives,” the UUA’s award-winning self-esteem and sexuality education program
- **Adult Religious Education** programs and small groups
- **Ceremonies**, private and public, to mark life’s transitions: marriage, commitment ceremonies, child dedication, memorial services, elder recognition, bridging to adulthood.
- **Community Service** projects and special events
- **Social Justice Teams** work with community partners to build the world we dream about
- **Softball Team**, our spirited and religiously diverse contribution to the interfaith league each summer
- **Social Activities**, including annual retreat, intergenerational activities, and monthly potluck discussion groups
- **Pastoral Care Team** for members and friends in times of change or need

## OUR MISSION

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What you choose to believe is up to you. Our faith requires no statement of belief, embraces no dogma. We hold in common a commitment to build our religious community and support each other as we seek and create meaning in our lives.

Our history has carried us from liberal Christian views about Jesus and human nature to a rich pluralism that includes theist and atheist, agnostic and humanist, pagan, Christian, Jew, and Buddhist. As our history continues to evolve and unfold, we invite you to join us.

The Mid-Columbia Unitarian Universalist Fellowship seeks to nurture individual spiritual belief and growth within a welcoming congregation.

## BECOMING A MEMBER

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Becoming a member is a mutual expression of commitment between you and the fellowship. We welcome you among us and commit to support you and your religious and spiritual growth. You commit to active participation in the life of our group and to supporting the ministries of the fellowship.

Several times a year we officially welcome new members who have been participating regularly with us and have completed our “New UU” class.

## A LIVING TRADITION

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Today’s Unitarian Universalist congregations fulfill a heritage that goes back hundreds of years, to courageous people who struggled for religious freedom.

Unitarianism in North America began with some of the original congregations in Puritan New England. When 18<sup>th</sup> century evangelicals sought to reassert doctrines of sin and damnation, people who believed instead in free human will and the loving benevolence of God split from their neighbors to form Unitarian congregations.

The Universalists believed in a God who embraced everyone, and this eventually became central to their belief that lasting truth is found in all religions and that dignity and worth are innate to all. From its origins in rural areas of the United States in the 1700’s, Universalists challenged its members to reach out and embrace people whom society often marginalized. They were the first denomination in the U.S. to ordain women and welcomed all to membership, regardless of race.

In 1961, their many shared values resulted in the merger of the Universalists and Unitarians. This joining formed the Association of which we are part, one of over a thousand congregations in the U.S. and Canada.