

Please complete and return to the FUUSA office.

Additional Thoughts and Comments:

Unitarian Universalist Mission Statements

Circle the words/phrases that express core values of our congregation
(Optionally, **cross-out** the word/phrases that don't)

Welcoming all, we worship together with loving hearts and open minds, promoting peace, equality, and respect for the Earth. Questioning, reflecting, learning, leading . . . we change ourselves as we change the world. - Monterey, CA

Joining hands and voices for justice and peace, we inspire lives of joy and spiritual integrity, growing an inclusive community of courage and caring. - Denver, CO

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Boulder will become a beacon of liberal religion, committed to: (1) Nurturing the spiritual growth of our diverse and multigenerational religious community (2) Fostering ministry and hospitality between and among our members, friends and visitors (3) Actively promoting Unitarian Universalist values here and in the wider world (4) Sustaining these efforts through our culture of social justice and generosity - Boulder, CO

As a Unitarian Universalist faith community, we nurture individual search for meaning and work in community for freedom, justice and love. - Asheville, NC

Listen! Open! Serve! Creating connection by listening to our deepest selves, opening to life's gifts and serving needs greater than our own -every day! Rochester (Unitarian), NY

We are here: (1) To learn and practice true hospitality (2) To revere the reasoning mind and the generous heart (3) To claim our diversity as a source of our strength, and (4) To relinquish the safety of our unexamined privilege for the freedom to engage in transforming justice. - Columbus, OH

Questions for Reflection:

We are a caring, religious community inspired by our Unitarian Universalist heritage. - Bellevue, WA

UUC is a community that covenants to awaken spirit, nurture hope, and inspire action. - Seattle, WA

Welcoming, Growing, Leading Welcoming everyone; Growing in mind and spirit; Leading in social justice. - Appleton, WI

The mission of this church is to carry forward the cherished legacy of the free faith tradition, to own the brilliant, boundless mind of *Unitarianism* and the fearless, grateful, loving heart of *Universalism* – to recognize that these legacies of the radical Reformation continue to evolve in history, and we will have a hand in their evolution before we hand them on to young people who will come later, to shape of this inheritance a religion of hope, reverence and love. - Mahtomedi, MN

Guided by Unitarian Universalist principles and powered by the energy and resources of its members, Jefferson Unitarian Church acts to nurture our spiritual community, grow Unitarian Universalism, and transform the world outside our church walls. - Golden, CO

Fostering community through love, spiritual growth, and social justice. - Oak Park, IL

Our mission is to create community, to nurture spiritual growth, and to act on our values to help heal the world.

Nuestra misión es crear una comunidad, fomentar el crecimiento espiritual y actuar en nuestros valores para ayudar a sanar el mundo. -San Diego, CA

We gather in community to nourish souls; transform lives; and do justice. - Austin, TX

1. What are strengths of FUUSA and most valued by our members?
2. Look at our mission statement below. What parts are critical to preserve (**circle**)? What could be reworded (**underline**)? Removed (**cross out**)? (note: Compare with chalice lighting)

We welcome all men, women and children who seek a religion based on the inherent sanctity of every person's free and responsible search for truth and meaning. In keeping with our distinctive, non-creedal religion, we strive to excite the human spirit and inspire its development; to respond to moral and ethical issues in our local, national and world communities; and to sustain a vital and nurturing congregational life.
3. What is missing from our mission statement?
4. What differences should FUUSA try to make in Albany, the Capital Region and the world?
5. What slogan would most FUUSAns be proud to wear on a T-shirt?