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[Amendment 30 by Viola Abbitt: adds spiritual development](#)

Bold underlining indicate insertion ; [brackets indicate deletion.]

I propose the following change to line 6

6 professional, to foster lifelong faith formation **and spiritual development**, to heal historic injustices, and to advance our

Amendment 26 by David Schwartz: adds creation of new UU communities

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2 Section C-2.1. Purposes.

3 The Unitarian Universalist Association will devote its resources to and use its organizational

4 powers for religious, educational, and humanitarian purposes. Its primary purposes are

5 to assist congregations in their vital ministries, support and train leaders both lay and

6 professional, to foster lifelong faith formation, to heal historic injustices, **to support and encourage the creation of new Unitarian Universalist communities**, and to advance our

7 Unitarian Universalist values in the world.

Amendment 19 by Bek Wheeler: revises equity value

Bold underlining indicate insertion ; [brackets indicate deletion.]

40 **Equity.** We [declare that every person has the right to flourish with inherent dignity and

41 worthiness] **affirm the inherent worth and dignity of each person.**

42 We covenant [to use our time, wisdom, attention, and money] to **defend**, build, and sustain fully

43 accessible and inclusive communities. **We work to create a just and peaceful world in which all can flourish.**

(This is the final form of our amendment: Equity. We affirm the inherent worth and dignity of each person. We covenant to defend, build, and sustain fully accessible and inclusive communities. We work to create a just and peaceful world in which all can flourish.)

[Amendment 61 by Jan Radoslovich: adds current Seven Principles as historic context](#)

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I am submitting my one amendment in support of Submission #156 by Jerald Ross, First Parish in Bedford (Bedford, MA) 4212.

Insert new Section C-2-2 Historical Principles (after Section C-2.1 Purposes and before C-2.2 Values and Covenant, changing the numbering of that and subsequent sections accordingly (=+1).

Historically, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association covenanted 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**

These principles remain important to the identity, moral orientation and spiritual journey for many Unitarian Universalists. Evolving from this historical framework, and consistent with our Living Tradition, the following Values and Covenant section expands the vision and calling of Unitarian Universalism.

Note: after reading through all the proposed Amendments supporting the inclusion of the current 7 Principles in the revised Article II, I felt that this Amendment was the most articulate in linking the 7 Principles to the new Values and Covenant section.

[Amendment 25 by Howard Tolley: changes language of love and covenant/accountability](#)

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10 Section C-2.2. Values and Covenant.

14 Love is the power that holds us together and is at the center of our shared values. [We are
15 accountable to one another for doing the work of living our shared values through the spiritual

16 discipline of Love.] To dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love, and to help one another, this is our covenant.

Amendment 51 by Janet Leavens: adds a revised version of the current Six Sources

Bold underlining indicate insertion ; [brackets indicate deletion.]

44 Section C-2.3. Inspirations.

45 As Unitarian Universalists, we [use, and] are inspired by[,] **the full depth and breadth of** sacred and secular [understandings] **human knowledge.**

46 [that help us to live into our values.] We respect the histories, contexts and cultures in which

47 [they] **the life-affirming wisdom we draw upon** [were] **was** created and [are] **is** currently practiced. **With care and compassion for every person's individual path, we discern, balance, and build upon the sources of Unitarian Universalism as we move forward.**

These sources include:

Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which renew our spirit;

Religions and wisdom traditions which inspire us in our ethical and spiritual life and which center love, justice, and harmony with one another and with nature;

Words and deeds of prophets, innovators, and other pathfinders whose example challenges us to transform oppressive and exploitative powers and structures through justice and compassion;

Humanist teachings, which counsel us to rely on our experience and use the powers of our mind and heart to create a better world for all.

Ethically informed science and reasoned inquiry, which produce verifiable knowledge and offer powerful insights into the world and human effects upon it, while revealing the awe-inspiring diversity and beauty of nature.

Creative arts, which reveal to us the face of life's beauty and joy, its struggles and sorrows, and its enduring truth and meaning, and which open our hearts to emotions of joy, solace, and gratitude.

These sources ground us and sustain us in

48 ordinary, difficult, and joyous times. Grateful for the religious **and cultural** ancestries we inherit and the

49 diversity [which] **that** enriches our [faith] **community**, we are called **by our living tradition** to ever deepen and expand our wisdom.

Amendment 52 by John Millspaugh: revises value of Interdependence

Bold underlining indicate insertion ; [brackets indicate deletion.]

The “Interdependence” value and covenant statement currently reads:

23 Interdependence. We honor the interdependent web of all existence.

24 We covenant to cherish Earth and all beings by creating and nurturing relationships of care

25 and respect. With humility and reverence, we acknowledge our place in the great web of life,

26 and we work to repair harm and damaged relationships.

Our amendments would result in the following:

Interdependence. We honor the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

With humility and reverence, we covenant to protect Earth and all beings from exploitation, creating and nurturing sustainable relationships of repair, mutuality and justice.

Here is the current statement, showing amendments: :

23 Interdependence. We honor the interdependent web of all existence **of which we are a part.**

24 With humility and reverence, we covenant to [cherish] **protect** Earth and all beings **from exploitation,** [by]
]creating and nurturing **sustainable** relationships of [care] **repair, mutuality,**

25 and [respect] justice. [With humility and reverence, we acknowledge our place in the great web of life,

26 and we work to repair harm and damaged relationships.]

Amendment 6 by Anne Schneider: emphasizes individual conscience

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57 Section C-2.5. Freedom of belief.

58 Congregational freedom and the individual’s right of conscience are central to our Unitarian

59 Universalist heritage, **and we remain committed to individual and congregational freedom of belief and individual right of conscience.**

60 Congregations may establish statements of purpose, covenants, and bonds of union so long

61 as they do not require that members adhere to a particular creed.

Amendment 68 by Edward Wilson: replaces “share our values” with “own search for truth”

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50 Section C-2.4. Inclusion.

51 **Systems of power, privilege, and oppression have traditionally created barriers for persons**
52 **and groups with particular identities, ages, abilities, and histories. We pledge to replace**
53 **such barriers with ever-widening circles of solidarity and mutual respect. We strive to be**
54 **an association of congregations that truly welcome all persons who will embrace UU[share our] values in**
55 **their own search for truth and meaning.** We
56 commit to being an association of congregations that empowers and enhances everyone's
57 participation, especially those with historically marginalized identities.

Amendment 5 by Matthew Johnson: adds language on mystery and wonder

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Lines 45-49

As Unitarian Universalists, we **proclaim that direct experiences of transcending mystery and wonder are a primary source of inspiration. These experiences open our hearts, renew our spirits, and transform our lives.** **We draw upon,** and are inspired by, sacred, [and] secular, **and scientific** understandings that help us **make meaning and** live into our values. We respect the histories, contexts, and cultures in which these understandings were created and are currently practiced. These sources ground us and sustain us in ordinary, difficult, and joyous times. Grateful for the **experiences that move us, aware of the** religious ancestries we inherit, and **enlivened by** the diversity which enriches our faith, we are called to ever deepen and expand our wisdom.

Amendment 70 by Melissa Egbertson: adds gratitude as a value

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Section C-2.2. Values and Covenant.

Amendment: Add another value: Gratitude

To be added to the list of values.

It could be first in the list before Interdependence (line 23), or in another place in the order. We need some joy in our values.

Gratitude: We are grateful for our lives and the gifts that we have received. We cherish our beautiful world. We seek to create a world where all can benefit from its beauty and abundance.

Amendment 1 by Patricia Shifferd: adds current Six Sources

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44 Section C-2.3. Inspirations.

45 As Unitarian Universalists, we use, and are inspired by, sacred and secular understandings
46 that help us to live into our values. We respect the histories, contexts and cultures in which
47 they were created and are currently practiced. These sources ground us and sustain us in
48 ordinary, difficult, and joyous times. Grateful for the religious ancestries we inherit and the
49 diversity which enriches our faith, we are called to ever deepen and expand our wisdom
Included in these ancestries are

**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 that create and uphold life;**

**Words and deeds of prophetic people
which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice,
compassion, and the transforming power of love;**

**Wisdom from the world's religions which
inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;**

**Jewish and Christian teachings which call us
to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;**

**Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed
the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against
idolatry of the mind and spirit;**

**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.**

Amendment 13 by Kathi Bayne: revises justice/democracy value

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32 We covenant to dismantle racism and all forms of systemic oppression. We support the use of
33 inclusive democratic processes to make decisions **WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION AND THE SOCIETY AT
LARGE.**

Amendment 11 by John Gubbings: "highest" purpose

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8 The **highest** purpose of the Unitarian Universalist Association is to actively engage its members in the
9 transformation of the world through liberating Love.

Amendment 32 by Mac Goekler: adds peace as a value

Adding Peace as a Value

Line 17 Add: a Peace flower petal

Line 19 Replace: "six" twice with "seven"

Line 22 Add: Peace (Green)

Line 44 Add: Value Peace. We dedicate ourselves to peaceful conflict resolution at all levels.

We covenant to promote a peaceful world community with liberty and human rights for all. Whenever and wherever possible we will use nonviolent means to achieve peace.
