

EMERGING DREAMS AS ARENAS FOR UU VITALITY

1. SPIRITUAL FREEDOM

Unitarian Universalism is widely recognized in the religious world for its advocacy of the spiritual value of freedom of belief and our historical connections to the founding principles of the nation. UUs are able and eager to talk compellingly about our approach to contemporary religion in many venues, such as personal, employment and interfaith settings.

2. HUMAN DIVERSITY

Unitarian Universalist groups actively appreciate, understand and celebrate the depth and breadth of human diversity, which takes us to higher levels of enjoying the many aspects of our heritage and models the importance of this for the wider community, especially sharing the richness of each other's cultures, ethnic groups, sexual orientation and sexual identity.

3. LARGER MINISTRIES

Unitarian Universalist groups, alone or allied with others, provide numerous important community and regional ministries, including service to those in need and programs of mutual value.

4. PEACE & JUSTICE

Unitarian Universalism is well known for leadership in articulating our moral and spiritual values through political advocacy and social action on issues such as peace with justice, diversity and anti-oppression. We readily join others in support of these values; our groups are centering points for wider community involvement on the issues of the day.

5. LEADING THOUGHT

People are drawn to Unitarian Universalism by our creative synthesis of leading edge thinking about the unfolding, uncertain and often unsettling future. They look to us to help them feel their way forward in better understanding the universe.

6. CHILDREN & YOUTH

Our Unitarian Universalist young people are so imbued with values of liberal religious community, peace and justice, freedom of inquiry, diversity, etc., that they stand out in their wider activities and draw positive notice to their religious home. Congregations actively support them throughout their maturing years.

7. CHANGE & THE WEB

Unitarian Universalism is a cradle of change that achieves ever greater human dignity amid ever increasing awareness of our larger context on a crowded planet. We nurture innovatively sustainable social, technological and cultural structures, inspiring deeper relationships with each other and with the environment (web of life).

8. CENTER POINT

For most Unitarian Universalists, our congregation is the center of our lives. We are empowered to find our true sense of calling. We have the capacity to flourish, to realize our spiritual potential, and, in so doing, be of caring and committed service to our congregation and the wider community. We prize and prioritize our UU activities.

9. RESOURCE GROWTH

Unitarian Universalist organizations, due to the increasing inspirational commitment of members and friends—as well as excellent fiscal management—have dramatically larger financial resources and endowments with which to support internal and external projects of worth.