

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

Seeking the Spirit, Building Community, Changing the World



Covenant of Right Relations

The UUA Principles are:

We covenant to affirm and promote

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

Thus, we at UUCB covenant to affirm and promote right relations through:

Striving to be genuinely interested in each others' points of view even in disagreement with others.

Striving to deal with differences in compassionate, respectful and non-hurtful ways. We strive to communicate directly with those involved in a disagreement, seeking out the support of the Right Relations Committee (RRC), if needed.

Striving to seek common ground and shared interests, accepting that we will have different perspectives and working to listen to those who disagree with us.

Striving for respectful dialogue and communication with others with whom we differ or disagree. We strive to engage in this conversation either on our own or with the support of the RRC.

Striving to be open to compromise and areas of agreement that move towards resolution. We understand we may not always reach consensus, but can strive for understanding.

Striving to offer and accept apologies and forgiveness to help reach the goal of a peaceful community with healthy relationships.

Striving to communicate our truth without demeaning others, but while holding up their inherent worth and dignity.