

Mission Statement

First Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbus, Ohio

We are here to learn and practice authentic hospitality, to revere both the reasoning mind and the generous heart, to claim the challenges of our diversity as a source of spiritual strength, and to relinquish the safety of privilege for the freedom to engage in transforming justice.

Vision Statement

To fulfill this Mission, and to make it come alive in ourselves, our children, and our world:

1. We seek to always center ourselves in worship and other Celebrations. Thus do we express our desire for wholeness in a broken world: with communal joy, shared sorrow, artful beauty and an engaged spirit.
2. We seek to build caring, honest relationships in all aspects of congregational life. Thus do we grow an inter-generational, multicultural community of lifelong learning, spiritual growth, a liberating conscience, and responsible, grateful stewardship.
3. We seek to live lives of active engagement. Thus do we embody the power of our Unitarian Universalist tradition to advocate for religious freedom, to acclaim the value of each unique spiritual journey, and to help us claim our own free place in that shared history of compassion and love.
4. We seek to honestly confront suffering, and the seen-and-unseen effects of oppression in this world. Thus do we act for social and ecological justice, organize to deepen our pastoral care, and open ourselves for transformative interfaith cooperation.
5. We seek to welcome all persons to our central Ohio congregation, no matter who they are, or how they define self or weave family, to claim their share in co-creating this beloved community. Thus do we envision a world transformed by the practice of justice into a common home of peace.

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