

Statement of Purpose

As Christians and as members of Union Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, we believe it is our purpose and calling to...

- grow in relationship with God and neighbor through communal worship, fellowship, mutual respect, prayer, and service;
- empower each other, across generations, to discern Christian truth and meaning using a variety of sources;
- welcome and celebrate God's people, and affirm the many images of the Divine manifested in differing abilities and disabilities, ages, gender expressions, gender identities, sexual orientations, faith traditions, social and economic classes, ethnicities, colors, races, immigration statuses, and nationalities;
- minister to others using our spiritual gifts and financial resources ethically, mindfully, and creatively;
- work to recognize and relieve systemic oppression, individual suffering, poverty, and isolation, through dialogue, action, and partnership with other religious and secular organizations;
- honor the environment as God's sacred creation, worthy of praise and protection;
- reflect the love and grace of God in all that we do, joyous in Christ and grateful in the Spirit.

- suggested by the Reimagining Philanthropy Taskforce, December 2017, reviewed by the Leadership Council on December 18, 2017, amended January 17, 2018 based on two Second Hour review sessions by members of Union Congregational Church.