The Jet Pig has arrived!

If you haven't heard of Jet Pig, you're not alone.

Last week, Mary, Amber, Lee and I served as your delegates to the Unitarian Universalist Association's annual General Assembly (GA), which was entirely virtual for the first time. It was a monumental gathering, during which a supermajority of delegates voted to adopt a new values statement for Article II of our bylaws. We've officially replaced our old Seven (wordy!) Principles with Seven *words*: Justice, Equity, Transformation, Pluralism, Interdependency and Gratitude arranged in a circle, with Love at the center.

"Love is at the center," emerged immediately as a motto in support of our new statement. Proponents like me all appreciated the simplicity, and even though seven words are easier to remember than seven sentences, it was clear we needed a mnemonic, a tool to help us remember all of the words.

Enter JETPIG: Justice, Equity, Transformation, Pluralism, Interdependency and Gratitude. Apparently we don't need the L in there because everyone knows "love is at the center." Already the interwebs are filling up with cute images of a character.

It's important to remember that a mnemonic is *not* an acronym: nobody will be referring to our new statement of beliefs as a our "jet pig." Perish the thought.

We also voted on a slate of national leaders, passed three Actions of Immediate Witness, and an even more immediate Responsive Resolution among other things.

You can find lots more information in UUWorld's report already available online: https://www.uuworld.org/articles/uua-ga-2024-what-happened-recap-article-ii-a2-aiw-results-ware-lecture-unitarian-universalism#:~:text=

Being a GA delegate once again affirmed for me a few things. Unitarian Universalists don't all agree on everything. Being present for the process,

even when it's difficult, is always worthwhile because it deepens relationships. The process may not be easy, but it always seems to work out the way it needs to. In short, being a delegate reaffirmed my trust in the process and other UUs.

In the coming months and years the UUA will be talking about how to streamline our policies and procedures so that they are less cumbersome and more accessible to everyone. Hopefully, we'll be able to figure out a way to hear more from the massive middle moving with creative transformation, without always shining the brightest spotlight on the tiny minorities fighting change.

Now that all this meaningful work is done, I'll see you at dinner tonight and the service on Sunday, then I'm off for vacation!

In Peace,
Rev Denis