

The Eight Principles of Unitarian Universalism

As Rev. Barbara Wells ten Hove explains, “The Principles are not dogma or doctrine, but rather a guide for those of us who choose to join and participate in Unitarian Universalist religious communities.”

1. 1st Principle: The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
2. 2nd Principle: Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
3. 3rd Principle: Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
4. 4th Principle: A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
5. 5th Principle: The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
6. 6th Principle: The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
7. 7th Principle: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.
8. 8th Principle: Journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.

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The Eight Principles of Unitarian Universalism, for Children

Red: Respect all people.

Orange: Offer fair and kind treatment to all.

Yellow: Yearn to learn and accept one another.

Green: Grow by seeking what is true and right in life.

Blue: Believe in our ideas and act on them.

Indigo: Insist on a peaceful, fair, and free world.

Violet: Value our earth, which we share with all living things.

Magenta: Make a loving community for everyone, whatever their skin color or group.