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VISION STATEMENT:

The 7 UU principles are intertwined, like the web of life, and one cannot be chosen as more meaningful in running for a Board position. In recognizing the inherent worth and dignity of every person, I know that everyone must be treated as a person, as an equal, and with compassion. I have found each person has different religious beliefs. In understanding the community of origin, I find we have more values that are similar, not different. This shows there are different ways to live peacefully, and there is more than one way to solve a problem. This gives us (society) the ability to respect the search for truth and meaning. Different



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views need to be expressed and understood so problems can be solved for everyone's benefit.

One also uses Conscience to help decide what is the best outcome for the Community. This means, that if the projected solution does not align with my values, I would vote against it. If my decision/vote loses to the majority, I need to accept that decision and work as directed by the majority.

I hope to be in an objective process solving problems, increasing programs, attendance, and church membership. I would like to bring Indianapolis to the Mid-America Region and build Unitarian-Universalism as a positive force in the region, as well as Indianapolis. This comes from collaboration and networking within the community.

One workshop presented years ago had participants say "Ouch" if something was offensive. Everything topped, and an explanation was given as why "Ouch" was said. Discussion, resolution, and "I'm sorry" followed. I would like to see this workshop done every other year as a reminder on how we should treat each other. (note: this workshop was done with Gretchen Woods, Interim Minister between Rev. Dr. Bruce Clear and Rev. Anastassia Zinke.)



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I expect that if something unexpected happens, we all sit down and talk. Gossiping, and back-stabbing hurt everyone. We need to recognize issues and behave in a manner to solve problems

