

UUCA's Covenant: A Brief History

- Following Rev. Anthony Makar's arrival at UUCA in 2007, he advocated for the creation of a **Covenant of Healthy Relationships** to guide the congregation toward becoming a "Beloved Community".
- Congregant input for a Covenant was gathered in November and a Covenant Drafting Team was established in December.
- Working with the congregation's input, the Team gathered additional covenant-related information from UU congregations and the UUA. Multiple versions of a Covenant were prepared, reviewed and revised. A final version was submitted to the congregation in April 2008.
- On May 18, 2008, the congregation adopted the UUCA Covenant of Healthy Relationships.

What Does Our Covenant Do for Us?

- **Describes** the commitments we have made to be more respectful and loving toward each other.
- **Compliments** the values expressed in our Seven (7) Principles by providing specific actions that demonstrate honoring and valuing ourselves and others.
- **Serves as a resource** for restoring right relationship when divisions, conflicts and tensions arise within the community.
- **Shapes and fosters our UU identity** as individuals and a community that values peace, justice, fairness, and equity for all.

THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

The inherent worth and dignity of every person

Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations

Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations

A free and responsible search for truth and meaning

The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large

The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all

Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part

For any questions or more information about our Covenant, contact UUCA's Healthy Relations Committee at: healthyrelations@uuca.org