

At Peace Among Ourselves

We, the members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Little Rock, seek to implement the Unitarian Universalist Principles in our church community. We strive to make UUCLR a safe haven where we are all free to pursue our spiritual lives in a supportive community of trusting relationships where minority views are accepted and valued. It is in loving relationships that we find spiritual growth and are strengthened through understanding, compassion, forgiveness, and reconciliation. To these ends we endeavor together to:

- Act with loving kindness at all times, seeking to promote justice, equity, and compassion.
- Listen without interrupting, to better understand the meaning and feelings behind the words.
- Ask questions in order to understand, not to confront or judge.
- Practice patience and reflect carefully before we act.
- Respect the rights of others to respond with their own points of view.
- Keep our discussions to topics and issues rather than personalities.
- Name behaviors as undesirable without focusing on the person behind the behavior.
- Speak positively and directly to those with whom we have disagreements.
- Resolve problems responsibly, seeking assistance when they cannot be resolved at a personal level.
- Understand that acting as a member of the community may require patience and tolerance.

These are goals we strive toward as we model the Seven Principles in our daily lives, not rules to be enforced. When problems do arise, we will seek to resolve them with caring and respect through a reconciliation process guided by the Committee on Ministry.

Coming from many places and many traditions we covenant to form a new community of tolerance and justice. We practice these principles first among ourselves in the hope that we may see them practiced at last in the world around us.