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**FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
2008 VISION STATEMENT**

First Universalist Church of Minneapolis, founded in 1859, is a large, dynamic religious community where congregants, including members and friends of all ages, draw spiritual inspiration from the principles of Unitarian Universalism to work together to make our world a better place.

Congregants of all ages joyously learn and work together to understand and live the values and principles of our faith. Children and youth are guided and mentored by spiritually grounded adults.

We seek lifelong spiritual growth. Individually, with others, and in community, we participate in religious education, spiritual practice and self-reflection. We join in inspirational worship that interweaves the intellect, the spirit and the arts to create an experience of the sacred, including rituals of blessing and celebration.

We warmly welcome newcomers into our community. We are enriched by the diverse identities and perspectives of all who join their personal spiritual journeys with our common vision. We offer meaningful opportunities for participation to all and invite deep interpersonal connections. We care for one another in times of need.

Our ministers' and congregants' prophetic voices inspire courageous transformational actions to further peace, justice, and environmental stewardship. As leaders and participants, we join in this work and in service to others with other Unitarian Universalists, with those of other faiths, and with secular organizations.

Our distinctive history, our Universalist heritage, and our hopes for the future inspire us to give generously of our time, our talents and our resources to further our common congregational mission and vision.

We are a well-governed congregation whose democratically empowered leaders earn the trust of members by being responsible stewards of our facility and our human and financial resources so that we may, together, realize the congregation's vision for today, and for times we shall never see.