

Visionary Goals Refresh

<u>Goal</u>	<u>Current Text</u>	<u>Suggested 2016 Update</u>
1	<p>We, the people of First Universalist Church, grow in our UU faith: we are equipped to live out our values and experience worship, spiritual practices, and rituals that challenge, comfort, celebrate, and heal.</p>	<p>First Universalist is a faith community committed to the transformational spiritual path of Unitarian Universalism’s Seven Principles. Our communal and individual worship, spiritual practices, and rituals unify and strengthen our community, challenge our personal and communal assumptions, and provide comfort to all who participate. Together, we celebrate our progress on our spiritual path, and help heal ourselves and the world.</p>
2	<p>First Universalist Church is a home for ageless wisdom. People of all ages find opportunities to engage in an intellectual and spiritual search for deeper meaning and understanding in the UU tradition, both as individuals and in community. We know our roots, find our wings, and apply our knowledge and wisdom to all our endeavors.</p>	<p>First Universalist is a community where people of all ages find opportunities to strengthen and deepen their personal spirituality and their Unitarian Universalist faith. Multigenerational faith-formation offerings connect children, youth, and adults to our UU history and ever-evolving faith tradition while also providing meaningful fellowship and relationship opportunities.</p>

3	<p>First Universalist Church is an intergenerational community of mutual caring and support. We build this community by actively welcoming all and encouraging each to discover, develop and share their gifts</p>	<p>First Universalist is a multi-racial, multi-cultural, and intergenerational community of mutual caring and support where people of all backgrounds feel a sense of welcoming and belonging, and find a variety of opportunities for meaningful fellowship and deep relationship. Each person's unique identity and history is acknowledged, nurtured, and shared to create this community of caring and support. Our sense of who we are as a community is ever expanding.</p>
4	<p>The people of First Universalist Church work to build a just, loving and sustainable world. We are a visible, influential voice, and we act to shape the larger community into a more just and equitable society.</p>	<p>We are a faith community committed to working with humility, compassion, and bravery to create a racially just and sustainable world. Understanding the impact of race, racism, and whiteness is our first step in all of our justice efforts, whether they are social, economic, or environmental issues. We work with community partners who share our values, including our commitment to racial justice, to build a just and sustainable world.</p>