

1.5 Fundamental Expression of the UU Values of Foothills Unitarian Church

On behalf of the Foothills Unitarian Church congregation, we proclaim that our principles and values unequivocally commit our faith to comprehensive ministry encompassing human dignity, liberation, and flourishing as divine mandates flowing from our core theological convictions. These practices are not separate from our faith—they ARE our faith in action.

Core Theological Foundation

Our religious practice flows directly from fundamental convictions established through 130 years of faithful witness:

- *Sacred Axiom*: Every person possesses inviolable worth regardless of any human-constructed category, making radical inclusion, protection of the vulnerable, and resistance to oppression religious imperatives binding on our covenantal community.
- *Religious Authority*: Our faith draws from sacred sources commanding love of stranger, celebration of diversity, and resistance to unjust authority—including Jewish/Christian teachings, humanist ethics, earth-centered traditions, and progressive revelation through lived experience.
- *Covenantal Practice*: Through democratic processes spanning decades—Welcoming Congregation (1998), Sanctuary vote (2017), Eighth Principle (2021)—this congregation has formally covenanted to an ongoing practice of our faith within and beyond our walls as a binding religious commitment.
- A more specific and detailed theological articulation of Foothills essential religious practices is found in Appendix A of this document.

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