

EMERSON UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT

We, of Emerson Unitarian Universalist Congregation, make a conscious choice to embrace this covenant as an essential part of our faith journey. We choose to become part of a community with a common purpose and to foster an atmosphere where the Unitarian Universalist principles may be learned and practiced.

The following are ways in which we work together to reach our highest potential as individuals and as a community:

- ◆ Welcome all who come to us and demonstrate this by accepting and respecting differences among us and in the greater community.
- ◆ Acknowledge that we may not always agree with group decisions; however we will support the consensus of the larger church community.
- ◆ Treat each other with mutual respect and compassion.
- ◆ Contribute to the community at a level that is healthy for us as individuals -- intellectually, financially and with gifts of time and energy.
- ◆ Be responsible for fulfilling our commitments.
- ◆ Keep our discussions to topics, issues and behaviors, rather than personalities.
- ◆ Listen without interrupting; check for understanding.
- ◆ Facilitate direct communication by expressing opinions directly, rather than to a third party.
- ◆ Be personally responsible to help resolve problems; seek assistance when they cannot be resolved at a personal level.

It is in loving relationship with those in our community that we have the opportunity to grow spiritually as individuals and as a congregation; we strive to act from a place of personal balance so that our actions will benefit the whole as well as the individual.