

## MISSION STATEMENT

St. John's is committed to creating a safe and caring community, working for peace and social justice and celebrating beliefs that respect freedom of thought.

## COVENANT STATEMENT

From our individual consciences, from commitment to our gathered community and from our tradition of democratic process, we make these promises:

- to respect one another's individual religious expression
- to encourage and promote the healing, transforming power of music, art and literature in worship and in our lives
- to provide a church school of excellence for our children and to integrate them into the worship and social community of the church
- to provide lifespan learning opportunities for emotional, intellectual and spiritual growth
- to support advocacy and outreach into the community beyond St. John's
- to work diligently for justice, peace, and equity through nonviolent means locally and throughout the world
- to affirm our interdependence in the web of life, and to foster healing relationships with the earth and with all earth's children.

We honor our shared values through word and deed. We endeavor to uphold and promote these principles: acceptance of one another; religious diversity and tolerance, social justice, equity and compassion; concern for children and families; the uplifting power of music, art and literature; and the transforming capacity of love.

We have covenanted with other congregations to support the Principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association. So do we covenant with one another to sustain our religious community in order to promote individual spiritual growth, with caring and concern for one another that we might help to make a positive difference in the world.

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