

# Jefferson Unitarian Church Values and Strategic Outcomes

## Values:

- Connection to something larger
- Love
- Service
- Reason
- Transcendent Mystery

## Strategic Outcomes:

Guided by our Unitarian Universalist Principles, our ministry will:

### Deepen us to our truest selves:

The people of Jefferson Unitarian Church value an engaged spiritual life that is transforming and meaningful within the free faith tradition of which we are a part. As Unitarian Universalists we seek to -

Develop meaningful lives, drawing inspiration from science, poetry, scripture, transcendent mystery, and personal experience.

Face difficult times in our lives knowing that we belong to this life and have a sense of meaning, integrity, and conscience that sustains us.

Challenge ourselves to seek greater depth and understanding that brings us into a more engaged presence with our own deepest selves and the world we live in.

Make choices in our lives that empower us to contribute to a better future no matter our stage of life.

### Connect us authentically with others:

We connect in an open, hospitable, and faithful community. As a congregation we seek to -

Foster meaningful connection, providing respite from the isolation and ego-centrism of the larger society.

Conduct our relationships in ways that are authentic, respectful, loving, and kind -- allowing ourselves and others to be truly known.

Bring life to our values in shared ministry with compassion, gratitude, and joy.

### Engage us with needs beyond our own:

We are called to create compassion and justice in the world. As a community we seek to -

Serve as a trusted and visible leader, partner, and advocate for the creation of a just society and sustainable environment.

Grow our capacity to serve as a Beloved Community for all who seek (physically or virtually) comfort, courage, and meaning.

Build authentic relationships with people across differences, in the spirit of humility and openness.