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WEEKLY E-LETTER, JUNE 27, 2024

JUNE SERVICES IN ONE ISLAND FAMILY:

ONE ISLAND FAMILY HAS ENDED OUR REGULAR SEASON OF SUNDAY SERVICES until we reconvene in October!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE BEEN PARTICIPATORY IN SERVICE PLANNING, ORGANIZING, FACILITATING, SHARING AND HELPING IN EVERY WAY!

We welcome our **UUA AFFILIATE MINISTERS** on a regular basis:

Rev. Bob Murphy and Rev. Doug Slagle

UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPDATES:

Excerpts from: <https://www.uuworld.org/articles/uua-article-ii-passes-general-assembly-result-unitarian-universalism-bylaws-vote-values-statement>

Love at the Center: New UU Statement of Values

After a democratic process involving thousands of Unitarian Universalists discussing the faith's values and core theology over the past three-plus years, delegates at General Assembly 2024 voted decisively to approve a new statement of values and beliefs for Unitarian Universalism.



The faith's new expression of shared values was adopted by a vote of 2,025 (80.2 percent) to 499 (19.8 percent) with 21 abstaining at General Assembly 2024, held online June 20-23.

The new values are Equity, Generosity, Interdependence, Justice, Pluralism, and Transformation, centered around Love.

The only incorporated amendment changed the Equity description to read, "We declare that every person is inherently worthy and has the right to flourish with dignity, love, and compassion."

A two-thirds vote was required to approve the changes. Four amendments were also voted on, but only one was ultimately incorporated.

The UUA offered several resources for congregations as they considered what was most vital to the faith.

The statement of values reflects changes to Article II of the UUA Bylaws, which include its "Principles and Purposes" as the foundation of all the work of the UUA, its member congregations, and its covenanted communities.

Reviewing core values is a faithful act that expresses Unitarian Universalism as a "living tradition," said Carey McDonald, executive vice president of the UUA.

Unitarian Universalist Association bylaws mandate that Article II be reviewed every fifteen years. It has been revised numerous times over the history of the UUA, with the last wholesale revision in 1987.

Individual UUs and their congregations are welcome to continue to hold and value the Seven Principles and Six Sources, which were adopted in 1984, as a meaningful part of the faith, just as some have adopted the Eighth Principle on their own, McDonald said. The Eighth Principle specifically calls out antiracism and anti-oppression as central to congregational life and UU values.

AND THIS FROM OUR AFFILIATE MINISTER, REV. BOB MURPHY:

One Island Family sponsored the statement *World on Fire: Humanitarian Work and Climate Change*. Our proposal went to this year's national convention for the Unitarian Universalists. The voting results were announced yesterday.

Success! Our statement was approved by over ninety-five percent of the delegates. It's amazing. This high level of agreement is almost unknown among the Unitarian Universalists. Thank you, One Island Family.

Our climate change statement is unusual. It expresses concern about LGBTQI plus people.

The big problems are in the emergency services agencies. LGBTQI people are often abused in state and local programs. Same-gender couples are required to show proof that they're married. If they have children with them, they have to prove that the kids have been legally adopted. Trans people face special restrictions. And there are some other problems in emergency programs. Despite the Federal funding.

Keep in mind that national civil rights laws provide little (if any) protection for LGBTQI people.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

What a great ending to our regular season!!

Watch for our summer updates and sharings once monthly from July-October. Have a safe, happy and healthy summer and may we all "blessed be!"

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

We have scheduled our community service highway cleanup for **Sunday, July 21**. We'll meet at **9:00 AM** at Baby's Coffee, 3180 US Highway 1, **MM 15**. We are starting at 9am in order to finish before it gets to hot. Our cleanup area is from MM14 to 16. We need your help – please mark your calendar and come help.

We all need to watch the safety video before going out for the cleanup. The video is on the Florida Dept of Transportation web site: <http://www.fdot.gov/maintenance/aahinfo.shtm>.

If you need transportation, please let me know. Dave Arnold, 757-285-1609,
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