### Your Unitarian Universalist Mountain Retreat

# Welcome to the Connection's new format!

The Connection has a new streamlined format. Fewer trees, less ink and less postage will be used for future publications. More often, de

Benneville will be contacting our campers, donors and volunteers using electronic media, rather than print.

The Connection continues to include a 9-month calendar of future events, stories about camp activities, detailed information about future camps, registration forms for upcoming events, our mission statement, board member names and contact information. We hope that copies of the paper will continue to be on your congregation's newcomer's table, included in your new members' packets and offered to anyone who has not visited de Benneville yet.

The camp's electronic presence will expand. The website will become a weblog, with news updated regularly, cataloged and archived for future reading. If your phone has become your pocket

computer or you get regular news feeds on your laptop or desktop, you will have the option of obtaining RSS feeds when information is updated

on the website.

There are also plans to set up online registration for camp sponsored events, make items available for sale from the Camp Trading Post and allow monthly and one-time donations on the website.

In addition, look for our new monthly electronic newsletter, tentatively dubbed C-News (pronounced canoes, as in camp news.) This will be emailed to current campers and in response to inquiries about upcoming events. To subscribe to the newsletter, please be sure the camp office has your current email address. When requesting your subscription, let us know how often and for what events you would like to receive information.

Please let us know how you like our new format and the changes to the website. Then put away your computer or phone and visit us at camp!

Janet & the Camp Dogs



### WO Moms by Sara Gardner-Heart, teen

I paint my nails every two weeks. I go to school dances. I have a best friend. I am an Advanced Placement Student...and I have two moms.

Every day I wear a purple wristband that says "Erase Hate." It reminds me of the important battle millions of us face every day: the battle for equality. My family has two loving parents. Both of them happen to be women. I am clothed, fed, sent to school, and, in every other respect, treated as most teenagers are treated by their parents.

When I was in kindergarten, none of my classmates cared that I had two moms. Most of them thought it was cool. Back then, when we visited one another's houses we learned that children live with their grandparents, moms and dads, moms, dads, aunts....you name it.

Why should every other kid in my class get to have married parents, but not me? What makes my situation so different? Do they love me

less or differently? The answer to that is no. My moms would give their lives in a heartbeat to save mine. They have given me everything I have ever needed and many things that I have wanted. I am not some circus freak because I am raised by two women. I do not have an aversion to men. I am normal in every way, yet like to think of myself as unique.

If you met me, could you look me in the eyes and tell me that my parents are disgusting and should never be allowed to marry? Can you look at me and say that my Mommy marrying my Mama is the same as a person marrying a horse?

In many ways, Gays today are treated like African Americans were treated until the 1960's. Who they could marry and which churches they could attend was dictated to them. After the passage of Proposition 8, will I start seeing signs saying which drinking fountains gays can drink from and which ones are only for straight people?



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# Camp de Benneville Pines

### Calendar of Events 2008-2009

### November 2008

10/31-2	Work Weekend	The state of the s			
	See advertisement	on page 7 for additional info			
	PSWD Renaissance Module - Teacher Development & Training				
	For info, contact	(805) 485-1780 or <u>www.pswduua.org</u>			
7-9	Music in the Mount	ains Folk Music Weekend			
	See advertisement	on page 4 for additional info			
10-13	Camp for Homeschooling Families				
	See advertisement	on page 4 for additional info			
14-16	Fullerton/Las Vegas UU Congregational Retreat				
	For info, contact	(702) 437-2404, <u>admin@uuclv.org</u>			
	or (714) 871-715	0, www.uufullerton.org			
21 - 23	Rainbow Pride You	h Alliance (Private)			

See advertisement on page 5 for additional info

### December 2008

Thanksgiving Holiday Celebration

5-7	PSWD Jr High Fall Camp & Coming of Age Retro
	See advertisement on page 4 for additional info
	PSWD Adult Advisor Training
	See advertisement on page 4 for additional info
8-25	Camp Available for Lease
22-26	Family Retreat (Private) - Craig's Cabin
26-1/1	PSWD/YRUU Sr High Winter Camp
	See advertisement on page 5 for additional info

# January 2009

2-4	Camp Available for Lease
9-11	UC Riverside GLBT Center (Private) - Craig's & Cabin 7
	Rainbow Pride Youth Alliance Board Retreat (Private) Cabins 5 & 6
15-19	Society for Creative Anachronism (Private)
23-25	USC Scholars (Private)
30-2/1	Peninsula Neighborhood Girl Scout Snow Camp (Private)
	Santa Monica UU Family Support Group (Private) - Craig's

# February 2009

6-8	UU Winter Family Fun - sponsored by Neighborhood UU Church
	See advertisement on page 5 for additional info
14-16	PSWD Elementary Winter Camp (Presidents Day Weekend)
	See advertisement on page 6 for additional info
20-22	Riverside YMCA, Cherokee Tribe, Cheyenne Tribe (Private)
	Cabins Available for Lease - call camp for information
27-3/1	Peninsula Neighborhood Girl Scout Snow Camp (Private)
	Craig's Cabin Available for Lease

Registration information for any of the retreats listed may be obtained by calling the camp office at (909) 794-2928, e-mailing caroline@uucamp.org, or from the camp's website at www.uucamp.org.

Most event details can be found in this newsletter. Registration forms are on page 7.

### March 2009

0-0	Long Deach Co Congregational Retreat
	For info, contact (562) 597-8445 or office@uuclb.org
13-15	2009 Youth Camps Reunion
	See advertisement on page 6 for additional info
20-22	Girl Scout SongSwap Weekend
	See advertisement on page 6 for additional info
	Conejo Valley UU RE Retreat (Private) - Craig's
27-29	Rainbow Family Camp
	See advertisement on page 6 for additional info

# April 2009

3-5	San Dieguito UU Congregational Retreat
	For info, contact (858) 755-9225 or office@uufsd.org
10-12	Camp Available for Lease (Easter Weekend)
17-19	UU Men's Retreat
	For info, contact (619) 466-5952 or mdorfi@cox.net
20-23	Camp for Homeschooling Families
	See advertisement on page 4 for additional info
24-26	UU Women's Retreat
	See advertisement on page 7 for additional info

# May 2009

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8-10	Work Weekend
	See advertisement on page 7 for additional info
	Craig's Cabin Available for Lease
14	Diamond Bar High School - Pathways Academy (Private)
15–17	Monte Vista/Riverside UU Congregational Retreat
	For info, contact (909) 626-0520, mail@montevistauu.or
	or (951) 686-6515, <u>uucr@juno.com</u>
22-25	Camp Bravo Theater Arts Educators' Weekend
	For info, contact (888) 442-7286 or www.campbravo.org

First UU Church San Diego Congregational Retreat

For info, contact (619) 298-9978, mail@firstuusandiego.org

Camp Recovery (All 12-step Program attendees welcome)

For info, contact www.camprecoveryinfo.com

### June 2009

5-7	PUC/Orange County UU Congregational Retreat
	For info, contact (310) 378-9449, admin@pacificunitarian.org
	or (714) 999-1077, judy2write@yahoo.com
12-14	Camp Available for Lease
19-21	Santa Monica/Chalice UU Congregational Retreat
	For info, contact (310) 829-5436, office@uusm.org
	or (760) 737-0393, office@chaliceuu.org
24-27	Anaheim Stake LDS Young Women's Camp (Private)
28-7/4	Camp Bravo Theater Arts Camp for Middle Schoolers (Wk 1)

For info, contact (888) 442-7286 or www.campbravo.org

# July 2009

5-11	Camp Bravo Theater Arts Camp for Teens (Wk 2)
	For info, contact (888) 442-7286 or www.campbravo.org
12-18	PSWD YoUUth Camp - Elementary (grades 2 - 6)
	PSWD Counselor-In-Training Program (ages 15 - 18)
19-25	PSWD YoUUth Camp - Jr High (grades 6 - 9)
26-8/1	PSWD YoUUth Camp - Sr High (grades 9 - 12)
	PSWD Adult Advisor Training (ages 25+)
	For info, contact (909) 794-2928 or caroline@uucamp.org



## Memorial & Honorarium Plaques at camp

by the Camp de Benneville Pines Board of Directors

We, the Board of Directors, have come to know de Benneville as a treasured, sacred place. Like many of you, we have had deep, lifechanging experiences here. We have been asked by people who love de Benneville about opportunities to actively sustain the camp, while honoring a loved one, a relative, or a dedicated volunteer from the camp or your congregation. As a response, a program has been developed whereby purchasing a plaque and placing it in a special area, you can honor the special people in your life.

This year, we have added two beautiful gazebos at camp. The first gazebo is located between the pool and Cabin 8. Dedicated to the memory of Georgie Kelm by her partner, George Yenoki, the gazebo was placed in a quiet spot in the woods because she liked to relax and read



when she camp to camp. A busy teacher "down the hill", de Benneville was Georgie's hideaway from the bustle and demands on her time.

The second gazebo is located between the Lodge and the new playground. It was built in honor of Celia Ward's many years of dedication and work for the youth and family camps. Celia was an integral part of organizing and growing the youth and family camp programs in the 1970's and 1980's. Recently, she has been attending and



supporting the summer UU Family Camp. The funds for Celia's Gazebo are being raised by the former youth campers from the 60's, 70's and 80's.

It is possible to name almost any existing structure in camp, to donate the funds to replace equipment or to refurbish a building or equipment. Here is a partial list of possible memorial or honorary dedications that can be made:

- \$500 living tree (planting trees is not allowed by our lease)
- \$\$ \$500 recycling bin
- \$\$ \$800 park bench
- \$1,000 metal picnic table
- \$2,000 chairs, tables, furniture in Lodge or Coffee House
- \$4,000 Emergency Evacuation Trailer
- \$4,000 evacuation supplies for the trailer
- \$3,000 \$10,000 existing deck, amphitheater, pool
- \$3,000 \$20,000 replacement deck or adding an access ramp
- \$20,000 existing cabin
- \$\$ \$500 \$3,000 plaque placed on Wayne's Way for camp volunteer

The possibilities are endless. If you would like to participate in this program, please contact Janet in the camp office.

Three campaigns that financially support the camp:

**Share The Vision** is our our annual support drive. Donations are used to make repairs, replace equipment and save for emergencies.

Campfire Lighters is the annual endowment drive. Donations are used to build the endowment fund until annual interest covers repair, equipment and emergency needs.

**Raise The Roof** is a 3-year capital campaign to raise funds to build a new water system.

#### Camp de Benneville Pines Donation Form

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Campfire Lighter's Endowment Fund \$		\$		\$	\$		
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UU Congregation/Camp Affiliation			Camp de Benneville Pines is a 501(c)3 Non-profit Corporation. Your donation may be tax deductible. Consult your tax advisor.				
To use a credit card, complete the following: Card#			Expiration Date Security Code: 3 digits M/V/D 4 digits AMEX				
To make your donation with a credit card or PayPal ( <u>www.paypal.com</u> ) Phone: (909) 794-2928 Fax: (866) 481-2805 E-Mail: <u>caroline@uucamp.org</u>			To make your donation by mail (check or credit card) Camp de Benneville Pines 41750 Jenks Lake Road W Angelus Oaks, CA 92305				





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### Music in the Mountains

Folk Music & Dance Weekend

Friday November 7 - Sunday November 9, 2008

Full Weekend (includes Friday dance, food, lodging, all workshops & activities) - \$98/adult, \$80/youth (3-17)

Friday Dance Only \$5/person

Deluxe Cabins (Craigs & Cabin 6) - add \$35/person

Cancellation Policy: \$25/person fee before 10/25/08. No refund after 10/25/08

Register Online at <a href="https://www.uucamp.org">www.uucamp.org</a> or use the form on page 7

Are you a Jr High or High School youth advisor wondering what it is you are supposed to be doing? Would you like to work with youth but are not sure what



is expected of you? Do you want to learn how to build and sustain leadership within your youth group so you're not making phone calls to get them to Sunday morning programs or a Friday night bowling activity? Are you curious about how to cultivate a presence of the mystery and wonder of life within your youth group? Would you like to become a volunteer at a PSWD YoUUth Camp?

If you answered yes to one or more of these questions---sign up immediately for this training! It will be an action-packed weekend, and you'll get to connect with other advisors from around the district. If you are 18 years or older, we encouraged you to attend.

# Friday, December 5 - Sunday, December 7, 2008

Cost: \$120 per person

(includes food, lodging and all program materials)

Optional: Sweatshirt \$25, T-shirt \$12. Include size request Donation: Any amount to help campers with limited funds Submit registration with a \$75 per person non-refundable deposit

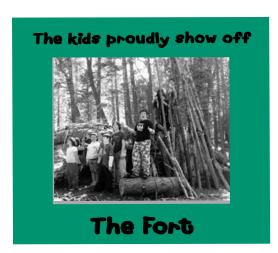
For additional information: contact Caroline (909) 794-2928 caroline@uucamp.org

## Adult Advisor Training

with facilitator Kathe Larick

PSWD Youth Ministry Consultant, Youth Ministry Coordinator-First UU Church San Diego Pacific Northwest District Goldmine Youth Leadership School Graduate

# Camps for Homeschooling Families



November 10 - 13, 2009 3 April 20 - 23, 2009

Monday - Thursday

Join families who homeschool for a fun week at camp!

The schedule is relaxed, allowing plenty of time for kids to explore and parents to talk. Hiking, archery, crafts, tie dying, nature, games, talent show ---volunteer to offer your favorite event.

There is always plenty of fun and wonderful new friends to meet.

For information, prices and availability, call Caroline at (909) 794-2928 or caroline@uucamp.org

# Fourth Annual! COMING OF AGE RETREAT & JR HIGH CAMP

#### <u>Registration</u>

Youth - \$145 (Jr High/Middle School aged)

Advisor - \$120

Sibling Discount \$15 (one per family)

T-Shirt \$12 Sweatshirt \$25

Submit registration with \$75 non-refundable deposit No refunds after check-in

#### Friday, December 5 - Sunday, December 7, 2008

#### Calling all Coming of Age groups and Jr High Campers -

this is the time to explore and enjoy Camp de Benneville Pines in a fun, cool, winter setting!

This weekend is open to all Jr High Campers and has a focus on Coming of Age, a UU Rite of Passage that many of our congregations offer to Jr High or 8th grade students. If you are leading a Coming of Age group, this camp offers a way to build deep lasting bonds within your group as well as connections with other congregations and our larger movement.

We will focus on building community, building self-esteem, and reflecting on faith through all sorts of fun camp activities like low ropes, worship, arts & crafts, games, hikes, talent show and silliness.

Dean: Mary Jane Holden, DRE, Throop UU Church, Pasadena



Please join us for de Benneville's annual Thanksgiving Holiday Celebration.

It's a retreat from shopping, chopping, cleaning and cooking; a celebration with friends and family in the crisp autumn air.

There's lots to do. Attend workshops, hike or read by the fire. Sing, dance, stretch your mind and body, get a massage. There's also plenty of space to relax and do nothing.

The scents of Thanksgiving fill the lodge. Pumpkin pie, hot apple cider, fresh baked bread and, of course, turkey, dressing and all the rest! Come alone or bring your family. Arrive on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.

Be part of the de Benneville Thanksgiving tradition!

They'll be com'n 'round the mountain

when they come....

Thanksgiving Holiday Celebration

Thursday, November 27 - Sunday, November 30, 2008

Registration: includes workshops, activities, lodging, meals, and Thanksgiving Feast Thursday evening

Thursday - Sunday: \$185 Adult, \$135 Youth (3 - 17), Children under 2 are free Upgrade: Craig's Cabin/Cabin 6 - \$35/adult, Double Bed in 5/7/8 - \$35 per room Wednesday after 4:00 pm Arrival (no meals): add \$20 per person

Friday after 2:00 pm Arrival: deduct \$20 per person

Cancellation: Refund less \$50/family before November 15, 2008.

No refunds after 11/15/2008

PSWD/YRUU Sr High Winter Camp

saturday. December 27. 2008 - thursday. Sanuary 1. 2009

#### Community Building in a Digital Age

Using the tools we have in this digital age, how can we build community at camp and in the rest of the world?

We will welcome all the new campers and create an even deeper, closer community than we already have in YRUU.

We will give back all that we've gotten from camp by making this the best week of our lives, the best friends we'll ever find, and a community filled with love, light, and inspiration.

#### **Registration**

YoUUth (Currently in grades 9 - 12) - \$385 Deduct \$35 if registering before 11/25/2008

Sibling Discount - \$15 (one per family) T-Shirt \$12 Sweatshirt \$25

Submit registration with a \$75 non-refundable deposit No refunds after check-in

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Also--during Sr High Winter Camp Monday & Tuesday 12/29 & 12/30/08

> Please contact Caroline in the camp office if you would like to attend

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# UU Winter Family Fun!

Sponsored by Neighborhood UU Church of Pasadena

Join your UU neighbors from Neighborhood Church for a California winter weekend! It's a great opportunity for relaxation with fun for all -- families, couples, and singles. The weekend retreat will include arts & crafts, frisbee golf, workshops, happy hour, snow sports---weather/precipitation permitting---and more!

For more information and to register,

contact Cheri Gaulke at 323-662-3940 or cgaulke@adelphia.net Include "Winter Camp" in subject on all e-mails

We look forward to welcoming new friends!"

Friday, February 6 - Sunday, February 8, 2009



# keen on green

What better place than our beautiful Camp de Benneville Pines to tap into kids' energies, channel the power of their laughter, and support their budding spirituality as we strive to make our camp, our communities, and our world a greener place.

#### PSWD elementary winter camp

Saturday - Monday, February 14 - 16, 2009

Elementary Camp is for children ages 8 - 12. Children ages 5-7 and children not ready to come to camp by themselves are invited to bring their parents. Parents may attend with the understanding that if their children are younger than 2nd grade, they will accompany them throughout the day and be primarily responsible for them. If their children are 3rd grade or older, parents will be expected to assist with some of the workshops and activities.

#### <u>Registration</u>

**Youth - \$145** (Grades 2 - 6) Parents - \$120

Sibling Discount \$15 (one per family)

T-Shirt \$12 Sweatshirt \$25

Submit registration with \$75 non-refundable deposit No refunds after check-in



### Girl Scout Song Swap Weekend with Leader Training Workshop

#### Friday, March 20 - Sunday, March 22, 2009

Bring your troop for a chance to sing, play, learn, grow and have fun together. Leaders have the opportunity to attend an intensive song workshop-learn lots of songs, learn how to involve your girls in singing and sharing songs.

There will be music, music, music! Storytelling, roasting marshmallows, sledding in the snow, looking at the stars or playing games by the fire. De Benneville provides your food and a warm, snug place to sleep. A memorable weekend!

#### **Registration:**

Cost: \$69/youth (ages 3 - 17), \$89/adult (under 3 are free) Includes food, lodging and activities, Friday dinner - Sunday breakfast Please include your troop number and level on your registration form

Cancellation: Full refund for individual cancellations before 2/20/2009 \$5 per person cancellation fee for troop cancellations. No refunds after 2/20/2009

# REUNEON OF YOUTH CAMPERS

#### For staff and campers of LRY, YRUU, Jr. High and Kiddie **Camps from the 1970-1980's**

Another reunion? Why not? When some of us reunited in 2005, it was magical and amazing. You could feel the excitement, the energy, the buzz. Let's create another weekend full of fun and sharing! We have a history and link that brings us together – putting time aside for this kind of connection and silliness is ..... good for the soul. Once again you are invited to "come home" to Camp de Benneville Pines. Whether you've been here recently or not for years, welcome you back. We'll have workshops, all camp activities, dancing, music and plenty of time to hike, hot tub, and just hang out. Bring your old camp photos. Bring photos of your families. There is also an early arrival option for a more extended weekend. De Benneville. It's where we started, struggled, changed, learned and moved on. It's a place where you can return. Please take this time for you. Don't miss it! Come join the circle again! Your presence is requested.

Friday, March 13 - Sunday, March 15, 2009

**Cost:** \$185.00 per person. Deduct \$35.00 before 12/15/2008

Thursday Arrival: add \$45.00 per person **Cancellation:** \$40 charge per person before 3/1/2009. No refund after 3/1/2009

Add \$10 or more for the scholarship fund to help others come to camp. Add a donation in any amount for the Celia Ward Gazebo (goal \$2,500.00)

Sorry! This is an adult-only event...simply because we are unable to accommodate all the people who wish to attend. Please bring your spouse or significant other.

For additional information and to register, please contact Caroline at (909) 794-2928 or caroline@uucamp.org

# Rainbow

#### A Weekend Camp for LGBT Families



**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:** Hiking Arts & Crafts **N**ovies Talent Show Parent Socials **Outdoor Sports Activities** Indoor Games Community Meals LOTS OF FUN!!!

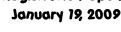
Adults \$120 \* Teens (13-19) \$90 \* Kids (3-12) \$55 Under 3 Free! Includes meals, lodging and all activities Non-refundable cancellation fee - \$50/family before March 15, 2009

> Friday, March 27 -Sunday, Narch 29, 2009

Make check payable to "Camp de Benneville Pines" Mail to: Lisa White, Family Services Program, 1625 N. Schrader Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90028 Reservations will be taken until the camp is full For questions, call (323) 860-7342 or e-mail familyservices@lagaycenter.org

Registration Opens







Rainbow Family Camp is sponsored by the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center's Family Services Program and Camp de Benneville Pines. Funded in part by First 5 LA for children 0-5 and their families.





#### Your Help is Need!

Skilled and unskilled, everyone is welcome and appreciated (ages 11+ for safety)

Delicious food and comfortable accommodations are provided - FREE!

RSVP to caroline@uucamp.org or (909) 794-2928



# Work Weekend

#### Friday - Sunday

October 31 - November 2, 2008 & May 8 - May 10, 2009

## UU Women's Retreat

#### Friday, April 24 - Sunday, April 26, 2009

Women in community - telling our stories, sharing ritual, art, dancing, singing and fun together. Don't miss our annual gathering.

#### Register Before January 31, 2009 for 2008 prices

Special Diet, Allergies

\$150.00 per person \* \$20 additional for Craig's or Cabin 6 \$20 for Thursday lodging (no meals)

### PSWD UU Family Camp

Sunday - Saturday \* August 2 - 8, 2009

Organized by the PSWD Camps Ministry Team - Intergenerational family fun. A week with UU families - all-camp activities, archery, canoeing, crafts, games, hot tub, music, swimming, tie-dye, worship, workshops & much, much more!

#### Register Before January 31, 2009 for 2008 prices

\$320/adult \* \$295/teen (13-18) \* \$285/child (3-12) \* \$100/baby-toddler (0-2) Craig's +\$80/pp \* Cabin 6 +\$50/pp \* Double Bed in 5/7/8 +\$50/room

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Donation

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#### New!

**Event Name:** 

Card#

Attendee Name

Register for any de Benneville sponsored event up to 12 months before by paying a \$75 per person, non-refundable deposit. Your payment in full will be required 30 days before the event.

**Event Dates:** 

Extra Day

Upgrade

Adult & Family Event Registration

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### Our Mission:

The mission of Camp de Benneville Pines is to provide a mountain retreat where Unitarian Universalist principles and values are lived and celebrated in community.

### Camp Purpose

- To provide a place to relax and recreate in life-affirming ways
- To provide a central gathering place for the Pacific Southwest District
- To provide a place for promoting life-long spiritual growth
- To develop leaders through volunteer opportunities/experiences
- To conserve a wilderness setting
- To extend UU influence in the larger community
- To encourage the expression of diverse ideas in a safe atmosphere of mutual respect
- To facilitate the ongoing process of community building within and among UU societies

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### Unitarian Universalist Principles and Purposes

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large:
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

The living tradition we share draws from many sources:

- Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces that create and uphold life;
- Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;
- Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
- Jewish and Christian teaching which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
- Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolaters of the mind and spirit;
- Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

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