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	Q1. What are your deepest yearnings?
I-1	To be part of a community, comprising thoughtful, sensitive, considerate and intellectually stimulating people, who bring an open and inquiring mind to issues.
I-1	Seek a group that seeks enjoyment in each other's company.
I-1	A community that acts on its beliefs rather than talk interminably about changing the world.
I-1	A group of people focussed on getting things done as much for its own members as others outside the group.
I-1	A caring community in the widest sense of the term.
I-1	Professional leadership provided by people with greater human skills, rather than ecclesiastical training.
I-1	A group that knows how to involve its members and exploit (in the best sense of the word) the talents of the individuals for the benefit of the whole.
C-3	We yearn for peace, both personally and for the world.
C-4	To have a spiritual base – a ground of being that supports me in reaching out to others in a way that is intimate without intrusion; loving without grasping; humorous without rancour etc.
C-4	Peace, personal, family, church community, national and global. My peace with divinity, my relationship to the divine. The peace that passeth all understanding. Love, ever giving and ever receiving. Loving relationship with the divine. Stewardship of the Earth and its people, improving of ecology and social action.
C-4	To be never without connections, without community; to feel part of a greater whole than myself or my immediate family; to make and experience a contribution to contentment in my place in my country, the world, the universe; to be healthy; to love and be loved; to continue the search for meaning, justice and peace in this earthly life to my last breath.
C-4	Safe fulfilled and happy life for my children and grandchildren; to feel loved and respected and to give love and respect in my interactions; for all in the world to know peace; to live with an open heart; to embrace the wonder of life; to feel connected to my family, friends, community and the world; to make a difference in the world.
C-4	Inner peace, contentment, health, more discipline, patience, long life without serious illness, more effective healthy political system in Canada;
C-4	To continue to live in harmony with my wife and children; to continue to be supportive with your (? in-laws?); long life; fear of pain, death;
C-4	To feel that I have lived a useful and complete life; to continue to see my children and grand-children thrive and be healthy; to be prepared to face my death, whenever it may be, and in what state I may be in an accepting manner.
I-5	Connection with people. I love finding common ground with others and building new friendships.
I-5	Connection with nature. I yearn to spend more time outdoors and learn more about life and how it works.
I-5	I yearn for spontaneity
I-5	I yearn for a little playfulness in philosophy. I enjoy thinking about things differently and seeing artistic portrayals of life. I guess what I really mean is open mindedness and diversity in thought.
I-5	Accomplishment. I want to be able to look at my life and see that I checked off most of the boxes on my big TO-DO list.
I-6	To feel in harmony with the holy
C-7	A port of calm to give us respite from the storm of physical and emotional chaos that is the regular norm within this life. An opportunity to take stock and prepare for the next storm.
C-7	A world in which people are able to look beyond their basic needs
C-7	To find an understanding of the underlying energy force that might be (is) capable of uniting us all to common goals for the good of humanity
C-7	For everyone to live sustainably so that we do not deplete the world's natural environment for the next generation and - world peace.
C-7	Relationship to people, social justice, environment and the community

- C-7 Peaceful world with enough food and shelter for everyone and respect
- C-7 Relief from child suffering
- C-7 Unity of all things
- C-7 Understanding of interbeing force to help us achieve these goals
- C-7 To be at peace with God
- C-8 Peace through compassion and understanding
- C-8 To achieve happiness once basic needs are met
- I-9 World peace, a family that loves and cares for each other, a community of support which engenders caring and respect for others- a building for our Unitarian Congregation.
- C-10 Societal: society without prejudice**meaningful relationships**to be recognized and valued within society ** no hypocrisy ** a caring world for people**dignity and worth of every person ** art and beauty ** a home, productive work and literacy for all citizens
- C-10 Societal: to radically challenge powers and corporations that disempower citizens**act as a visionary** reflect to the voice of idealism to produce action for a cause**World peace & security
- C-10 Familial: happy family**discretionary time for family sharing
- C-10 Individual Desires: physical & mental health** to see others in a positive light** a sense of belonging and feeling connected** to be loved and respected unconditionally** having friends and soul-mates** to make a positive difference in the world
- C-10 Individual Desires: to be able to make independent choices** self-acceptance and being the best person that I can be (self-supportive)** live in the moment, releasing the past** to be open to possibilities**to explore individual potential
- C-10 Character Traits: generosity,charity, compassion, empathy** courage **humility ** gratitude ** grace**honesty ** creativity ** contentment, serenity, joy, humour optimism** to experience "wholeness".
- C-10 Spirituality: to be challenged to a higher calling** to trust in the Universe** awareness of "oneness with all that is"" to live what I believe
- C-10 Spirituality: to grow spiritually** to have purity of spirit ** consciousness of spirit and soul (conscious living)
- C-10 Spirituality: comfort within a spiritual community** to return to the source of "nothingness"
- C-10 Spirituality: an encompassing, welcoming faith with inclusion for all** to celebrate the life spirit of myself and others.
- C-11 To love and be loved / to understand and to be understood / to be open to others and to have others open to me / to live amongst diversity with comfort and compassionate living together
- C-11 Working in community.
Belonging.
Being
- C-11 Experience awe and wonder and being able to express and celebrate it.
God is a verb not a noun.
Continuity of family.
Reverence and joy in nature.
- C-11 Self knowledge through community.
Making things better.
No limits to curiosity and search for knowledge and understanding.
Society of peace seekers / look for peaceful solutions
- C-11 Web of life but looking for a better image.
Supporting peaceful processes
Litigation vs force
To live with the common credo: - come and reason together.
- C-11 To heal the separation between church and state
Peaceful community

- C-11 Extend principle “worth and dignity to all persons” to all living things
Social justice
Creativity / optimism for the future / new ideas – faith in potential
- I-12 Purposful living
- I-12 Peaceful co-existence
- I-12 Not to have to compromise my values
- I-12 To have Unitarianism accepted as a viable religion/way of life
- I-12 To have Unitarianism more known and respected
- C-13 peace in my life and throughout the world; more tolerance of myself and others; joy and becoming centred and grounded; spiritual home to grow; compassion of self and others.
- C-13 authenticity - to be living my inner-most being on the outside; Spiritual home 1. 1. to be a part of every church gathering 2. Ceremony (i.e. ritual and music) 3, vehicle for social justice work; 4. intimacy, social etc.
- C-13 to feel useful, helpful; not to be lonely; to be needed, wanted, to be compassionate.
- C-13 See the meaning to this life in the hope of some more meaningful continuance of an even more enlightened and meaningful life after death; and can I have a pony?
- C-13 Fair treatment for all regardless of colour, race or origin
- C-13 connection with my husband, children, family, friends and larger community; to be part of what is larger than myself; to be valued, acknowledged, missed when I'm absent; peace within myself and my family, between warring groups; wisdom within our society to know what is truly important and then live by those principles when making decisions and wisdom within myself to weather storms gracefully; support for being a better wife and mother; support in my spiritual quest and inspiration.
- C-13 I want to say love, unconditional and unjudgemental from those around me. I want to be seen, listened to, and validated; I yearn to slow down the world and take away the technology that interferes with human connection; I want to meet and understand more people from more places and find the common seed; I want to see all people and embrace them and comfort them.
- C-13 Harmony
- C-13 To feel the direct connection to the fire of creation; to understand the purpose of the universe
- C-13 yearnings for relationship, connection, kindness - these are essential life ingredients for me and for the community I want to be part of.
- C-14 to be my most developed and/or highest self; to find kindness and compassion in my fellow persons and in myself; to experience physical and mental well-being and to attend to others in need and feel that support and love is available to me and others.
- C-14 To have loving connections to people; place to belong from which reach out to the wider community
- C-14 feel connected with all living things
- C-14 Evolution happening; may it propel me into enlightenment, sooner better than later; all human life to become a setting where conditions facilitate evolution; UU's to become more familiar with it being possible and promote ways to bring it to all societies on Earth; oneness with transcendent to experience that.
- C-14 For love and understanding for others
- C-14 Peace on Earth; Love and understanding
- C-14 To have a nice rest and restore my spiritual being after many years of service to the Unitarian movement and the community; in addition to a much more diverse group reaching out to the community, not just in words but in action. Walk the talk not just talk the talk. Making many people feel really welcome here whether they are aspiring Unitarians or not. We need to become part of the community in action; we have missed many many opportunities to do so.
- C-14 I believe in the interconnectiveness of everything in the universe and our world - indwelt by the creative spirit. I yearn to be consciously a part of this - to find the connectiveness in my relationship with others; that this connectiveness be manifest in all humanity; that every person may be respected and enabled to grow in health and spirituality (including every child in Africa)

- C-14 for decision-makers to see that war/battle/ terror does not address the underlying causes of conflict; to be respectful and be respected
- C-14 To feel humanity is a part of and not a blight on the universe; to teach responsibility and love of life to children; to accept death without fear or resentment
- C-15 The right to believe whatever is correct for me - and the right to study any and all religions - in other words the freedom afforded by the CUC
- C-15 for peace, justice and tolerance among all peoples on earth; that the journey may continue to reveal the majesty of the mystery of life.
- C-15 Music
- C-15 world peace, tolerance/understanding of others; a healthy planet; love - like one has with family and dear friends as well as the deep compassion one feels for another who is hurting and in need; I want health and happiness for all living things
- C-15 a meaningful role in life
- C-15 individualism; freedom of choice in all aspects of life; equality and fairness in society; love, peace, and understanding between people; compassion for others; intellectual challenge and stimulation; engaging art.
- C-15 to live each day with joy and delight in this beautiful world, but being ever aware of all that needs to be done to make life more acceptable for all, and not being overcome by all the violence and horror for so many millions
- C-15 more emphasis on the 7th principle re interdependent web of all existence (i.e. put all life more on the forefront)
- C-15 To be valued
- C-15 A safe, peaceful world where all share appropriately in the abundance of the world in ways that sustain our resources; for a world where people of all cultures and persuasions treat each other with dignity and respect
- C-16 To live a life that encourages myself and others to work for economic equality, democratic institutions, environmental restoration, educational excellence, abolition of violence.
- C-16 To make a difference; to be part of a community which is responsible to each member in it; to be loved and supported.
- C-16 community - exchange of ideas and knowledge, to work with, responsible for future wilderness connections; fun and joy in family and community; appreciation of beauty and goodness in the universe; meaningful work; peace in surroundings.
- C-16 To assist in making the universe a more peaceful thoughtful and loving place; to make each human species equal; to lessen suffering and starvation to assist the weak
- C-16 That we understand one another, beginning with my family and expanding out to my community and country and the world. How can we have peace without it?
- C-16 wisdom and contentment with love
- C-16 To be loved and understood by one other person and to love and take time to understand and accept that person; On the wider stage, I yearn for peace in every corner of the world, that children may receive love and good food and water so that they grow up to spread love and peace and eradicate hate and hunger.
- C-16 To be cared for and loved and to be caring and loving;
- C-16 To love and be loved; to grow in understanding of the universe and our relationship to it; to develop the capacities, potentialities within me.
- C-17 This is not something I can answer on the spur of the moment. Sorry. Perhaps "love" may sum it up.
- C-17 To understand the needs of others of different color, race, and creed and hope they will understand mine, allowing love to enter into my heart and theirs. To not judge their words and feelings and hope I would not be judged.
- C-17 To nurture hope; for universal caring; to honour mystery; to listen well; to live lightly

- C-17 For more equality in the world; For all to revel in the belief that we are all here together to walk in peace and equality; to remember we are not "lords of creation" but just one part of a magnificent whole and we need all creation just as creation needs us.
- C-17 To personal and painful at this moment of my life
- C-17 peace with compassion; at one with my community; we all take time to celebrate in our lives
- C-17 to be loved and to love without judgement; to be whole and wholly accepting of others
- C-17 Kind and compassionate to all humans; in heart, peace, community
- C-17 To find my true purpose in life; to connect with my essential being and have that be congruent in the way I interact with others and the way I live my life; to find a way to express my spiritual core/soul in a creative concrete way that enriches the lives of those around me
- C-18 To see peace in the world - sufficient food, clothing etc for all
- C-18 On a personal level, that one specific family member be whole and well and find fulfilment and happiness (can a parent be happier than the saddest child?); On a global level that the earth cease being destroyed and all people have what is needed.
- C-18 To view what I have done without guilt and preferably with satisfaction; to achieve a path towards serenity; to foster peace and kindness.
- C-18 To be cherished, involved, loved, challenged, always of religious community.
- C-18 To experience the validation and acknowledgement by fellow/sister journeyers of the value of living a religious life; and that this religious life be informed by the pursuit of truth, justice, fairness and love; I yearn to live a life where my values and beliefs are made manifest in all my deeds and works and that there is a community in which this will be acknowledged and validated.
- C-18 To be an active contributor to creating a more just world; Injustice, unfairness, crimes against people by governments hurt me deeply - but it is difficult to know how to help. I do yearn to do more to help right some of the wrongs in this world.
- C-18 To feel a strong sense of community; to be loved and supported unconditionally (well maybe not unconditionally . . . but you know what I mean); to feel love and passion and life at all times; to live in a spirit of thankfulness
- C-18 To know God and experience the mystery of teh universe; to help others to know God and experience this mystery; To feel a connection with all of life; To know that I have a purpose in life and to be able to fulfill that purpose; to be my best self; to demonstrate the love that I believe exists (I call this love God) to others; to inspire others to be their best selves and to help them dicover their purpose and fulfill it.
- C-18 To become a visual artist (painter); to see teh earth's environment protected as tantamount; to see peace in all countries; to see an end to poverty; to travel and experience the cultures of many places; to learn to accept my life as it actually is and appreciate every moment; to see all children truly loved.
- C-18 Open; Caring; Understanding; Relationships
- C-19 To live my life in connection with the world with deep respect for myself, others, and the earth. love and compassion as a blanket to keep us from fear and isolation; for love to be the first response; to be present for all of my life experiences - to learn and share in these.
- C-19 To be the best I can be; to see the sould within my fellow human beings on this journey through life; to celebrate this journey and its many facets.
- C-19 Universal Peace
- C-19 Peace in our families, our communities, the world; freedom and possibility for authentic self-expression for each and every person; Love expressed; a community where I share/grow together
- C-19 Because I am soon to be an Octogeranium (as Charlie Farquarson would put it) my yearnings are to give as much as possible of myself to improve friendships and relationships as well as to keep my affairs in order and not leave any untidiness when my time comes to leave - clean closets and drawers etc. Seriously my deepest yearning is to have more justice, no wars and no hunger in the world.

- C-19 If I left this life tomorrow I would want to know that, on this earth, I was loved and did love truly, with respect and grace; I would want to have been made happy by the work I did and to have that work make others happy, and that it contributed to deeper understanding.
- C-19 To be at home in the universe, a community of tolerance, acceptance, and companionship where what is best in each person is cultivated and celebrated; to live in a condition of spiritual awareness in tune with the diversity within.
- C-19 To see the world whole and to help all people see it this way and to live in harmony with each other and the planet.
- C-19 To do no harm; to experience the moment as it is; to see events as they really are. to then acquire the wisdom to act on this and to share with others so driven.
- C-19 Love from someone precious; friendships loyal and true; for Canada to be more separated from the USA; For good health; to see more of the world; to always have music each day; to help the less fortunate.
- C-20 To feel at home, cared-for and caring, in the world of nature, beauty and human relationships.
To honour Life, knowledge and the stewardship of the earth, all within the context of a loving, caring and connected community.
To have a positive impact on the environment, in my community, in Canada, and in the world.
To be treated with respect.
To be part of a community in which mutual respect among people is fostered, and in which all respect and care for the earth.
To do the best I can and therefore have some influence in making this a better world to live in.
To be part of a caring human community of mutual respect, where the life of the spirit is integrally related to everyday living as it affects the earth.
To be part of a community, with the companionship of others and with integrity, respecting the web of existence.
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- C-21 to be at one with the divine in the universe
- C-21 to find and live out a purpose in life - which evolves from a sense of being at one with the divine in the universe
- C-21 to live deeply, to be, to feel, to experience
- C-21 To make the world a better place, to give something back to the world, to feel that something I do makes a difference
- C-21 to live in community, not in isolation
- C-21 to be in relationship with a special other
- C-21 for peace, both at individual level, for people to be at peace with themselves, and also for peace in the world
- C-21 one member also talks of yearning for solitude, of recognizing that her journey is ultimately a solo one; though she may join forces with others at times, she feels that the strength comes from being alone.
- C-21 also a yearning for social justice in the economic sphere - to convince the corporate elites that more is not better.

- C-24 That those around me understand what I really mean and feel when I do something
- C-24 To get in touch with my spirituality
- C-24 To live in a world where there is hope and safety/comfort; to be part of making a difference - be part of making that a reality for others.
- C-24 To find a way to peacefully resolve conflicts among nations i.e sports, chess, debates. Let's stop killing each other and collectively share thoughts of lov with all on earth
- C-24 To be in community with as many individuals as I must; to live in a world where people strive for tolerance and understanding of each other; to nurture and be nurtured.
- C-24 That all beings, seen and unseen, be free of suffering and know how to be with suffering in a way that does not create more suffering for themselves and others.
- C-24 For acceptance - tolerance and love to be shared and experienced by everyone; having a community open to sharing their values and mine without judgement; to coconnect with my natural spirit - my soul in nature; for people to take responsibility to make this an incredible world where harmony and peace are honoured and cherished; that my children share in the openness and richness of this community - that they learn to be accepting of others.
- C-24 That there be variation
- C-24 That there be peace in the world - will it ever come about? That our church will grow in strength and become accepted throughout the community
- C-24 Peace in the world; respect for all
- C-25 a primal positive family bond with all my parents, siblings and children; that sigh of contentment when we are together or when we are apart and think of each other
- C-25 Peace and freedom; I want to live in a world free of fear, where people trust and respect each other. I want to live simply in tune with nature and with little or no bureaucracy
- C-25 to see, recognize and be inspired to be creative - mindful of potential for beauty in all around me; to feel and rejoice in the gift of love/friendship and community with others; a time and a place for peace and solitude
- C-25 A sense (and actuality) of community with like-minded folks and the world at large; freedom to be myself, to learn, to educate, to have fun. to mourn; Enjoy music and the other arts; to use my mind (and other talents and attributes) for its own sake - and to the greater good.
- C-25 Peace - bith personal, political, community. That we all help to realize the possibilities within us, in a peaceful way.
- C-25 Peaceful world with oppportunity for growth - spiritual and otherwise i.e. tolerance, non-violence; equity for all, men & women, rich and poor.
- C-25 A balance between urges of the "individual" and the "member of humanity"; (Western thinking seems to have moved away from being a member of a clan to being "oneself" Fundamental religion satisfies the need to belong.
- C-25 peace; harmony; spiritual growth; learning and understanding
- C-25 That there be a fairer distribution of the things that give life its glory.
- C-25 Mainly for peace and joy at all levels of life - in the family -in the community - in the country - in unity.
- C-26 to belong; acceptance; to be valued; to love and be loved; to sing; to have community
- C-26 For a fairer distribution of worldly goods - a more caring and helpful society for the poor, handicapped etc.; equality of oppportunity, particularly for children
- C-26 Peace in this world for all people
- C-26 I am looking for a more spiritual connection, something that really touches my heart, not just my head. Something that I can't find anywhere else, that would be unique, not only to the Unitarian setting but also to this specific Church
- C-26 Community and through this, compassion for the greater community and the world.
- C-26 Inner peace; peace and justice throughout the world
- C-26 To be all I can be, accepted for who I am, with all my limitations and to find a place for myself to contribute. I wish this for everyone and wish that this world were such a place. I wish to feel more love and less fear and to act more out of love than fear.

- C-26 community, solidarity, collectivity, communion of people, nature and God; love, justice, fairness, redistribution of wealth and power in the world; peace - personal and global; to be brave, courageous, take risks, do the unpopular, resist; love, compassion, passion intimacy.
- C-26 One of my deepest yearnings is to be able to overcome an almost constant feeling of of impotence - an inability to contribute to the overcoming of injustice in the world, to the achieving of peace, to addressing the evil of violence; another yearning is somehow to be more articulate in making known my beliefs and values.
- C-26 To be in line with my values. Walk my talk more for recycling, pollution assisting others
- C-27 For a feeling of belonging to something with clear purpose (action)
- C-27 Helpfulness – doing things that need doing
- C-27 Transform worship into acts. Social justice = worship in action
- C-27 To make a positive difference in the world during my brief time here so that in some small way it is a better place for my being here
- C-27 Create a place for children to learn to share understanding and live in a just world
- C-27 To watch and appreciate as my children grow older and experience life and maybe a world in which other people can do the same for their loved ones
- C-27 Find a community that generates peace locally and globally
- C-27 A good and wholesome and supportive community to bring up children in
- C-27 For a true community, where there are multiple connections among people, and a great deal of depth to be uncovered
- C-27 Connection: to loved ones, to God, to humanity, to the earth, to my inner self
- C-28 Justice for the earth and everything on it and in it
- C-28 That all people of the earth treat the environment in a fashion that ensures that our children's children's children's etc. will have a pure and beautiful place to live
- C-28 Authentic expression and acceptance of each
- C-28 Spiritual and practical balance
- C-28 Expression of creativity, of love, of connections
- C-28 To find reciprocated and unconditional love, honesty, openness and commitment in all of my relationships
- C-28 Truth/honesty before fear, tradition
- C-28 A world in which children are free to grow to their full potential
- C-28 Peace, love, harmony and respect among the people of the world. An ability to see all other points of view
- C-28 Peace within/around me and in the world, and wisdom
- C-29 Peace amongst the peoples of the entire world, and beyond when we get there
- C-29 That all humankind can listen to each other, and be able to see the world from the other's perspective. This would be the most significant step towards Universal Peace and the end of all suffering
- C-29 Justice for all the people of the earth
- C-29 For a feeling of harmony with the earth, and rightness in dealings with other people
- C-29 Harmony with nature, one on one, with greater community
- C-29 Nourish reflective/meditative part of the human subject to develop sympathy with others and build a harmonious world
- C-29 To find peace and harmony – personally and in the world I live in
- C-30 Confirmation that my life matters; that my contributions nourish the greater good - the upward evolving spiral; that my bell is struck so that the God Power experiences itself through me
- C-30 a world at peace with justice and compassion for all in a true democracy not manipulated by the wealthy and powerful
- C-30 The understanding and respect towards all beliefs which people have in this world
- C-30 That the work that humans do does not harm the non-human parts of the ecosystems - not even a flower. That money in food is equitably shared so that no mother is without food water or shelter for her children

- C-30 Peace on earth and that everyone was as fortunate as I am; To understand many things. I wish for wisdom.
- C-30 Connections with others
- C-30 To do good so myself and others have a peaceful and fruitful life; To live a creative life.
- C-30 Must accomplish change in this world before we are called to the next life we have to leave behind those who've been inspired by God through us, our actions, thoughts and words. Whether in our community or overseas it is our duty and my deepest yearning to spread God's love.

- C-30 To contribute and belong to a community; to love and to be loved; to grow and meet the challenges of life.
- C-30 To find happiness and employment in a fulfilling position that is rewarding emotionally and pays enough to let me have a comfortable and happy life.
- C-31 The morning news said that the Arab League was not going to meet for a conference, something rare. I feel the Arab world is undergoing a vital change and I hope our congregation and all Unitarian congregations can participate in making the transition viable and make the arab nations feel we are their friends.
- C-31 love , affection, acceptance, tolerance; in the wider sense, peace, acceptance and tolerance of differences; stopping the destroying of our planet earth
- C-31 My deepoest yearnings are for harmony - working for ways a diverse community of thought can get together and work towards love and understanding. This extends from the immediate family.
- C-31 That the private person inside me is private and sustaining and helps me to overcome lifes trials. That my life has and will make a difference to others. There is a person inside me that no-one knows but me. It helps to show me the way.
- C-31 Community acceptance/promotion of universal love and respect for all peoples and all that is.
- C-31 As a Unitarian i would like to see a more sharing of wealth; less poverty, hunger and sickness in the world; government taking more resoponsibility for world hunger - not only talking about it but actually putting your money where your mouth is.
- C-31 Harmony - with those around me and the world with the environment; To contribute to equity and peace in the world; end of suffering in the world,
- C-31 That i find meaning in all I do; that peace will flourish in the mieddele east and that people stop killing people because of religion, race and beliefs.
- C-31 Yearn to have a strong sense of being intimately connected with someone or something that accepts and understands me.
- C-31 To accept others as they are; to know they accept me as I am; To know I cannot change the wole world, only my small aprt, and it must be for the better. To accept me as I am.
- C-32 That the kind, good, peaceable people of the world would be strong enough to overcome the unprincipled evil dreadful people who cause so much harm and fear
- C-32 For a world of justice and peace for all and world in which love can flourish among all
- C-32 Friendship, respect, peace (inside and out) equality; authenticity
- C-32 Nurturing growth in children and people; connection - nature, people, history; tolerance; beauty - nature, words, music, harmony with people.
- C-32 Peace, fulfillment, tranquility, meaning, love closeness, familiarity, spirituality, tolerance, acceptance

- C-32 To grow and mature in a living operating faith in word and and deed. Justice and righteousness (horizontally and vertically) boil down to my challenge in llife moment by moment/day by day. This is my 60th year of life so i reflect back on the legacy building/impact of one personally and collectively. Classic scripture (OT/NT) is being rediscovered over and over again. The Passion of the Christ movie was a new challenge of being a contemporary woman of faith creatively in an BC/AD context. The ultimate understanding of love in its fullest is my joy. My overall life challenge is to reduce the negative economies and celebrate and empower the positive in all its ramifications.

- C-33 To share with others (as many as possible) expressions of love i.e. compassion, giving of oneself, to accept that love is giving and to relinquish all expectations and assumptions of what I should receive in return.
- C-33 to love and to be loved; to know in my heart that I am living up to my principles i.e. feel I have integrity; For everyone in the world to have clean air and water, sufficient food, healthcare, education and freedom from fear and to choose the religion and government they wish; these are basic rights and should not be available only to some.
- C-33 To be creative; to bring to life an appreciation for its beauty and fragility and to share that with others in my art and teaching; to love and be loved; to feel and to be an inseparable part of the web of all life on this planet; to walk softly on the planet.
- C-33 To recover or capture the intense spiritual experiences I had as a young person and keep this wonder in my life.
- C-33 At 82, to not be a burden to my dearest and to be reconciled to life being a mystery - to revel in the new insights of today's scientists and theologians
- C-33 Children everywhere will have a chance to grow in a safe and hospitable world; people everywhere will live in harmony with each other and with the planet we live on
- C-37 An "all Unitarian world" where one can find peace, reverence, respect, compassion, understanding, openness, respect, love, cooperation, etc.
- C-37 Finding meaning in one's life through UUism.
- C-37 That what I do matters in the world.
- C-37 The inherent worth and dignity of all creatures, living things, animals, environment, plants, etc.
- C-37 To have the light kindled within me. To be fully who I am. To become my whole and holy self.
- C-37 Transformation, locally, nationally, globally.
- C-37 Self expression.
- C-37 Joy of music..... ; of being together....
- C-37 God (As in the metaphysical; the search of understanding; insight.
- C-37 Awe and wonder.
- C-38 ...belonging to a group of people who share my values and principles and with whom I feel totally (?) comfortable. (Hopefully sometime in the future this will be the whole world!!)
- C-38 ...respect and love for our families, our communities, our province, our country and the world.
- C-38 ...justice and equality.
- C-38 ...love/respect for all...
- C-38 ...world peace with justice
- C-38 ...an intimate relationship with the Source; that we live in peace.
- C-38 ...all people's of the world need love, peace, acceptance and respect.
- C-38 ...to have no boundaries (national borders) in this world, especially in UUism!
- C-38 ...to get away from so much Canadian content.
- C-38 ...to know others value me as I am.
- C-39 ...to help make a positive change in the "world" starting with family, groups, community and the larger world.
- C-40 Non-violent communication. Community, peace, love, & harmony among people. Over-riding spiritual presence for everyone. Human wisdom. Disappearance of war and crime.
- C-41 To recognize how interdependent we are with/in the world. Call it Responsible Stewardship. Pay attention to what we are doing to our world. To continue a good quality of life. To continue to bring love to my family.
- C-41 To have people join together in love and hope.
- C-41 To love and be loved.
- C-41 To experience life fully, to live well. Life is a gift which we need to live fully.
To save the world
- C-41 For more social action
- C-41 Solve human problems with love and trust. Reduce violence. Respect, honour, understand/explain the world and preserve it for the future.

- C-41 To finish creating and building our home. To support our family and community.
- C-41 To honour and celebrate [my late husband's] life, work and writing and to be open to where that takes me. To live what I believe - justice, fairness, compassion, empathy, environmental responsibility. To support my values financially.
- C-41 That I keep healthy and the world be at peace.
- C-41 To create and maintain an active and loving environment and nucleus of/for my family, close and far. A real, true, honest love.
To personally contribute to an open, positive interaction to our immediate and regional, national/international community at all levels. To experience the wonders of all peoples, lands, and their achievements.
- C-42 To help and watch young people grow and become confident individuals. To have work that is rewarding, interesting and stable. To help make a difference in the community, maintain family relationships.
- C-42 The happiness of my family.
- C-42 That my life had purposes. That I will find the right house of worship for me. A place where I feel I belong, can have input, can make a positive difference in our community, and can have fun and fellowship.
- C-42 The well being of my family. That the church and the denomination grow and that the principles that guide us become better known and influence the bigger picture.
- C-42 To have more people in the church.
- C-42 To be comfortable, physically, emotionally, psychologically.
- C-42 None.
- C-42 To live my life in some form of service to others. Love of family and community. To be a contributor to my church.
- C-43 Peace, justice, equity, love, growth, willingness to listen and learn.
- C-43 To develop a broad and inclusive overview.
- C-43 To understand.
- C-43 To connect with a loving community.
- C-43 Meaning and understanding, connection to other people and the Divine.
- C-43 Peace on earth, everything else for me derives from this
- C-44 To feel at peace with my place in the universe.
- C-44 Finding satisfying ways to contribute positively to the community as I change over my lifetime (the ways will evolve as I evolve)
- C-44 Equality and justice for all: human interaction at all levels (including spiritual); an accepting, welcoming community that values my ideas.
- C-44 To meet with a group of considerate people for open-minded discussions and exchange of ideas; to find trust in relationships.
- C-44 A world in peace.
- C-44 To lead a meaningful life; to lead an authentic life in accordance with my values.
- C-45 That UUism will regain its rational, humanist core.
- C-45 That the race doesn't destroy itself and the earth. To achieve an absence of violent conflict in and among societies.
- C-45 To visit my oldest and dearest friends in other places.
- C-45 To travel to places I haven't seen.
- C-45 To continue to be useful.
- C-45 To love and be loved.
- C-45 To see more justice and equity in the world, To banish oppression.
- C-45 To have a sense of belonging. To feel closer to God.
- C-45 To have a sense of personal security.
- C-45 To have a sense of communality with all other humans.
- C-46 Connection to individuals and, with my congregation, to the large world, and the spirit of life.
- C-46 Sense of community, love in meaningful relationships.

- C-46 Interest in approaches to the unity/harmony of all existence - in a transcendental sense.
- C-46 Continuity within growth.
- C-46 Deep meaningful group discussions on subjects such as ethics, religious concepts, social issues.
- C-46 Inner peace, a sense of purpose, happiness, learning, only kindness toward one another, rewarding connections to inspiring individuals.
- C-47 Didn't do,.
- I-48 My deepest yearning is to feel a sense of inner vitality and peace. I want to feel connected to other people and know that there is a place where I can truly be at home. I want to feel that I matter and that I make a difference in the world. I also yearn to be in that place where I can truly appreciate the beauty of the people I meet, and never forget that the divine works through them too.
- C-49 Live effectively and make positive changes in the world.
- C-49 Keeping my heart open.
- C-49 Grow and show love.
- C-49 Be accepting of others.
- C-49 Be non-judgemental.
- C-49 Live my life with integrity and honesty.
- C-49 Experience the joy of life.
- C-49 Have peace of mind and be empathetic.
- C-49 Strive for 'transparency' - pull down walls so people can see and connect with me.
- C-49 Be a 'wound healer'.
- C-50 Connection:
- *To continue the special and deep relationship with my wife.
 - *To connect on a deep level with myself and other people, with nature and with animals.
 - *I yearn to be part of something larger than myself.
 - *A yearning to be in a healthy connected relationship with another.
 - *To be in a healthy connected relationship with myself.
 - *To see and feel my kids established on their own adult journey.
 - *Love
 - *Belonging
 - *Connection
 - *Sense of community
 - *Friendships, companionship, kindredship, sense of belonging
 - *Need for supportive enlightened and eloquent communities and resources
 - *Feeling at home with a community that I can share my spiritual growth with.
 - *Love
 - *Making a positive contribution
 - *Make a positive difference in the lives of other people.
- Time and Balance
- *Sufficient time to achieve balance in life, search for the meaning of life.
 - *Strive to make/find time/quiet/focus needed for search for ind. Meaning.
- Purpose
- *Overwhelming need to search and/or construct an inclusive personal sense of meaning.
 - *Deepest yearning is to believe I am doing the right things while I am alive
- C-57 For faithfulness, truth, honesty, respect. A healed heart when these values are compromised.

- C-57 To find a place of deep contentment, and satisfaction with all parts of my life. To find work that I enjoy, that contributes to the world in a meaningful way, that energises me to keep at it. To find space in each day for refreshment, for laughter, for cuddling, for solitude, for playing. To have the time and the peace of mind to fully experience the world in which I live. To wonder at the exquisite beauty of the wild flowers growing in our garden. To enjoy the music of the trees, streams and the bird choruses around me, even in downtown Windsor. To find and create a community that experiences me and my family as part of the "us" rather than one of "them"..
- C-57 For peace - inner and outer. For each human being (including myself) to have the opportunity to fulfil their potential. For social justice to be realised. For all living creatures to be respected. For the Earth to be honoured. For the oneness of all to be accepted.
- C-57 Belonging. Contentment. A world in which I can live what I believe. And where I (and my family) are safe from discrimination and fear of fear. That my child will find a place of acceptance and love that will live beyond her parents.
- C-57 To love life and try to understand how my life fits in to the world. To help make the passage through life easier for all.
- C-57 Ultimately, happiness, but a sense of satisfaction in what I am doing. To love and be loved. To live a deeply peaceful and spiritual life.
- C-57 To have passion for what I do. To have people/activities in my life that stimulate the desire to work hard, to be committed, to pursue worthwhile activities and relationships. For all to fulfil their potential.
- C-57 I long for peace - personal peace and public peace. I yearn for more freedom from rules and regulations and government control. I need to have some comfort that the food I eat is safe; the same for water. I need more out of my personal relationships. I need to continue to search for my own spirit.
- C-57 Peace and happiness. Sense of belonging.
- C-57 Connection - to self, to others, in a grander scheme. Fulfillment - having contributed, having left something behind at the end, Deeper understanding - in depth awareness. This all to be achieved by having a beautiful cottage getaway!
- C-58 To understand why humans are on this earth, We are the only species that does not need to exist.
- C-58 To have a more peaceful pesticide/herbicide free environment. To live in a community that supports one another socially, economically (where small business could thrive), to remain distinct from the U.S (not even adopt their spelling) to have less capitalistic structure
- C-58 That we learn as a world community to contribute to sustainable development in order to have a clean environment for future generations. That people learn to 'get along' both on a personal level (being able to accept each other's differences) and on a societal level in order to be able to avoid wars.
- C-58 Openness with God. Joyful lives for my children and my family. Wisdom, joy and serenity. A healthy peaceful world. World justice.
- C-58 Love, freedom, comprehension/understanding of the universe. To succeed as a parent. To make a recognised contribution to the world.
- C-58 Help to make the world safe so that others may have peace at heart; enough material success so I may indulge my comforts, books, food, gardens, art; a healthy life for children I know and don't know.
- C-58 To continue my personal quest for spiritual growth and truth. To integrate more fully my spiritual, political, social activism into my life as fluid, interconnected and unconflicted.
- C-59 To experience the Creator within me - become one with it.
I yearn to feel in harmony in myself, with my community and with the natural world.
To be deeply connected with that spirit in the universe that I call God.
To be connected with all that is - the interconnected web of existence.
Community.

- C-59 I yearn for others to join me in my religious quest for meaning in life
I yearn to feel at peace in myself, with my community and with the world.
The song says "our spirits long to be made whole" I yearn to seek and experience a sense of wholeness.
I yearn for connection to others and the universe and to the natural world.
- C-59 That the human community acts with a sense of past, present, and future.
Learning, gaining new knowledge/insights about the world, about people, about myself.
- C-59 A yearning for more knowledge, understanding. New insights as per John S.
- C-59 Live a full life, seeking truth, removing barriers to understanding with love, know what it is to be human, understand the humanity in others.
To always be in the process of awareness in my learning and growing.
- C-59 Yearning for widespread sharing of our values and attitudes.
To receive the divine gifts of love, wisdom, understanding and judgment, and to share them with the world.
- C-59 To use my strengths to make the world a better connected place (to foster interconnections among people).
- C-59 Deepest yearning - to live a meaningful and rewarding life. Seeking and expressing spiritual, social, ethical and moral values and practices.
- C-59 Harmony and musicality in the world, inclusive of all of humanity and the natural world - that our human community acts with this wisdom and sensitivity.
To live my life with meaning and purpose, to make a difference, to be the best I can be.
- C-59 Live in harmony with spirit - intellect - full application to make a contribution towards making the world a better place to live.
- C-60 Connectedness: being part of what is all around us, that interdependence (3 responses)
- C-60 To find meaning in life. (2 responses)
- C-60 To find purpose in life (for one person that means "to be happy with myself and who others are"; for another it meant "to make the world a better place because of my presence). (3 responses)
- C-60 Peace (1)
- C-60 Spirituality (1)
- C-60 To live in the moment (1)
- C-60 Membership in a trusting, respectful and helping community---one that has understanding. (2)
- C-60 Forgiveness (1)
- C-60 Variety and spontaneity in life
- C-61 - good family communications and calm attitudes - good physical health as well as mental – enhanced clear thinking - rational approaches, not quick judgments - peace in the world - a greater sense of harmony and balance - a little more joy and laughter wh

- C-62 a) a state of being that's the opposite of detachment: full & deep & rich - creativity unleashed; and
to be part of a beloved community: giving as much as taking: opposite of the myth of the individual.
b) to care for and be cared for by those around me and they for each other; and
to have people aware of and responsive to other beings, plant or animal.
c) to connect with people as deeply as I can and connect deeply with my spiritual source
d) ditto, and connect with myself and also the physical world - connection beyond the physical
e) connect with community that shares my strong curiosity about many aspects of life and through that to bond with people in spiritual and compassionate ways - a peacemaking; and creativity is important.
f) self-actualization: to challenge my creativity, my coordination, live a full life, do my best at whatever I undertake.
SUMMARY? probably deep connections, community.
- C-63 To be of service to that sacred oneness of which we are a part---this involves acting to create a healthy, just, peaceful and beautiful world.
- C-63 To become more aware of the interconnectedness of all, so that out of that knowledge and experience, I can respond in a compassionate way to care for others and create a healthy and enriching community.
- C-63 To use creativity in transforming the world and how we view it---including to create beauty and joy!
- C-63 To love and be loved.
- C-63 To feel deep connection.
- C-63 To be known and to know others.
- C-63 To find meaning in life and to act on that meaning with integrity.
- C-63 To continue to find the purposes of my life and to act on them.
- C-63 To live my life fully.
- C-63 To be there with others in our life journeys, sharing joys and challenges, and learning with each other, as well as enjoying the richness that all our diversities bring to the circle of humanity.
- C-64 Peace - personal, spiritual and world, unconditional love and acceptance, finding meaning and helping to create meaning, trust, inclusiveness, health, good friends, honesty, tolerance, harmony, acceptance..
- C-64 Working together to find solutions, community, activism, fellowship/friendship, growth and change, spiritual journey, real and authentic connections.
- C-64 Unity, spiritual/soul connections, justice, safety, every voice is heard, consensus, deep self-fulfillment for all.
- C-64 Unity through diversity, finding my place, peace through encouragement and sharing of love and the practising of compassion, altruism and generosity.
- C-64 Occasional peace on all levels, sense of belonging, intimacy, communion, everyone promoting the worth and dignity of every person, to first keep in our minds that we must always strive to achieve the goals of UUs.
- C-64 To begin, try, start, learn or cultivate peace into our world, balance not imbalance (especially between our inner and outer lives), grow and be the best can be in this life to help prepare you for the next, live with integrity, live ethically, respond not react, serenity, awareness.
- C-64 Adding to the love in the world, conscious, getting our message out without anger, speak out against greed, consumerism, capitalism, being world watch and planet wise.
- C-64 Home and family, non-violence, inner peace, respect as a female, passion, wisdom, compassion, personal union or relationship with God/divine.
- C-64 Living and dying with meaning, being in right relationships with others, fun and humour, music, interdependence, joy, shared worship, reduce suffering and violence.

- C-64 Eliminate homelessness, eliminate poverty, recognize that we are one - and yet connected to everything and all existence, in touch with our own individual spiritual purpose in life: why am I here? Universal understanding that all religions share the same basic beliefs (i.e Golden Rule - love one another and do good to your fellow human beings), knowledge.
- C-65 To have a place where one can admit yearnings.
- C-65 To share, to be free to talk about yearnings.
- C-65 Community.
- C-65 To be in a group where there are shared values. Social justice.
- C-65 To understand and be understood. Respect of other's positions.
- C-65 A place where religious literacy is cultivated, knowledge of other's languages and symbols.
- C-65 To find common ground.
- C-65 The right to religious dissent,, pluralism.
- C-65 Mutuality, diversity within the bounds of mutuality.
- C-66 Being part of a community, global peace and the end of war, economic and social equity, respect for and preservation of the natural environment, my own sense of personal internal peace.
- C-66 Peace and freedom from suffering of all living beings, to celebrate life and accept its mysteries, freedom from fear and anger.
- C-66 Financial security, to accept myself and to live my unique life withing this world,, accepting others as they are.
- C-66 To help fear vanish and love grow in its place, to know spirit inside and outside of myself - to live from my centre and to be truthful with myself and others.
- C-66 To celebrate life.
- C-66 To use our Canadian roots and connections with 1st nations peoples to work towards hope and peace.
- C-66 Recapturing faith and sharing it with children. To make a difference.
- C-66 A value structure with reason as primary, sense of connectedness to community and eternity.
- C-66 Experience of oneness with life, to develop competence in handling fear, anger and the randomness of life.
- C-66 Responsibility for our own lives and actions, collective responsibility and the realization that war is caused by people. Breaking down barriers between religions.
- C-67 My deepest yearning is to experience more often that elusive sense of belonging and immersion in the moment that comes occasionally when I am walking or working in the dirt, or simply staring at the night sky.
- C-68 Balance.
- C-68 "Live long and prosper."
- C-68 Nobody excluded from justice.
- C-68 To be at one with myself, other people, and the universe.
- C-68 "Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
- C-68 "Proper" (for me) understanding of the divine.
- C-69 Home - a place to belong; community; a place where each person lives their truest self; a place where one is valued and loved.
- C-69 Relationships - a deep peace in society's relationships; integrity, compassion and generosity; heart.
- C-69 A place where the other is welcomed (ethnic, faith etc.).
- C-69 Space for contemplation (vs. action) and deep peace.
- C-69 Compassion and understanding between groups and nations.
- C-69 Reaching out to the world - supporting others from our own richness (\$s and other). connecting to the world; connecting to people.
- C-69 Far sightedness and sustainability.
- C-69 Environmental harmony.
- C-69 Embodiment of ideals.
- C-69 Personal Freedom - balanced by personal safety and by responsibility

- C-70 We yearn for oneness with God/Creation/the Universe, peace of mind, and happy children.
- C-70 We yearn for a better, more just world, free of hate, war greed, alienation and desecration.
- C-70 We yearn for personal fulfillment and creative work and to grow in compassion and understanding.
- C-70 We yearn for a sense of belonging, connectedness, community, family.
- C-71 Spiritual connectedness with self and community.
To find spiritual meaning in the company of like minded people.
To be in community in the deepest sense emotionally, intellectually, spiritually.
To have moments of clarity that get longer & longer.
To be aware and affirm the diversities of others.
Affirming diversity, embracing diversity:
- opportunities to grow in wholeness - to become fully human,
 - elimination of all suffering in the world,
 - inclusively,
 - synthesis of diversity,
 - acknowledgment of universal interconnectedness.
- Peace, Strength, Courage, Knowing, Certainty
Perfecting my relationship with my own God and helping others to perfect their relationship with their own God.
Personal growth in supportive diversity.
Connection to the world of which I am a part:
- Alertness, Awareness, Lovingness, Caring for, giving and receiving.
- Global love, joy, and peace; reverent sharing abundance of Creation and unity in diversity.
Foster creativity and inquiry and internal contemplation.
Synthesis of different ideas.

Q2. How would someone know that a given value was a value of yours?

- I-1 Only if the values are articulated well and often by both the professional and lay leadership.
- I-1 Through active participation in the affairs of the community.
- I-1 Through osmosis and passage of time.
- C-3 It is largely by our deeds, what we do, "walking the talk" that someone would know that a given value was a value of ours.
- C-3 It is even better when deeds are accompanied by communication.
- I-5 My studies - I am a biology student because I have a deep respect for life and love to learn about how it works.
- I-5 The language I use. I avoid saying 'permanent' phrases like 'he's dumb' vs 'that was a dumb thing to do' and 'she's mean' vs 'she probably was having a bad day.' I try not to use words like 'bad' or 'evil' when referring to people (only Engineers...kidding).
- I-5 By the people I chose to spend my time with - I spend more time with people who offer mutual respect, not people who expect me to conform to their ways of thinking/acting.
- I-5 Where I spend my time - I spend more time volunteering than watching television, for example.
- I-5 By the things I buy - I don't spend a lot of money on junk food or going to movie theatres. I do, however, participate in fundraisers for charitable organizations.
- I-5 By what I chose to talk about - I'd prefer to discuss the new law in France about Muslim schoolgirls not being allowed to wear headscarfs than about Janet Jackson's exposure incident.
- I-6 I would hope by my living up to it
- C-7 I would hope that they would observe it in my behaviour. If not, I would not be above telling them.
- C-7 By observing how I act, what I teach, how I spend my time.
- C-7 Living by example
- C-7 Use of words in conversation
- C-7 Open and honest conversation (no taboos)
- C-7 Frugal and considerate life
- C-7 What I teach
- C-7 Living consistently/sharing values
- C-7 Acting and speaking in accordance with values
- C-7 Informal discussion groups
- I-9 My attitude and more important my actions would, hopefully, reflect the value.
- C-10 Personal Characteristics: Listening, without judgment and with patience ** Honesty, treating others fairly** Loving, reflecting love in all deeds** Perseverance and strength, to dispute unpopular causes with conviction
- C-10 Personal Characteristics: Live an exemplary life, to guide others ** Vulnerability, to seek guidance ** Generosity, with no expectation of return** Authenticity, trueness of character in work, play and worship
- C-10 Personal Characteristics: Creativity, art, books, stories, home decorating ** Love of friends, conversation, observation, contact
- C-10 Shared Societal Values: World Peace, speaking out against violence (participate in rallies and marches) ** Environmental Concerns, recycle, reuse, reduce, down-size, food quality ** Children's rights, political action against injustice
- C-10 Shared Societal Values: Animal rights, practice veganism: advocate animal protection / Land Usage, organic gardening, restoring and protecting natural areas** Equal Status for All, regardless of race gender or creed
- C-10 Shared Family Values: Marriage, respected in all definitions ** Work ethic, gives energy to all projects ** Care, for family and friends, "being there" ** Action, incorporating beliefs into daily lifestyle ** Teach, practice earth-friendly habits
- C-10 Spirituality: Faith, UU membership, prayer and meditation** Reverence for life, spiders and stray cats** Expressing true self, aiming for clarity and simplification** Acceptance, of different beliefs and values as O.K.

WORKSHOP RESPONSES

Detail

- C-10 Spirituality: Speaking, to others of one's values **Transparency, open witness, shared worship, admitting mistakes ** Trust, that results are not always immediate or visible
- C-10 Spirituality: Joy, celebrating the gifts that others give you **Growth, continuing to evolve spiritually
** Blessedness, a witness to others who ask about ethics and integrity
- C-11 Try to live my values
Listening to others
Through the community of people I associate with – circle of friends
- C-11 Express values by how we bring up our children
Public witness: demonstrations, letters, petitions, etc.
Pay attention to people and events around me
- C-11 Support people who are in struggle for things I support
By my verbal behavior: - inclusive language, concern for others
By my work
- C-11 By my money
My choice of work and how I pursue it
- C-11 My sermons at church
By my honesty about not living up to what I expect of myself
- C-11 By the balance I maintain between my work (paid and volunteer), my family and my personal time.
By doing my civic responsibilities:- voting, jury duty, shovel sidewalk, etc.
Mentoring
- C-11 By finding ways to praise what I love
My volunteer hours in community and my willingness to do the dirty jobs
By taking time to be in nature
- C-11 By reducing the environmental footprint of my living and my play
By expressing gratitude
Dreaming / doing
Welcoming of new ideas
- C-11 Modeling of collaborative decision making
Daily activities
Vegetarianism
Study issues from broad perspective – speak to these issues
- C-11 Ministry by example
Fell spiritual when doing social justice activities
Express my spirit through art
- I-12 When I walk my talk, personally and professionally
- C-13 peace; compassion; joy; beauty; through the way I live my life; the way I act to other people and how I live my life;my values are what I choose to do as I live my life.
- C-13 Honesty with self and others; usefulness to my communities; act out of love - myself and others; tolerance of self and others. When asked, give truth kindly; volunteer work; positive and loving interaction; being non-judgemental , at least suspending it.
- C-13 honesty, integrity, compassion and love; hopefully i exhibit values that are important to me.
- C-13 Insight, truth, compassion, love; hopefully by how I lived my lifeand relate to others; that my reaction and response to a specific event would show what I truly valued; and I really value Pinto in a pony!
- C-13 Friends, time to sit and experience my surroundings, caring (for others and self), fun and friends. By being open and greeting new people or those I don't know rather than just talking to my friends or those I feel comfortable with.

- C-13 devotion to family and friends by how I spend my time; appreciation of the beauty of life in all its complexity (and even ugliness); to live my life with integrity; to be part of a "forward movement" not be swirled about in back eddies because of fear, but instead to step into the current and flow, to brave the rapids.
- C-13 love without judgement; time to listen to children; time to care for the Earth (learn about it, practice helaing it, and teaching about it); laughter - finding joy with one another through games, dancing, playing tag, making movies, cooking). Of course this is what I aspire to but I know that I don't laugh enough, don't listen enough or take the time I should to hear my children and share the wisdom of myself and the Earth with them.
- C-13 sincerity; respect for others; involvement in social justice issues, acknowledge positive thoughts in others (give positive strokes)
- C-13 Walk gently on the Earth mother; social justice; authenticity in relationships; accountability
- C-13 kindness, imagination, hopefulness, integrity; these values are expressed in my life through relationships, community involvement, through my children
- C-14 joy in family and interactive with community; good deeds done; kindness extended; anything that expresses a faith in human kind. Actions, money, time, behavious? - I hope so.
- C-14 I have no idea - I would have to ask them. Loving, respect, honesty, generosity of spirit.
- C-14 Act. By reaching out; not be disappointed if this doesn't happen; connectedness and feel value in connectedness with the deep inner self (God?) (most important); help people reach their full potential (facilitating this is very satisfying to me)
- C-14 Easy - i am always talking that way to inform that realistic proven, fast, method is available first time history. This is me, not intellect, at work.
- C-14 By my understanding; love and caring; feelings of others; sharing of experiences
- C-14 Accepting people for what they are; love of family and friends; kindness to others; helping others as you can.
- C-14 By the way I conduct my life and my participation in both the Church and community; Helping people develop their own abilities and be willing to contribute and share these abilities; help in the healing process with spirituality, mentally and physically - all are intertwined.
- C-14 individual worth; environmental care; friendship and concern of each other; social justice. By my attitude - I do respect other people's concerns; by my words; by my actions - I think I fail at this more often than I succeed.
- C-14 raising my child compassionately and lovingly; helping people to be healthier through my work; growing food and flowers; singing (as a way to express myself artistically); they would see that value interwoven in the way I live my life on a daily basis.
- C-14 helpfulness; kindness; truthfulness; receptivity to others; communication by words and behaviour; work for desired values; acknowledgement of mistakes and continuing to try.
- C-15 Honesty; Kindliness; sharing (of selves); rational thinking; Unless discussed, no-one could know of my values - I may believe one thing and act differently; opportunities should/could be offered where these values are discussed - under leadership so that discussions do not "get out of hand". Probably all 4 values are evident in me - however not all the time; mistakes and failures are common. Striving is the norm.
- C-15 family and community values; spiritual explorations which feature honesty, tolerance and truth; justice and tolerance in judicial government organizations; personal responsibility. Through conversation and a sense of what my values are. By the example of my lifestyle.
- C-15 to hear me sing
- C-15 I would teach it, stand behind it, celebrate "seeing" it in others; physical and mental/emotional/intellectual health of self family and community; supporting the whole village raises a child idea with both people and the environment (nature); love and tolerance.
- C-15 Leaving the world a bit better off than the way you found it; consideration of others. The way you behave; the way you use your own resources; the way you treat others.
- C-15 honesty; justice; engagement with nature; companionship and love. Walking my talk; speaking up when injustice is perceived; making life choices that reflect my values.

- C-15 Working for social justice; accepting of diversity; enjoyment of nature; striving to be compassionate. By my acceptance of those who are "different" and devoting most of my spare time and extra money to trying to make the world a better place.
- C-15 health; love; truth; animals, planet life etc. (conservation etc.); music - I go to symphonioes and take pianbo lessons (joy)I value my volunteer work at Wild, ARC' and have thanked those who have contributed "Daisy Dollars" (UPC labels) from Island Farms. I have also encouraged this process (helping the whole environment)
- C-15 fairness; compassion/empathy; strength, wisdom. By my actions; by my demonstration of consideration; by how well I recognize others' issues.
- C-15 community; good health; being useful and productive as a person; freedom and the right of conscience. By how I translate my values and put them into practice in my daily life; By how I am prepared to support causes that reflect my values.
- C-16 Community spirit; ecological respect/environment protection; wealth distribution or redistribution; reduction of poverty. would know by community/church activities.
- C-16 I model the values in my behaviour; I promote those values verbally in encounters with other people; I write about them in the appropriate forum
- C-16 social justice; honesty; compassion; open to new ideas. By the way I live my life.
- C-16 honesty/truth; justice, respponsibility for earth and its residents; sharing with humanity at large and small; must enjoy time on earth; How? dedication to science and clear thought, learning from history; environmental conscience and action - tyime, monet, children's education; time with family and friends, lifelong interest in other cultures' perspectives, art etc., play and interact
- C-16 to love; to communicate; happiness; truthfulness. Kindness to others; considersation of and to others; acceptability of the weak and strong; forgiveness and encouragement.
- C-16 worth of all people; fairness - i.e. justice; care of the environment; try to listen to others and find out what makes them feel valued; try to get people to see another's point of view and do it myself; try to save our fresh water, recycle as much as possible and use the earth's commodities sparingly.
- C-16 dogs & nature; colour - rejoicing, soul food; compassion, love; plants - natur; flowers - feed soil; soft voice - gentleness; forgiveness - humility.
- C-16 Integrity, honesty, art, sensitivity. It would mean speaking ouot against cruelty, torure, lies, corruption; sensitivity allows me to be compassionate; I try to show integrity and honesty in my interactions with friends, family and business connections; art is my succour at my deepest level, more private - but shared with others whose lives are integrated with art.
- C-16 Appreciation - thankful; to forgive myself first and then to be able to forgive; to have "love as a guide" be comfortable by love and strengthened by love; I hope that I can and have found ways to show that I care; we need to try to live up to our beliefs. As much as is possible for me I would like to "practice what i preach".
- C-16 search for knowledge and understanding; integrity; compassion. By living a life that exemplifies.
- C-17 Family; empathy for others; personal safety and comfort; environment. By the way I respond to people
- C-17 Perhaps by my words and actions; would I need to speak up? I am not sure; to take off my mask and be who I really am; be gentle with myself and others; to try to speak with love; to hope I am part of the earth family, they exist in me and I in them; to know I am part of all living things - human, animal, plant and insect.
- C-17 Integrity; compassion; respect; humility; By teh way I live, how I expend my time and energy (I hope)
- C-17 Compassion, integrity, joy, faithfulness. I would hope these would show in the way I live.
- C-17 Honesty/openness, friendship, empathy/concern, selflessness. The values a person has come through very quickly; in the course of conversation(s) about things; I do not hide my values in any case; by means of actions & lifestyle.
- C-17 by my actions and my deportment; recognizing an openness and willingness to discuss differences without judgement; integrity; be an adbvocate for the marginalized.

- C-17 freedom, peace, health, integrity; by behaving with compassion; attempting to put myself in the shoes of the other, not judging or condemning; by being honest in all aspects of life, personal and work.
- C-17 after thinking about them conversation/body language, find their comments agreeable, I would make it known to them
- C-17 to be meaningful; how I spend time and money
- C-17 integrity; respect for nature; valuing the inherent worth of each individual; treat others as I would like to be treated. By what I do with my life, the way I treat people, the way I spend my free time.
- C-18 peace, serenity, love, caring; I try to practice these principles in my daily life
- C-18 They would see me promoting and living that value; I'd be sharing my vision. "Boldly venture and explore". To use talents and gifts and grow and live well and embrace life. Greatest gift in my life, my children.
- C-18 Love, honesty, rational approach to problems, joy for self and others. Good question. I don't wear my heart on my sleeve. I hope my actions mirror my values; I also hope that I have the courage to stand up and be counted for my values/opinions/beliefs.
- C-18 integrity, honesty, joy, justice. I hope it would be known by how I live, how I choose to distribute my resources - time, money, energy.
- C-18 to love another and oneself; to take responsibility for my life; to be informed and to actively participate in the stewardship of this planet; to strive to live in the present. These values are demonstrated by the use of my energy, time and resources, actions and words, where I put \$.
- C-18 Taking care of planet; love of God, friends and family; to help people, causes that improve things; to operate with integrity, true to myself. They would know it through how I spend my time and some of my money; hopefully also my attitude and approach with other people.
- C-18 love; positivity; connection with the spirit; open-mindedness/communication; through my actions and words (I try my hardest to make them match!); I try to keep these values in every interaction I have with others; also how I choose to spend my time
- C-18 honesty; courage; integrity; love/belief in God. By my honest actions; by having the courage of my convictions; by living a life that has a deep spiritual foundation that is shared with others.
- C-18 sense of peace; appreciation of nature; freedom to believe; education. Time/money behaviour; learning meditation/participating in counselling; take daily walks in parks/ participate in local environmental group; attend UU church/open-minded; love to learn/encourage and support my child in any way I can in his learning/ love to read, attend lectures etc./ Foster Parents Plan
- C-18 Integrity; trustworthiness; Charity; responsibility. I declare it. I live it.
- C-19 Love, respect, encouraging others, honesty. My love and care for my family; my encouragement and joyful approach to teaching; my respectful honesty with friends and all; my involvement in spiritual learning and growth
- C-19 honesty, integrity, fairness, justice. To the best of my ability I am honest, truthful, in thought, word, deed. My use of money, recycle, my use of time, family.
- C-19 Trust, honesty, faithfulness, understanding. By the way you communicate and carry out your daily life.
- C-19 Compassion, respect, trust, freedom, authenticity, integrity, joy and love. I walk the talk through my work, friendships, and actions I live each moment wherever whatever always.
- C-19 Compassion must be the first - having understanding and empathy for all living things, without judgement. Integrity is one as well, perhaps a part of compassion - having a sense of right and wrong, but not locked into dogma. Having respect for oneself and the earth. Living the example. It's not enough to speak the words "I hear what you say but I see what you do" - actions have energy and beget more energy and more action.
- C-19 integrity inc absolute truthfulness; love of beauty in the natural world, in art, in music; joyfulness; kindness. by my standards of behaviour - direct, thoughtful, honest, striving for insight; by respecting other's views; by my creativity especially in the use of colour and movement; by a positive attitude.

- C-19 integrity, maturity; kindness; respect. By my actions.
- C-19 Equality in every relationship; I am sometimes not kind when it comes to being direct; words like tolerance reek with condescension for me; I support local farmers/ store/manufacturers first - Walmart never; Democracy: is not a bargain basement special. It is expensive in terms of real energy expended. I don't invest my energy in "rootless capital" rather co-ops and credit unions. \$. Time.
- C-19 the ethical be more prevalent than too apparent these days; communication with others; peace in this beautiful world. Shown by my actions, words, weekly activities, choice of reading; the friends I have shown who i am.
- C-20 Caring – by seeing me care for someone to whom I no longer had any attraction / for someone who had abused me / my dog who had to be euthanized.
- C-20 Honouring potential – by observing my respect for my non-English speaking co-workers.
- C-20 Kindness – by seeing my support for my family and the way I listen to my friends.
- C-20 Simplicity – by observing that I don't buy or consume more than necessary.
- C-20 Honesty – by seeing that I am trusted with others' money and trusted to follow through on commitments.
- C-20 Integrity – my career choices show that I value this beyond personal gain.
- C-20 Beauty and health – my garden, in which Nature is trusted and nurtured, is evidence.
- C-20 Environmental respect – I've had an effect on my community's policies.
- C-21 from seeing our behaviour in personal relationships: being compassionate, listening to each other and treating others's preferences and opinions respectfully, being of service. One of us said "living is giving".
- C-21 from seeing where we put our money (ex: contributions to Oikocredit)
- C-21 from seeing where we put our *time* as well as money - volunteering, choice of leisure activities...
- C-21 from seeing our manner of being in daily life - living out a confidence that "joy is a natural state of being" by trying to exude that sense in daily life.
- C-21 through sharing of passion - I value "living deeply" in a physical sense as well as in others, and share that passion by often leading a hiking group that I started in the Fellowship.
- C-21 through our work, both in our choice of work (when we are so lucky) and in our manner of carrying it out - ex: how I treat my students in my work as a junior high teacher.
- C-21 Sometime we support our values in indirect ways - I believe in social justice, but do not participate directly as an activist. Rather, my contribution is to work like a trojan trying to keep the "homefires" burning at the fellowship, and hope like crazy that others are thereby empowered to involve themselves more directly.
- C-24 a shared thought with someone; compassion for/with those in need; the happiness I see when children discover; the intimacy and beauty of nature around us. I have a tendency to tell them - over and over again and i hope that my actions demonstrate what my values are.
- C-24 Sincerity, friendship, compassion
- C-24 respect; empathy; honesty; laughter; I hope by the way I live though I know much of my resolution about these things is internal; By the way my children live their lives (mostly); by the goals I have for the time left and where I put my time and money.
- C-24 By my actions and words to others.
- C-24 Love one another; honesty and integrity; service in others; loyalty to family and friends. It would be reflected in my actions and behaviours. It would form part of my questioning and search for meaning. i would be supportive of that value wherever it was promoted and reflected.
- C-24 Non-harming; compassion; facilitating the unique expression of self and others allowing our true nature to be seen/heard; Patience. Through my actions and words - what I say to others; how I treat others; how I choose my activities.

- C-24 humour; responsibility; community; creativity. I love to laugh and bring joy to others; working hard towards goals and living life in a full and focussed way; being surrounded by people - looking at the big picture and trying to share that with others; creative expression in everything from the food we eat, the garden, the inside of my home, my work - sharing that love of creativity with my children.
- C-24 truth, tolerance, honesty, non-violence. By looking into my eyes.
- C-24 family, church, good health, generosity
- C-24 honesty; humour; respect; co-operation. Hopefully by my behaviour.
- C-25 family respect; environment; laughter; feminism; peace. from my actions, behaviours, what I say about them (the values); I like to think I am a fairly "open book" when it comes to issues like the environment or feminism among others! Quality time with kids, parents, spouse; recycling; conserving; preaching; marching; smiling; laughing; demonstrating.
- C-25 Integrity; frugality; love of nature; love of family and friends; I try not to use more than I need; I try to be honest and un wasteful; I try to spend time outdoors and with family and friends
- C-25 integrity; generosity; mindfulness; gentleness/kindness. by my behaviours; through my words; willingness to face that I'm not always able to live my values as I might aspire
- C-25 Friendship; music and the arts; improving the world little by little. my smile; my actions; a reasoned passionate argument; Do friends look forward to seeing me? participation and encouraging participation; use of mind, visibly taking a stand no matter how small.
- C-25 Kindness; joyfulness; forgiving; friendliness. By the way I relate to them and to others. "Even a child is known by his doings"
- C-25 care for natural world; compassion for others; equity; family and friends. action; financial support; speaking up for those not able to; supporting my community.
- C-25 Only by what I do. My main value is to perceive all I experience as a coherent whole.
- C-25 Compassion; sensitivity; relationships; health and happiness; love; kindness.
- C-25 by working with you on meaningful projects; by observation of you; by engaging you in friendly conversation.
- C-25 helpfulness; love; sharing; caring for others - By my actions and reactions to diverse situations.
- C-26 honesty and integrity; connection/being present; respect for the earth/for all life; outreach/caring/sharing. It would show in the way I live and the choices I make in how I live.
- C-26 dependability; compassion; love; honesty; By organizations involved in - mental health, church, education, environment, politics
- C-26 love; respect for others' views and opinions; caring for others; compassion. If I live as my values dictate.
- C-26 To help others wherever I can; To experience nature (plants & animals) on a spiritual level; to look for a spiritual connection through music; to be true and compassionate - I try to live these values as best I can.
- C-26 Community, understanding, compassion, making a difference. I talk to others what it means to me to be a UU. I try to live my life with "the principles" always in the back of my mind. From a bumper sticker on my car to a button of protest that I wear.
- C-26 Honesty; integrity; empathy/compassion; morality. Through my actions and deeds and conversations.
- C-26 To be non-judgmental, listening to people's stories with an open heart; to not consciously cause anyone harm (not have the intention to cause harm); to help everyone find a place and be appreciated and loved; to protect and defend the vulnerable. This would be a value that I live rather than just what I preach.
- C-26 intimacy/community/relationships; peace (inner & global); justice (economic, political and social); personal growth. the company I kept; how I vote; how I spend, give, take; what I do; what I say; how I resist.
- C-26 compassion; the attempt to grow in understanding and appreciation of the values of others; to be non-judgemental; truthfulness and honour. Others could only know of my values by how I act and demonstrate those values.

- C-26 Love; passion; understanding; peace within. By demonstration of action and words.
- C-27 They would see it expressed in my actions and choices
- C-27 Often keep my own values “private”
- C-27 Personal growth – counseling, personal, reading, couple, thinking/meditating, self-reflection (critical thought)
- C-27 Environment – vegetarian, re-cycling, second hand buying, cycling, moving so less driving and more in sync with lifestyle
- C-27 Nature – animals, plants, teach children about nature
- C-27 Learning – say I don’t know, use dictionary, encyclopedia, learn from children and admit it
- C-27 Art – music lessons, dance, art hung, concerts
- C-27 You might tell them
- C-27 You might perform it (the value might demand enactment in order to come into being)
- C-27 They might not know (the value might be in the form of a reflection)
- C-28 You might not fit in (the value doesn’t correspond to the status quo)
- C-28 You might not do something
- C-28 They would see it in the way a person lives and conducts themselves
- C-28 Hopefully, by my words, by my actions and by my bumper stickers
- C-28 By my actions (or if they ask)
- C-28 By where I put my time and my money
- C-28 I speak out against injustice – war, intolerance of people’s sexual preferences, corporate greed
- C-28 I hope that I practice what I preach
- C-28 I try to act in an environmentally friendly way and encourage others to do so as well
- C-28 One of my value is that beliefs without acts are less relevant. It is in external expression that relevant values are measured. How that plays out depends on the value. I’m not exactly sure what my values are – were I asked, I’d begin by examining my behaviour.
- C-29 By the words I use. By the deeds I do. By the choices I make. By the words I do not use. By the deeds I do not do. By the things I do not choose. By my family, my community, my bearing, my being.
- C-30 meaningful work; loving relationships; bodt/mind/spirit balance; philanthropy. how I spend my work and leisure time; my acceptance and lack of judgement.
- C-30 Peace and harmony in the world; sense of community and friendship; living in such a way to help preserve the planet; making the world a place that is less divisive, where where the less fortunate are treated with dignity and compassion.
- C-30 Respect, honesty, sharing, loving one another. By this time I spend promoting this value in my life
- C-30 Love, compassion, meaningful work, ecofeminism. My husband, family, friends (I hope) know that they are loved (dogs and cats too). My work is about creating a vision for a more socially and environmentally just world; I try to treat all human beings with equal respect. I am a vegetarian who loves food (especially chocolate) and loves to feed people.
- C-30 I don’t know. I don’t believe in letting my left hand know what my right hand is doing.
- C-30 Free and responsible search; web of life; peace liberty and justice. I ask about others; I want to know them as they see themselves.
- C-30 love, integrity, beauty, community. By my words and actions; by the environment I make around me.
- C-30 Love, equality, acceptance, forgiveness. Not by a label or religious right. People don’t usually recognise values by what church you go to; values will only be recognized by example. Words, actions, simply telling someone unwaiveringly that these are your values will let them know and probably provoke them in some way.
- C-30 Love, altruism, passion, and justice are values that someone could determine by the person I am at work, by what areas I choose to engage in, by how I talk about the issues, and challenges we are given in everyday situations
- C-30 honesty; working hard; being happy with yourself; being kind to others (helping people out).

- C-31 justice; end poverty; keep our worlds beautiful; respect children
- C-31 by my treatment of others - words, actions, by my lifestyle
- C-31 kindness, fairness, compassion, hope. I hope someone would recognize my values by my daily actions.

- C-31 Privacy; compassion; care for family; love beauty. I like to be alone; I care for others; I always want to help and be with our children; I always want to create beauty and be beautiful.
- C-31 love and caring; loyalty and trust; respect for all that is; community sharing. By my words and actions.

- C-31 My Unitarian community involvement; compassion, visitation of the ill and lonely in hospital and nursing home and their home; Friendship. The life I live and share with neighbours and friends; caring; loving.

- C-31 Integrity - how I live and act; responsibility/Accountability - dealing with consequences of my own actions; compassion - charity - how I spend my time and money; fairness
- C-31 Honesty, integrity, kindness, respect. I would affirm values that approach my own, particularly if this value is being challenged.
- C-31 compassion for those different than myself; generous with my time to assist others; respect for the opinions of others; integrity - to know others can be trusted. I demonstrate it in the way I relate to others, in my actions and words.
- C-31 Kindness; value of this earth; respect one's family; understanding that one's actions have results that spread out like ripples in a pond. I try to practise my life to enhance my life, my family, my neighbourhood, my church, my world.
- C-32 If it was a true value I would express it in what I said and in my actions.
- C-32 Love, joy, justice, work, song. It should become evident in the way I behave, what I live for, what I do, support, exemplify.
- C-32 Integrity, health, generosity, friendship; Honoring my word, committing and following through; eating well and exercising; giving time and effort to others, being present for others; having caring friends.

- C-32 I'm a school teacher, adoptive mother/foster mother; nature - hiker/camper, activist (a bit) make music, read good novels; tolerance - have protested homophobia; have child of different race; speak french and some Spanish; gay & lesbian friends; older/younger friends.
- C-32 tolerance; honesty; integrity; closeness. By my deeds, actions; by my words; by my reactions to challenge.
- C-32 I'm a lifetime doer, unafraid to stand with joy and risks into a 3D when issues and struggles need the releasing of prayers to God the Creator from the beginning to the end and beyond. Let us as maturing Canadians continue to inspire the growing youth and young adults to follow after - evolving in the disciplines/professions. The present provincial/federal gov't models makes me realize, maximize my wisdom. I value truth - Jesus said I am the truth, the way, the life. How to love God with your whole being (vertically) and horizontally, your neighbour as thyself in every aspect of life's situation. We must challenge each other to "take the road less travelled" to make an ultimate difference. Approaching Easter the 2004 years ago importance of Christmas with Jesus Christ birth and Easter reflecting his death and resurrection. The resurrection aspect building understanding makes /gives me value/challenge and a full life with less fear.
- C-33 Selflessness; appreciation; spirituality; wisdom - respecting wisdom. My efforts in sacrificing some of my own time/money/effort in order to instead assure that other's needs are met. I enjoy giving to others more than attaining for myself - those I love more often but strangers as well.
- C-33 Preservation of the world's environment; world peace; freedom of thought and speech. I give to others my listening and expect the same from them. I give money and time to these. I speak about my concerns. I do all I can to act in ways that promote these.
- C-33 to create/creativity; connectedness with others; life long learning, appreciation and gratitude. By my work, expression and association with like-minded communities and individuals; Hopefully through my actions, justice, environment, recognition of individual values, to build, create

- C-33 protection of the natural environment; care of those less fortunate; loving support of those close to me; make the effort to reach beyond ideologies and connect and understand people different than myself.
- C-33 Love; integrity; conscientious; my judgements. By the way I live; By my conversation and accept life's struggles.
- C-33 love for self and neighbour; jhonesty and integrity; generosity of spirit; curiosity and search for truth. treating others with kindness, respect and dignity; working together to understand the world we live in and help others benefit from the knowledge; protect and care for those who are vulnerable.
- C-37 Through my actions, acts of kindness, compassion, understanding. By making an example of myself. Taking the initiative to be "nice". The "golden rule".
- C-37 I express them, verbally.
- C-37 Sharing vs Grabbing.
- C-37 Community beyond self - giving of self, a smile, resources, etc.
- C-37 By offering a circle of safety (or un-fear).
- C-37 By how and where you spend your money. To whom you give your time, resources and money. By the meetings you attend.
- C-37 By how you consume and dispose.
- C-37 By what you say or what you don't say. By how you say it!
- C-37 By how you react or reply. (Making amends.)
- C-37 By how you react to your reactions.
- C-38 ...by my behaviour.
- C-38 ...by my actions, language, behaviour.
- C-38 ...my listening ability would be a reflection of any value and bottom line is love.
- C-38 It is what I LIVE and who I AM.
- C-38 I would tell them.
- C-38 ...just by a pleasant smile, handshake or hug, a pat on the back or a kind nod.
- C-38 ...openness.
- C-38 ...by how I teat others and myself.
- C-38 ...evident in and by how I act throughout by every day life.
- C-38 I like to help other to reach their potential
- C-39 ...through my actions and reactions to events/people in loving and thoughtful way.
- C-40 How we walk our talk, how we help, tell by hearing, seeing and watching what I do, relating to others in a loving democratic way, vs. people that have money as their god.
We wondered if this question could have been rephrased.
- C-41 By the way I live my life.
- C-41 Should be able to see by my actions and what I say.
- C-41 Because I would live it, I hope.
- C-41 I am not sure how I communicate my messages about racism, kindness, radicalism, but I do.
- C-41 I live it.
- C-41 By my taking stands, but usually not confrontationally, rather by questioning reasons, background and my own actions.
- C-41 By educating, inclusuveness, the Arts and loving the planet.
- C-41 By making the effort to live what I believe in my work, activites and interests. Being aware of my imact on others.
- C-41 By conversation, as much as anything.
- C-41 Watch what I do. Ask others
- C-42 Sharing of thoughts expressed through poetry about feelings for people and the natural world. Building relationships to share common interests such as organizing 'poetry night.' Writing letters to show people I am thinking of them. Giving my time for things that have importance as I cannot afford to give money.

- C-42 Whether I am aware of all of them or not, my actions speak my values, therefore I would hope my values were recognized by the people around me who observe my actions and hear my speech.
- C-42 By how I behave and what I say.
- C-42 I would hope that how I live my life, how I express myself, how I interact with others and with nature and the environment, would somehow express my religion and values.
- C-42 By the way I live my life.
- C-42 My words, actions, lifestyle would exhibit my values. I try to live my values, sometimes successfully, and other times not so successfully, but not for lack of trying (I hope).
- C-42 I am a radical.
- C-42 I hope that as a UU I am not afraid to speak out in defence and support of my values. I would hope my values are obvious in my attitudes and behaviour.
- C-43 By my actions, including my words.
- C-43 I demonstrate it every day by what I do, I am able to articulate my values.
- C-43 Through my actions.
- C-43 They would know by talking with me after a seminar or lecture and maybe comparing our notes.
- C-43 By the way I live it out, I guess.
- C-43 By my actions (hopefully), by the simple actions in my life.
- C-44 I would tell them; discussion and communication is essential.
- C-44 Watching me in action over time, and asking me.
- C-44 Through watching my actions and listening to my words over a prolonged period of time; by my telling them explicitly (if I know my own values).
- C-44 One value I see as important is justice - equal treatment for all.
- C-44 Through my words, behaviour, actions, and my identification with certain groups and institutions.
- C-44 Through words and deeds: how I allocate my energy, time, talent and money.
- C-45 I would provide a verbal defence of that value when challenged.
- C-45 I could be observed choosing that value over competing values, in practice.
- C-45 By the way I live my life, who I associate with, what I say. Through my actions.
- C-45 My values reflect my humanist beliefs and principles.
- C-46 By living out acceptance.
- C-46 Things I say plus things I do.
- C-46 Through discussions and debate; through conferences, workshops and programs (i.e Mid Winter Retreat).
- C-47 By the way you live.
- C-47 Through my actions, whether or not you see them.
- C-47 By my talk and my family relations.
- C-47 The activities we participate in. Through my actions.
- I-48 The choices I make in my life would reflect my values. The way I engage with people would reflect my values. The way I make amends when I betray my values, would reflect my values.
- C-49 Effective influencer.
- C-49 Understanding.
- C-49 Tolerant.
- C-49 Honest.
- C-49 Forthright.
- C-49 Generous.
- C-49 Loving.
- C-49 Feisty.
- C-49 Alive.
- C-49 Positive.

- C-50 Self:
 *I do not value what I value to change the world or impress others. I value what I value because I have to, and I ask my values only to change myself.
- By Action:
 *I'd encourage/support another who displayed that value.
 *They'd hear me talking the talk and see me walking the walk (or trying to).
 *They might guess that my attempt to adhere to moderation and practice self-knowledge might be related to my interest in Greek philosophy and religion.
 *By the questions I ask.
 *I (try) to live them.
 *Displayed by actions once trust is established.
 *Willingness to dialogue/explain/ 'testify' about values.
 *Right speech, right action (public morality)
 *I speak them.
 *They would know what I value by my action.
 *Know value by actions and activities.
 *Actions reflecting values.
 *Through my conversations with others they'll discover my values.
 *By how I behave in public (What I say and do)
 *By the kind of work I do, the kind of art I make and the kind of markets I support.
- Reaction:
 *Others would intuit my comfort/discomfort with the situation.
- C-57 This is hard to answer. Through personal relationships.
- C-57 I think people get a sense of my values by observing how I live my life. Others see my committment to honesty and integrity in my day to day actions. My treatment of other people with respect and dignity, demonstrates my personal value of all people and beings.
- C-57 By the way in which I choose to lead my life on all levels. My behaviour at home, at work, and in my community. The causes with which I choose to associsae. I see it as a combination of how I choose to live personally and the kinds of choices I make re: the collective. It is not so much what I say (although that is important) but what I do.
- C-57 By how I act. What I will/will not do/support etc. By what and who I love.
- C-57 By the way I live my life. I do speak out against discrination and policy that hurts others.
- C-57 Show and tell. By sharing my beliefs with others.
- C-57 They would have to know me or witness my opinions and behaviour.
- C-57 By my actions.
- C-57 Speaking to me. Looking at me. My history. Looking at my house, car, actions, etc. Talk to others
- C-57 I am quite open about my values in personal conversations, anyone listening would not have to guess what my positions are. Social justice, equity, tolerance, peace, love.
- C-58 I try to walk my talk and try to lead by example.
- C-58 They wouldn't unless it could be determined by my lifestyle and actions.
- C-58 By my words and deeds inside and outside the church setting.
- C-58 By observation over time.
- C-58 I talk. I try to walk the talk. Who I love.
- C-58 I hope that through my actions other people will be able to assign the the values I choose for myself to me. I choose to write and speak about my values. I often display my values by attending meetings and events or wearing insignia.
- C-58 By my actions and speech and leadership on certain issues.

- C-59 By my actions, e.g. how I respond to others in losses, troubles etc. How I demonstrate integrity
Through how I interact with others.
Walk my talk: All kinds of people are my friends.
Support environmental causes.
- C-59 I vote and participate as board member in "good causes."
If my words and deeds are in alignment. By the dollars, time and energy I give to groups like Beacon or the Women's Centre. By the way I treat people in everyday life.
- C-59 Through my relationships with those whom my life touches - the natural world.
- C-59 Live your values every minute in all situations - family, business, social - in how you relate to others.
- C-59 Church attendance and donations and committee work. Being a good friend.
- C-59 With difficulty but possibly by WAY LIFE LIVED - life style - in my neighbourhood - friendliness, helpfulness - interpersonal relationships - communication - walk the talk - community involvement.
- C-59 How would people know? 80% of my clothing is recycled. I don't use makeup. I compost. I properly dispose of batteries. I don't put poison on my land (and do kill weeds!). I don't buy a lot of prepackaged food. I am out at work that I am bisexual. I volunteer for the board and other activities at church. I share important information with people to make their lives easier. I write and perform songs that reflect my values.
- C-59 Expressed in relationships. What you say/sing, what you encourage and support in others.
- C-59 Open support of gay daughter and gay community. Allow others to have views different from mind. Allow others to speak for themselves.
- C-59 Live my values (I need help with this) - integrate my values with the process of managing organizations.
- C-60 By watching my actions and hearing my words, including how I spend my time and resources and talents (3)
- C-60 By my attitudes (1)
- C-60 Education (1)
- C-60 Diversity (thinking outside of the paint-by-colour) (1)
- C-60 walk the talk (1)
- C-60 keeping one's word (1)
- C-60 show respect for opinions/beliefs of others (2)
- C-60 respect for the earth (1)
- C-60 Look at my bookshelf! (1)
- C-61 : - the way I spend my time, money and energy – integrity, congruity, your actions should match your talk – communication, if you do not take a stand, how does anyone know if you act accordingly? – by word and deed – help if you can, show intent, stand firm in your own beliefs while being tolerant of others, show empathy but be true to yourself – put your money where your mouth is! – articulate what you believe, live that way and act accordingly – first be honest with yourself and follow through in act and deed to support your values – your actions gives others the idea of who you are – by your actions you are judged – if you believe in generosity, be generous. If you believe in friendship, be a friend. If you believe in honesty, integrity, be that way yourself.
- C-62 a) speak up - eg when someone's racial intolerance manifests
b) action: How am I in the world
c) words and actions
d) how we live our lives, walk the talk. Congruity in words and behaviour
(This is probably the best SUMMARY)
e) agreed: consistency; for instance having a sketchbook always at hand when valuing creativity
f) agreed, for instance, desire for deep connections manifests as membership in this SGM group and a book club that's been meeting for 27 yrs.

- C-63 By my actions.
- C-63 By what I say and if it is congruent with what I do.
- C-63 By what I spend my resources on (time, money, talents).
- C-63 By what I promote in my ministry.
- C-64 Not done.
- C-65 Through my behaviour (not picking fights or being aggressive if one believes in peacefulness).
- C-65 By what I'm willing to defend, protect (not going out without a fight).
- C-65 Defending others from persecution.
- C-65 By where the lines or boundaries are.
- C-65 Collectively, some UU churches offered sanctuary.
- C-66 How I spend my time and resources and through my behaviour.
- C-66 By what I do for my family and community and through my hobbies.
- C-66 Advocacy activities and international work
- C-66 Afflicting the comfortable and comforting the afflicted.
- C-66 Being the change I want to see. Difference in different circumstances based on my behaviour.
- C-66 To live a conscious life.
- C-66 Through observation of my actions and listening to my words.
- C-66 Through listening and support.
- C-66 How we react to crises in our lives and situations that affect all of us.
- C-66 By letting people do things for themselves, avoidance of manipulation.
- C-67 By my actions, by the words I speak, by how I treat other people, and interact with them, by the way I live, by the books I read and the stories I tell.
- C-68 Follow your passion,
- C-68 Having a positive attitude.
- C-68 I bow to the divine within you. (Hindu greeting).
- C-68 Have absolute reverence for the earth and for life.
- C-68 Read, speak, think, talk about the divine with an open heart.
- C-69 By matching what I say with what I do.
- C-69 When I articulate explanations for my actions.
- C-69 When I enter into discussion or debate.
- C-69 By observing how I listen.
- C-69 By observing how I raise my children.
- C-69 By observing what I promote and the organizations to which I belong.
- C-70 We show our most spiritual values in our smiling, in spending time in worship and meditation, in caring for others and for the earth.
- C-70 We manifest our ethical values in our own upright behaviour, in our respectfulness, and in our activism for justice in the world.
- C-70 We reveal our valuing of personal growth by spending time in reflection, exploration, education and creative expression.
- C-70 We show our communitarian values again in our respectfulness, in our working to build strong and healthy collective institutions, by encouraging leadership, and in being present to and in loving relationship with children.

C-71 I incarnate my values and manifest them in the world with boldness, confidence and audacity.
I walk my talk. I am congruent. I hold myself and others accountable.
By my words and deeds. I can never measure up to the spirit of the Purposes and Principles, but I love knowing I can try.
By aspiring to live my values and knowing that I will falter.
By being transparent and truthful.
Speaking up to defend those who are different, calling people on their attitudes of inequality, injustice.
People would know my values by:

- my performance and attempts to be a role model for dialogue and diplomacy as problem solving models within the classroom as a teacher.
- Involvement with BISNO.

By the way I think, speak, act and relate... with integrity as the goal.
They emerge in what I say, openly and clearly.
The values are embodied in my everyday actions.
I invest time and energy in my values.
Things I'm most passionate about I demonstrate through honesty, support, understanding, love.
Consciously dialogue with others (as to why) I do or don't participate in a group or activity.
I spend time in service to those less fortunate.

Q3. What is your personal ministry?

- I-1 This question is meaningless without proper definition.
- I-5 I want to help other people, on an individual basis, appreciate themselves and the world. I would like to see more people realize their potential, and want to do anything I can to help that.
- I-5 I want to grow to fully appreciate myself and the world...and not necessarily as two separate categories!
- I-5 I want to increase awareness of the environment in humans in general. Enough ignorant destruction - I think that people need to know what happens exactly when you apply industrial practices on a global scale.
- I-5 I want to help make my community (whatever it may be) a safe place for any kind of expression - where you can have bead head all day and not feel that you are being judged because your hair is sticking up funny.
- I-5 I'd like to do what I can to increase mutual respect and understanding between any societal groups. That includes rich vs poor, disabled vs abled and any other categories that use 'vs' signs.
- C-7 To bring music into the lives of those I encounter and, in this way, find a way to their inner peace
- C-7 To live at peace with others and, where possible, to assist others to live more meaningful and fulfilling lives
- C-7 Serving in a community organization
- C-7 To treat others with understanding, love and respect
- C-7 Bringing cheer and encouragement to residents of long-term care facilities
- C-7 Giving help through knowledge and experience
- C-7 Being intentionally cognizant of my relationships
- C-7 Being careful stating absolutes
- C-7 Challenging those who treat the environment and others with disrespect
- C-7 Through encouragement and support, help others attain goals
- C-8 Sharing the vision of question #1 in a more intentional way
- C-8 Engaging others in discussion of their spiritual journey
- C-8 To teach values
- I-9 Not sure about the meaning of the question...but..my personal ministry, as best I can figure out the meaning of this, is a quest to find meaning in life, to connect with people who share similar thoughts and beliefs, and to travel to as many other places as I can financially afford to so I can touch base with people of other cultures to understand them and their attitudes of life better...which will help me in my personal quest for same.
- C-10 As individuals, we show care for others by relating respectfully to all people beginning in our family lives.
- C-10 One improves oneself and "lives" one's beliefs to better help others.
- C-10 We generously give money to worthy causes, including our Church.
- C-10 Environmentally, we reduce, re-use and recycle, clean up and beautify neighbourhoods, teach gardening methods, nurture nature, leaving small or no footprints behind us.
- C-10 One advocates for others, such as clients at work, encourages music in nursing homes, helps recovering alcoholics/addicts, promoting good citizenship by volunteering.
- C-10 One is politically well-informed, promoting fairness, justice and equality, sometimes acting as problem solvers.
- C-10 One volunteers for congregational activities.
- C-10 One teaches when given opportunities.
Engagement in public speaking helps worthy causes.
- C-10 One may act as a chaplain.
- C-11 Answers combined with answers to 2
- I-12 Teaching, I use the goals of education (don't remember the exact title) that are in our song book. I have a slightly edited version posted outside my classroom with copies for parents to take.

- I-12 Respect for the interdependent web of life is a very large part of the lived experience in my classroom. Helping children develop a respect for the web is a very large part of my personal ministry.

- C-20 to stimulate reflective thought, help make connections between people, and nurture community
- C-20 to teach about the goddess, the mythologies, sabbats and rituals which honour her; to be a priestess and leader
- C-20 to help others reach their career potential; to do what I can locally for the environment
- C-20 to create space for potential to unfold, enriching the community and the environment
- C-20 to be a good, supportive, listening, helpful friend, present when needed
- C-20 to save seedstock, live reciprocally, and leave the world a more balance place than when I arrived – especially regarding women and the divine spirits living in all nature
- C-20 to be a scholar, thinking things through, while responding also to others’ needs as I encounter them

- C-20 to leave the world a better place – more caring, clean, friendly, and community-oriented
- C-21 one says "I planted a garden outside the Health Sciences Hospital"
- C-21 another says "I live and thrive on being of service to others"
- C-21 three of us say "I do volunteer work in pastoral care at the hospital"
- C-21 another: "I give money to Oikocredit"
- C-21 someone else: "I try to live a simpler life, and learn to slow down"
- C-21 another, unemployed, uses her time to volunteer and help out others at every opportunity
- C-21 I say: "I raise my son, teach my students, nurture my Fellowship, try to treat all who cross my path with openness and generosity."
- C-27 Mothering – caring for another generously
- C-27 Teaching social justice
- C-27 Enter the public sphere to raise consciousness about things that matter to me
- C-27 “Publish meanness”, “to give a true account of the sublime”
- C-27 Share passion for language
- C-27 My work within community health supporting my staff to support families with young children
- C-27 To use my energies and talents to the advancement of the human family and the better integration of human society into the physical world
- C-27 To invite others to their full humanness, acceptance of their uniqueness and importance to the world

- C-27 To discover a vocation, one that enriches myself and others, and to practice it with commitment and passion
- C-27 To parent according to my values and beliefs
- C-28 I give of my time and my effort at church, to foster UU values in others
- C-28 As a parent, I try to pass on something of my values, to try to raise good citizens, good people
- C-28 To be compassionate and understanding to everyone I interact with in my daily life
- C-28 Make a positive change and contribution to the world that I’m involved in
- C-28 To be a truth-teller
- C-34 Social action is my personal Ministry. It is my deepest belief to make a difference through involvement for social justice causes -Welcoming congregation and its importance; poverty issues and hands-on action; arts - faith and its connection; First nations; support to the underdog
- C-34 I have been passionate about eliminating land mines which cause such destruction to innocent victims and the environment in general; the waste of wars is a crime in my eyes; Personally, as I am soon to become an octogeranium" myself, I like to keep and entertain people who are elderly.
- C-34 Respectful caring in family, church and community. In community - doing justice in particular working to end Canadian injustice (legal, social) to First nations people.

- C-34 The time and energy I spend with Children both as a family member (mother, auntie, etc.) and in my career (teacher); singing in church choir - we need to share our gifts in "real life" sing, dance, make music, make art, play, laugh, talk etc. face to face instead of through a "screen" (TV, computers, sound systems etc.); I keep myself informed to be a better citizen and apply the weight of my understanding where possible and useful
- C-34 Hike leader/co-ordinator in Outdoor Club of Victoria; find the forests spiritual and the rest of nature beautiful; I was coaching adult learning, teaching and helping people; participate and lead in a women's spirituality group.
- C-34 a member of this Church; singing in choir and with Jammers - outreach into the community; care and concern committee; encouragement of community participation.
- C-34 One of the actions in my life as a senior is helping and offering assistance to other seniors; also passing on good values to our family and their children.
- C-34 My ministry is to the dying; availability to help when needed; by keeping my life unbusy I'm constantly amazed at what comes along. Practical things for SMH.
- C-34 I write on issues, convictions; I encourage, relate success stories; I listen try to educate myself; I live in community (in this Church)
- C-34 Sing in choir; chaplaincy; canvass; support events; acting in the light of our principles; restorative justice and care of family and friends.
- C-35 Community organizing/advocacy; active participation in political life at all levels of government; participating in forms of spiritual exploration (learning circle, dialogue groups, credo etc.) to contribute my own experience as well as to learn from others.
- C-35 Do those things in the congregation that exploit my skills; promote social action, encourage others to participate; provide funds to social and political action groups; provide democratic leadership skills; provide knowledge of financial activities.
- C-35 supporting others' dreams and aspirations; enabling a cohesive environment for skill development in support of the greater good; providing care services for companion animals; my creativity and humour are components of my ministry
- C-35 caring within the church community or any other community that I am involved in; being aware of others' needs/wants; showing respect to each person
- C-35 Active with the Capital Mental health Association; on some church committees, active in politics
- C-35 social justice issues; positive feedback to others where possible
- C-35 volunteer at soup kitchen, serving the less advantaged; volunteer for my church as a care-giver with visitation of people in their homes, hospital and nursing home.
- C-35 Promote/foster/build/ encourage. Sustainable healthy communities - that is social responsibility, environmental stewardship, economic wellbeing, mental and physical health - these for all
- C-35 to be a part of the process that clarifies conversations/ethics/values. to be interested in participating in your/my own life; to be part of the communication process (electronic/personal/societal) that works to have clear exchanges of information.
- C-35 Involvement in growth as shown in creativity; growing a garden full of colour and birds; being part of chalice circle; bringing new experiences and points of view to my grand children; creating paintings; maintaining a condition of spiritual awareness; human being not human doing.
- C-36 fostering sustainability - link between social, economic and environmental; enabling people to be effective leaders and managers (linking inside out and outside in dimensions; quality of life for children and families everywhere; being a daughter, mother, partner, friend, community member; "being" and "doing"
- C-37 Really listening to someone, giving support, caring, helping them out, offering help and support then coming through with it. Listening is empowering. Focused care.
- C-37 Small things really do matter. (Such as recycling.)
- C-37 Speaking out; Say what you believe. Proselytize U*U values, assertively. Not aggressively! Fighting intolerance; fighting for justice!
- C-37 An obligation - as in the sense of desire - duty to others, virtues, etc.

- C-37 Personal and collective transformation - growth - love - change!
- C-37 Community - amicable collision! Living in community.
- C-37 Grounded in your beliefs and values.
- C-37 To be a vegetarian and to protect and love animals - to promote these values.
- C-37 Something you "can't not do" and remain true to yourself
- C-37 Composting, care for the earth, fighting hunger, globally focused....
- C-38 ...to live my life by UU values in hopes of influencing others.
- C-38 ...helping others, volunteer work, activities for peace, respect for others, and justice, respect for truth
- C-38 ...to be aware of others with kindness in a growing group of like-minded people.
- C-38 ...to LIVE my truth and to come from LOVE in all my relationships; to serve.
- C-38 ...tell them about Fellowship, be a role model.
- C-38 ...volunteer work, i.e. UU, mental illness.
- C-38 ...service to others.
- C-38 ...attempt to be honest and valid with myself and others.
- C-38 ...deep caring for other folks.
- C-38 I am an active member of local groups that encourage others to be creative through art and to work towards preservation and improving our environment.
- C-39 ...to make a positive change in the world - family groups, community and the larger world.
- C-40 Giving a feeling of worth to everyone I meet, By following Principle number 2, compassion, to help people in need, seek wisdom and help others to find wisdom, search for truths – plural! Relating to people in Community.
- C-41 If I have one, helping and caring for others.
- C-41 To comfort the sick.
- C-41 To live so that when I am no longer here at least one person would say "I am glad I knew him and am better because of it."
- C-41 To practice random and not-so random acts of kindness. I try to be thoughtful and to listen to others. I censor my judgemental thoughts.
- C-41 My activism.
- C-41 To question simplistic arguments and to discover the unity and beauty of natural phenomena. To encourage and work for love, compassion, respect for all all peoples (and people), providing, at least, basic material and psychological needs.
- C-41 To share my life and beliefs.
- C-41 I don't have one.
- C-41 To attempt to encourage a loving, honest open belief that all is possible, that all can make a contribution.
- C-41 To live daily what I believe about the environment. To lead by example. To act responsibly
Support emotionally others through understanding, empathy.
- C-42 To try to help others feel accepted. Helping friends to feel more confident. To help others and build relationships. Help others with life experiences.
- C-42 To care for and about the people I love. To be a good citizen in my community. To live my life such that my community is better for my presence. To do my job as best I can.
- C-42 We are all children of God. We all deserve forgiveness and love.
- C-42 To try and be a good person and do for others as I am able. To protect and help nature as much as possible. Perhaps the Golden Rule explains my mission. This is not easy but my Universalism is there for me in times of despair.
- C-42 To contribute to church caring.
- C-42 To leave a mark on the world that it be better before I journeyed through it. Not bad marks, not world shattering marks. Just to touch people and spaceship earth to improve, maintain, not damage or hurt.
- C-42 Myself.

- C-42 I am told I am a Pollyanna, so as such, I feel my ministry is to try to find a positive side to problems, and to look for the good in human nature and attitudes, whenever possible
- C-43 To help others find enlightenment.
- C-43 To use whatever skills I may have in helping solve the world's underlying problems, not just the symptoms.
- C-43 To promote justice and equity for oppressed minorities.
- C-43 Sharing my developing overview with others who are doing similarly.
- C-43 I'm still trying to figure that out.
- C-43 To connect with those who have less.
- C-44 Supporting family friends and others in their journey.
- C-44 Searching for knowledge; open to learning what is going on out there and how I can help.
- C-44 To try to influence others about my values.
- C-44 Sharing. listening, learning, leading, co-ordinating; not imagining the new, but creating it once it has been "thunk".
- C-44 Education: unleashing the intellectual and spiritual potential of myself and others (including how to live).
- C-44 To make a positive difference for people whose lives I touch.
- C-45 To make a worthwhile contribution to society. To give back with time and money to a society that has been very generous to me.
- C-45 To bring greater humanity and rationality to social policy and institutions.
- C-45 To assist others to learn.
- C-45 To work for more social and economic justice and for the peaceful resolution of conflicts. To defend the oppressed and vulnerable.
- C-45 To be more tolerant and accepting and to value all those I come into contact with. To show love and caring to all.
- C-45 To support First Unitarian and UUism in general.
- C-46 Improving the level of trust in our society.
- C-46 UUs have trouble with beliefs and values [distinguishing between beliefs and values] What is ministry among UUs?
- C-46 My involvement with UUism and working toward harmony.
- C-46 Providing structure to nonprofir organizations.
- C-46 To make people aware of other points of view and to live meaningfully.
- C-46 To encourage questioning of "givens", leading to more understanding of the "other" view.
- C-46 To help others with compassion, understanding and detachment.
- C-47 Enacting a belief system of honesty and kindness.
- C-47 My religion, my belief system is the way I live.
- C-47 Compassionate care and acceptance of others
- C-47 Having courage in facing difficult decisions.
- C-47 Generosity with talents.
- C-47 Sharing with and supporting my fellows.
- C-47 One-on-one relationships with others and myself.
- I-48 My personal ministry is to take my inner light and use it to support the spiritual journeys of those I serve. I am a minister and so my personal ministry is set in that context. But I have other ministries. I think I minister to my loved ones by loving them and being true to myself. Not hiding who I am so that others are not uncomfortable. I think the best words to describe my ministry are truth telling and truth living, knowing that truth is a process not a static unchanging thing.
- C-49 To live my life in service to others; to help others but not interfere with the lives of others.
- C-49 Golden rule - do unto others...
- C-49 By giving time and talent to help the group.
- C-49 By giving time and talent to enhance your own lifestyle.
- C-49 Questioning, not always having an answer, ready to involve beliefs.

- C-49 Acceptance of other beliefs, not to change, but to support.
- C-49 Do no harm, but become involved within the community even if it requires political action.
- C-49 Writing a cheque, giving soup to an ill friend, bringing individual talents to the group.
- C-49 Respect each other though it may not be your personal choice.
- C-49 Respect each other's point of view, each may have valid opinions.
- C-50 Self-Understanding:
 *I minister to myself, to my spiritual, psychological and physical health.
 *Commitment to self-healing and manifesting peace.
 *To bow to the universe, not asking it to be different, but rather seeking to understand what I can of it, to be gentle with it, to find in my heart the ability to love it. I seek to know myself, others and the world as we are and bow to the sometimes terrible beauty I see there.
- Community:
 *I seek communities that allow harmony and balance in my life.
 *The need for connection and to have my identity affirmed by community is what drives me.
 *To facilitate understanding of people's gifts and differences while honouring our interconnectedness.
 *Exploring community as a means/expression of 'religious' experience.
 *Manifesting joy, sharing joy and compassion.
 *I serve by the love I give my family.
 *To work towards a more just sharing of our world's resources thereby enabling more of us to live in peace with dignity.
 *Create access points for myself and others to seemingly unassailable or mammoth ideas, institutions, social biases, etc.
- C-57 To improve myself spiritually and musically so as to add to the value of the worship experience.
- C-57 To point out injustice and to work to change injustice when I see it. To be a 'Shit-disturber.'
- C-57 I am not sure what is meant by this term 'personal ministry.' I have lived respecting the dignity of each person and advocated for an inclusive society. Social justice is very important to me and I have made it a focal point on many levels. Diversity is also important to me and I believe it should be celebrated.
- C-57 Difficult question. For many years I was sure I was 'called' to Pastoral ministry. But after training, I struggled with my faith and found no place where a woman could Pastor (within PAOC). Then I came out as a lesbian and the final nail went in to that coffin. So I don't know what my place is right now. It may be to simply 'minister' to myself and find peace instead of hurt and anger resulting from that rejection.
- C-57 To assist those passing through life to have an easier time of it, especially children.
- C-57 To do for another person, whether that is by word, volunteering, or simply being there. To be sure that I and 'the other'. are happy. Service.
- C-57 To do my job well and relate constructively with co-workers, family and friends.
- C-57 Advocating for those who cannot do so for themselves, i.e. women, children with emotional/mental problems, and seniors. I have found through my life in the CAW that helping people through contract language and personal intervention is of value to me in my personal growth.
- C-57 Still working on this one !! I have been known for being understanding, accepting, calm, efficient, generous, intimidating, lazy, controlling, in order to get, procure, arrange supply, for my community that which will make its life.
- C-58 To try and make our world a better place for all things that exist on it.
- C-58 To live a quieter life.
- C-58 To develop in my own family, my own workplace, and my own church community (people I know well, in other words), to establish relationships based on continuous contact and responsible openness to expressing ideals while respecting other's ideals as well.
- C-58 To question orthodoxy, reaffirm that of value that might be lost, and cultivate new beauties for both the individual and for the many, all the while inspired by the godhead

- C-58 To teach that we are greater than the sum of our parts. That difference requires worship and that this holds true for humans and things natural. The earth and creation requires worship. Difference is part of a cosmic entity.
- C-58 Tell the truth, shame the devil. I try to do so with love and kindness, with humour and joy - but sometimes I must engage in righteous anger which may lead to the pitfall of hubris.
- C-58 To help sustain, nurture and expand this congregation and to link it to the larger social, progressive movement.
- C-59 To empower myself and others in our individual and collective spiritual journeys.
- C-59 Through my Church work (local, national, international), Philosophers Cafe (moderator) Mediation work.
- C-59 Nurturing my immediate family, being a mentor of children and grandchildren, a loving friend and a giver of hope in my community.
- C-59 Walking alongside others: laughing with the joyful and crying with those in sorrow. Being an appreciator and an acknowledger of others strengths in an authentic way.
- C-59 Give a voice to those in need who are not being heard.
- C-59 Reduce conflict - repair relationships and restore harmony in the World around me.
- C-59 Demonstrate love in relationships with family and friends. Be helpful when opportunity arises. Contribute financially to causes of which I approve.
- C-59 Working with Ministers or Churches to find a stole or hanging design that reflects them - providing U.U. symbols that help U.U.s identify themselves to the wider world.
- C-59 To work to create a better society universally by trying to live up to and practice our U.U. principles. To give what is of service to others and feeds me and my spirit.
- C-59 My creativity - humour - songs (composition) - poems - songs (performing) - sermons, eulogies, speeches, stories, novels.
- C-60 Teaching (2)
- C-60 "Do unto others" seems like a pretty good one (1)
- C-60 parenting; raising children to respect all people (2)
- C-60 individual support to ones who need it, being encouraging (2)
- C-60 to lighten the load of others - with service, humour, and music
- C-60 organizing the library at the church !
- C-61 - Defusing tension, - sharing experiences with humour and understanding – dedication to family, friends, church and branches of it such as the SGM- as an elder, mentoring younger men to bring values into focus and broaden understanding - bring positive i
- C-62 Note: some confusion about the term, how much emphasis on "personal" vs "ministry"
- a) to bring about deepest yearnings: see #1
 - b) to combine skills and talents with passions. In career: environmental; in social life: intergenerational interaction and community
 - c) don't be too hard on myself; if I've done my best then failings are ok. Active balance. Ministering to self essential for ministering to others.
 - d) yoga, etc. feeds creativity. to live out the philosophy of the 8 limbs of yoga
 - e) we minister to those we care for: empathetic with sorrows, sharing joys.
 - f) (SUMMARY) if "personal ministry" means "mission in life," then it's to manifest whatever the answer was to #1 - and it can't be done if you don't minister to yourself.
- C-63 In response to the sacred oneness of which I am a part, to do what is for the good of all (as I can best understand it at the time).
- C-63 After reflecting on the signs of the times, to be a prophetic voice, speaking out of compassion, urging creative transformation to bring about justice and peace---in myself, in my communities, and speaking truth to power about this.

- C-63 To provide spiritual leadership---that is, 'spiritual' is that which makes me aware that I am connected with all that is. The leadership is to provide opportunities to cultivate the awareness of that connectedness, so that one can act from that place for justice, peace and compassion.
- C-63 To work with others to create a liberal, religious community of all ages.
- C-63 To learn about and celebrate our human diversities---when we do, we will be transformed by our differences and our similarities into being a more compassionate and fair world.
- C-64 Not done
- C-65 Helping others achieve what they want in their lives.
- C-65 Volunteering, even serving political constituencies.
- C-65 To serve and be in service.
- C-65 Grace not by ordination.
- C-66 Promotion of compassion for all living things,
- C-66 Tolerance and acceptance.
- C-66 Being open to learning and learning to give back.
- C-66 To create peace and love.
- C-66 To contribute to the health and beauty of this planet
- C-66 Advocacy.
- C-66 International activities.
- C-66 To live the belief "I'm O.K. , You're O.K."
- C-67 Being an aware and caring person, sharing myself as I am able. Helping others awaken to how they see life's meaning, sharing with others the things I have discovered in my own religious and spiritual search
- C-68 To do what needs doing.
- C-68 Reverence for life.
- C-68 Don't give up.
- C-68 To never stop learning, discovering.
- C-68 Help people to see their strengths, build their confidence.
- C-68 Live one day at a time (like AA).
- C-69 To encourage with compassion and humour the investigation and embodiment of being human.
- C-69 Caring for the environment - gardening; caring for the neighbourhood and for the community.
- C-69 Recycling.
- C-69 Keeping kids caring about and for each other.
- C-69 Being kind, open and appreciative of strangers.
- C-69 To promote peace in relationships.
- C-69 To promote inner peace.
- C-70 For most of us, our personal ministry consisted in care and intention in relating to others: reaching out, connecting, keeping family connected, caring for family and animals, affirming and accepting others, communicating this affirmation and acceptance, being tactful and discerning in responding to others' troubles, practicing good listening.
- C-70 Some of us actively seek to help others, of all ages: to help them become whole and to blossom and activate their goodness, their sacred, higher self, their creativity.
- C-70 Other responses included: To respond when called upon, with reason, honesty, and generosity;
- C-70 To build healthy community institutions;
- C-70 To seek to acquire more cross-cultural competence; to learn other languages;
- C-70 To volunteer in charity work, in social justice work, in environmental work;
- C-70 Storytelling;
- C-70 Music;
- C-70 Practicing, teaching and promoting critical thinking.

- C-71 Listening with my heart and mind.
Serving with compassion and honesty.
Cheering.
Being responsible.
Questioning.
As a counselor, I have a unique opportunity to support people's spiritual well-being, even while addressing their more worldly concerns. I support their spirit even when that is not the obvious content of our work, by respecting and nourishing their humanity. Other times, it can be named openly as a vital aspect of my client's lives and worthy of their active attention. (this feels subversive, but in a really good way)
To say yes to opportunities to serve my congregation, the Region and the CUC.
To speak truth to power in service to my community.
To create and hold a space for sharing the sacred masculine.
To mentor youth.
My personal ministry is:
- Freedom. Freeing minds.
 - Empowerment. Empowering my self and others.
 - I think I'm a change agent.
 - Leadership abilities. ENTJ
 - Share personal search. Futurist.
- Lesbian and Gay rights... and responsibilities. Accomplished by many things, but firstly by being out of

Q4. What would be missing from your life if there was no U*Uism or if you had not encountered it?

- I-1 I shall choose or find another community that comes close to my values and aspirations.
- I-1 Start a community of my own from out of my group of friends and associates.
- I-1 My present church community provides me very little as inspiration or new insights. So, the lack of it would be a minimal loss for me.
- C-3 It was a relief and a homecoming to find U*Uism.
- C-3 It provides a circle of congenial friends.
- I-5 The first principle is something that I think about if not on a daily basis than on a weekly one! It's a guideline for how I treat other people.
- I-5 There are individuals in the church who have helped to shape who I am and who are wonderful friends that I would not have met otherwise.
- I-5 I doubt that I would have been given such ample opportunity to explore different religious views of the world and then to explore what I, personally, make of it all. This has been incredibly valuable in my life for my own quality and life and for facilitating acceptance of people whose beliefs are not the same as mine.
- I-5 I have been given many travel and leadership opportunities with the church which have been fun and character building!
- I-6 Excitement about religion and spiritual matters
- C-7 I believe that, as a result of my upbringing and values, I would still be a "Unitarian" but it would be a more difficult journey
- C-7 I should never have found a forum to explore my conflicting views of God in a "safe" environment. I can ask questions and explore my opinions with no strings attached due to our sense of the worth and dignity of every person.
- C-7 Sense of belonging to a group that shares the same values
- C-7 Would have a more fractured approach to finding like minds
- C-7 More open view of the world
- C-7 Alternative to fundamentalist thought
- C-7 Missing exposure to diverse thinking and doers
- C-7 Lifelong appreciation of other religions and cultures
- C-7 Extended values-based family - important for children
- C-7 Life would be a more defensive and negative experience because of my reactions to prevailing thought
- C-8 A sounding board for my inner being
- C-8 Belonging, sharing beliefs
- C-8 Less peace of mind
- C-8 Wide variety of subject matter
- C-8 Acceptance of who I am, who I am becoming
- C-8 Discussion groups
- I-9 A connection with many people who share and live the same values and beliefs that I aspire to.
- C-10 Fun and social interaction by sharing activities with like-minded people would be missed.
- C-10 We would not have the opportunity to observe diverse role models.
- C-10 We would miss the opportunity to observe the church rituals and to worship in a safe place with a sense of community.
- C-10 We would miss the opportunity for spiritual growth, the acceptance of Christianity and other faiths while expressing and reinforcing our own personal values in a regular, spiritual dialogue.
- C-10 The value of the sense of "sharing the journey" while experiencing one's own spiritual development would be lost.
- C-10 We would lose the opportunity for the exploration of Holistic attitudes.
- C-10 We would miss the opportunity to heal religious wounds and the permission to question beliefs.
- C-10 One is allowed to practice one's faith "with a mask removed".
- C-10 We would lose the opportunity to bond and share with others in Covenant Groups.

- C-10 We would miss the opportunity to be challenged and to "shine" in leadership.
- C-11 Community of faith
Haven of faith
Sense of feeling of belonging and acceptance
Resources for exploration – library
- C-11 Critiques of main stream culture
Neat people / diversity of ideas / cool food: - ideas are not always politically correct or conventional
A building that feels like home
- C-11 A place to share worship without losing my own faith path
Facilitation of Interfaith dialogue
Encouragement of my questions
Some seeds and support to Social Justice issues locally and North American wide
- C-11 The whole world would cease to be a sermon
Really neat hymns and readings
- C-11 Some really fun fellowship – social milieu that is not work related
More opportunities for expressing creativity: - gallery / coffee house
- C-11 Without this community there would be an ongoing feeling of being alienated
Balance to my religious life between the rational and faith / emotion
- C-11 Meet people with diversity of views / ideas and a willingness to share
An encouragement for religious growth –to explore and enrich my life
- I-12 A guilt free livable faith
- C-20 non-patriarchal spirituality; congregational relationships; music-making; the annual round of recognitions and celebrations; connections with spiritually active women and men; multivocality
- C-20 a religious community in which important life issues are openly discussed and nothing is foreordained
- C-20 wonderful people and communities; the opportunity to do professional ministry
- C-20 my deep sense of belonging; unexpected acts of kindness; a sense of hope for the world
- C-20 a welcoming, non-patriarchal setting in which to explore spiritual inquiry and spiritual community
- C-20 a spiritual home; Sunday ritual; many good friends
- C-20 easy access to friends who are not afraid to hear or express potentially dangerous ideas
- C-20 a community that is open and willing to learn more about my religious beliefs and practices; a community in which I can celebrate the life I have chosen with my same-sex spouse
- C-21 " I would miss you, and you, and you, and you....!"
"I would miss a sense of community."
- C-21 Many of us would have missed support in times of personal crises (a day in court, a extended illness and hospitalization, a divorce, a difficult job change)
- C-21 "I would miss an emotional support which nourishes me in my personal ministry."
- C-21 "if this Fellowship didn't exist, I'd be out there trying to start a UU group in this community!"
- C-21 "I would miss the opportunities for explorations in spirituality (our lending library, our discussions)"
- C-21 "Finding the divine in life is easier because of the Fellowship's openness and diversity of membership."
- C-21 "I would miss a community that attempts to give everyone a voice."
- C-21 "I would miss the non-judgemental attitude; all the other churches I have encountered claim to already have the answers."
- C-21 "I would miss the opportunity to be part of a religious group unconstrained by religious dogma or funding"
- C-21 "I would miss the opportunity to develop leadership skills."
- C-27 UUism opens a door to a set of possibilities that take me beyond my regular world (beyond work, regular family life). Still not sure what these possibilities are though

- C-27 I would be searching for truth and meaning with a different community, but one perhaps less accepting of the unique nature of my spiritual path, and with fewer options to explore
- C-27 Sense of solidarity
- C-27 Community to raise children and bolster/check self
- C-27 If not encountered: feeling of being crazy and isolated
- C-27 Without UUism, I'd miss the chance for the organized exposure for my children to the non-dogmatic exploration of their own spirituality
- C-27 Without UUism, I'd miss the spiritual home, the space and time set aside for reflection on my beliefs and values
- C-27 A sense of connection to a worldwide community
- C-27 A sense of validation, that what I think and feel is important, is okay, and shared by others
- C-27 I would be lonely, especially on Sunday having found such a fine community
- C-28 I would amputate a phantom limb – (spirituality being something ghostly in my life, a kind of haunting)
- C-28 A connection with organized spiritual/religious community
- C-28 A place to generate positive change and awareness in me
- C-28 Support and affirmation
- C-28 A retreat from the things that bother me, petty things, needlessly worrying things, waste of time things.
- C-28 A sense of support in being the best I can be, to affirm my view of the world, that together we can make a difference
- C-28 A spiritual community, a group of people that gives me the sense of belonging
Community: caring and like-minded
- C-28 A sense of freedom to search for spirituality in a dogma free environment
- C-34 Maybe I would be less concerned about others; I would miss the community, the freedom of thought, the meaningful hymns, the meaningful conversations, the caring, the celebrations of life, the uplifting sermons, the compassion for others, the friendships and the like-minded people.
- C-34 I would have missed out on meeting many wonderful friends, enjoying meaningful Sunday services which uplift me, spiritually and prepare me for the week ahead. I would have especially missed singing in the choir.
- C-34 Missing a sense of the "universal" of need for respect of all that is. Missing the awareness of the universal in each and all. Inclusive not exclusive. freedom and duty to search.
- C-34 the experience of commitment to social justice etc. without the dogma attached to it in other religious or political groups; the comfort of having somewhere to go to worship, especially in bad times; the hymns; the course on sexuality when i was a teenager.
- C-34 a community in which I feel free to grow spiritually in the direction that is right for me at this moment; some friends; opportunity to worship on Sunday in a way appropriate to my present spirituality; opportunity to serve a religious community and people in need throughout the world
- C-34 can't imagine not having this community; I would dry up and be blown away! to share our hymns, our readings, to be in community, celebrate birth, marriage, death i.e. Life's journey; to take these UU values into my home/family.
- C-34 freedom of evolving spiritual quest and being associated with others of a like kind; a community
- C-34 a lot! I would have less community to share my journey with; I enjoy being with others who are seeking a way to live but not one with rigid rules.
- C-34 Community; my kind of accepting, caring, teaching, liberal thinking community, enlightening, inspiring; gathering in spirit.
- C-34 community among whom there are many who think as i do about religion, politics and social justice. A community where the emphasis is on acting in a loving tolerant, inclusive manner. Back-biting seems to be a no-no. Dialogue process.
- C-35 an environment which recognises the connection between religious values and action in the world; encouraging diversity of approach to spirituality and exchange of ideas and experience.

- C-35 Intellectual stimulation that reaches deep into meaning; community - support of similarly thinking people; acceptance of perspectives that are not always accepted; opportunity to "do" some of those things that are important; to piggy-back on very knowledgeable persons.
- C-35 courage to learn and grow in a religious context, albeit overwhelmingly multi-faceted; an unconditional sense of cohesive community and support; i would have missed out on deepening my relationship with my deceased mother who was a long-time Unitarian and spiritual seeker; global hopefulness - without UUism I don't hold out much hope for humanity on this planet.
- C-35 UU fills my lamp; I may have joined the Quakers for community; probably though I would have just relied on various readings etc. and other examples to aid my spirituality; life would have been duller but I would cope.
- C-35 I wouldn't be attending church (having been baptized in the Anglican church and married in the united church and left both). Look forward to coming to Church and have enjoyed meeting people and making new friends
- C-35 the word "missing" is negative - prefer a positive approach. lacking an environment where issues are dealt with in a creative and supportive way; acceptance of me as a person; missing sense of community
- C-35 I would not be involved in such a vibrant spiritual community, not made all my friends; not aware and involved in social justice issues
- C-35 I would not appreciate that conduct = religious values; spirituality has environmental and human dimensions; or have an appreciation of other religions.
- C-35 I have almost always been a loner; I knew a number of loners before my favourite aunt told me to join a bunch of people that thought crazy thoughts like I did; if I never had discovered unitarianism there are still plenty of loners: artists, writers, black sheep to make the world interesting
- C-35 A community of like-minded people. diverse, tolerant, articulate and striving to be of value in the larger community
- C-36 sense of community relating to my deep-seated values/spiritual quest/journey; a collective expression of liberal values in the world; I probably would have created it had it not existed; respect for the diverse perspectives.
- C-37 A place to be understood, accepted and valued.
- C-37 The feeling to contribute and to be contributed to.
- C-37 A reference (touch stone) for good, justice, compassion, etc.
- C-37 Ingraining values, life long relationships
- C-37 Missed opportunities to make a difference, for learning and growing.
- C-37 Spiritual practice on *my* terms!
- C-37 A home where you can walk in "fully"; where you can be challenged.
- C-37 A community - preferably one that feels strongly about social justice.
Enrichment from multi-faith sources - listening with hearts instead of minds!
- C-37 Common ground, friends.... without theology!
- C-37 A place where I can be accepted, where I can "survive".
- C-38 ...spirituality, social life, liberal religion, belief system.
- C-38 ...the right connections to other folks and to the Source of Life and to the ideas and ideals which I knew and know and understood in myself.
- C-38 ...validation of what I believed and valued all my life but was not found in religious search before.
- C-38 ...loving support of group.
- C-38 I would miss the diversity and spiritual growth.
- C-38 ...the opportunity to share concerns and ideas for positive change.
- C-38 I would miss the "real face" of many different paths to spirituality.
- C-38 I would still be left with a feeling of isolation and alienation if I had not "found" the Unitarians.
- C-38 ...miss the positive support and encouragement from people that want to make a difference.
- C-38 ...wonderful people and meaningful friendships; a sense of family in which you don't have to "look over your shoulder" or censure what you say; working with a group of like-minded people to make the world a better place; chances to learn about other religions and philosophies

- C-39 I would be making it up and finding a group on my own.
- C-40 I would have no place to bring my family where all our divergent spiritual beliefs could be honoured and celebrated. I Would be trying to live a lie i.e., belonging to a Christian Congregation when I don't believe everything that is written in the Bible. Support in Community. To move towards my deepest yearnings. A place that was non-judgmental and accepting.
- C-41 I don't think I would have questioned things. I would have taken too much for granted. I would have felt a sense of loneliness, with my thoughts?
- C-41 Sharing - that feeling that other people have the same doubts and fears and the same hope for the future. The knowledge that other people do not, but can share their ideas with me.
- C-41 My life would be much narrower. I discovered UUism in 1991 and it opened my world to a diversity of religious beliefs and beliefs about the world. I discovered it was O.K. to be a free thinker and act according to my values, no matter if they were different than those of traditional background. UUism brought out the rebel in me. I also found that UUism values us for what we are, not what we should be.
- C-41 A church that I could identify with based on my beliefs.
- C-41 A community of largely like-minded people, with whom I could discuss and develop ideas and actions and provide support.
- C-41 A larger global fellowship. A community that is inclusive.
- C-41 A regular opportunity to reflect on my life, my place in the world, my responsibilities as a citizen of the world. To be part of a community of seekers. To be part of a community of somewhat like-minded people.
- C-41 Friendship
- C-41 The confirmation that numerous theologies - past and present - practiced by people of numerous languages and social/cultural groups are pertinent and relevant. The openness of attitudes that does not dictate a single path or set of actions to follow. The sense of community gained thru fellowship with loving individuals. I'd still be searching, but alone. Peace of mind.
- C-41 A sense of freedom to follow my conscience in matters of faith
- C-42 I would miss the chance to share in readings and songs with deep meaning, to grow and become a better person, to learn about ways to have peaceful protest
- C-42 I wouldn't have a church to attend which satisfies my religious outlook. Even as a child I did not like the idea of a God (like Santa Claus) who saw, recorded, and evaluated all actions and thoughts. I did not like the idea of an after-life so I would never be comfortable in a Christian denomination. I would greatly lack the love of the 'extended family' which is found in a small church.
- C-42 A sense of community. A place that accepts me no matter what my views. I may be at another church but not really feel included or agree with their ideals.
- C-42 I would not have a community of like-minded and open thinking people to feel comfortable in expressing my thoughts. My home, my community, my Universalist roots are so important to me.
- C-42 Freedom to question.
- C-42 The freedom to question. The encouragement to search for answers. The association with folks who value me for myself, warts and all.
- C-42 Camaraderie.
- C-42 I would be missing a sense of community shared with others who believe as I do. Sometimes we are an isolated minority, but nevertheless a community of support and shared values.
- C-43 I would not have the comfort of being part of a community of like minded individuals.
- C-43 I would be far less respectful of other's opinions.
- C-43 A supporting community, an enabling institution for my personal ministry.
- C-43 So much: the experience of a loving, accepting community when I was growing up; a group of people with whom I share so many values and ideas and connect with so deeply; my tradition, my religious history; a sense of belonging, of having a place where I belong or fit in with - a sense of home really.

- C-43 Loss of community, loss of spiritual challenges, loss of guidance and support.
- C-43 Without U*Uism I would have no mechanism to understand this Universe and my place in it.
- C-44 My religious home and communitiy; an ongoing review of my values and deeds.
- C-44 A community of people to give me support; energy and ideas to 'be' in the world.
- C-44 Community; support; a deliberate time and place to explore spirituality.
- C-44 I would feel very much alone; lack of stimulation; loss of comforting relationships.
- C-44 A lot would be missing - friendships, a sense of purpose in my life.
- C-44 A community of like minded-people; encouragement to spiritual growth; other people to join in social action.
- C-45 I would not have a spiritual home. I would not have the support of others in living my values. A sense of intellectual/spiritual community.
- C-45 I would not be as active in social issues.
- C-45 Most of my friends. Contact with and friendship of a like-minded community. A sense of belonging to a larger community with its rich history. An opportunity to socialize regularly with like-minded people.
- C-45 A sense of validation of my worldview.
- C-46 MISSING: a sense of community and underlying trust, the stuff that holds my life together - my UU community is like the filling - a sense of community uniting fragments in my life, and a lot of love.
- C-46 A real sense of community beyond my family - a way to rationalize my beliefs and my action to an affirming whole.
- C-46 A community in which to share my radical views, and the acceptance engendered by that community.
- C-46 If there was no UU - lack of weekly meeting place and significant ritual to "mark off" a day dedicated to spiritual concerns rather than just the mundane or just the practical; lack of a place to get involved with interesting groups.
- C-46 Opportunities to interact with a range of people - diversity - and something to do on Sundays.
- C-46 A safe environment for learning/pravticing management skills; a structured environment for exploring my beliefs and values; opportunities for success, for accomplishment and for giving.
- C-47 A true, meaningful sense of community.
- C-47 Speaking as I truly am.
- C-47 Being heard with comprehension and acceptance.
- C-47 A sense of community.
- C-47 Wonderful friendships.
- C-47 Husbandly chiding for belonging to a religious group.
- C-47 Reinforced spirituality.
- I-48 I think I would feel a sense of isolation, a lack of connectedness. I have other communities, particularly the queer community. And my family. But without a religious community, I don't get the refueling I need to be in all my other communities. In Unitarian Universalism I get to understand everything in my life in terms of a bigger picture. It keeps me grounded.
- I-48 Without Unitarian Universalism I might also give up hope. If you look at the reality of the world, we are a mess. Humanity is a mess. The environment is a mess. Social relations are a mess. But Unitarian Universalism never lets us give up hope. We never stop saying that humanity is good, even though life so often shows that we are not. We always have a vision of a better world before us, and we want to make that vision real. I like that we are not confined to the realm of the possible.
- C-49 By not being channelled into a set of beliefs I am allowed to be involved in the mystery, and allowed time and space to evolve my own beliefs, from whatever source.
- C-49 Community, a sense of belonging, a sense of trust, acceptance of one another.
- C-49 For a small group, we are involved in an amazing number of activities,
- C-49 The courage to stand up and feel supported within our group. Belonging gives us courage.
- C-49 Validates our point of view.

- C-49 It exposes us to diversity and appreciating what others think is important.
- C-49 Knowing there is an undogmatic group of which I can be a member.
- C-49 Discussion with like-minded people.
- C-50 Support:
- *Opportunity to experiment within a faith community.
 - *I would understand myself differently than I do, in a way I cannot imagine.
 - *I would miss the desire to understand the Stranger as different and valuable.
 - *If no UU! I would miss important intellectual growth and change.
 - *Experience of religion combined with free thought.
 - *Spiritual depth
 - *A place to doubt and discuss.
 - *A community that celebrates diversity.
 - *There would be no like-minded explorers! Accepting me and my participation.
 - *Personal identity.
- Religious Homelessness:
- *I'd be lacking an anchor or home base with a liberal faith community.
 - *I would probably be feeling isolated and in the closet, as a person of liberal faith.
- Home:
- * Sustenance for a search for faith within a liberal community.
 - *Exploring spirituality in community
 - *Organized religion in my life.
 - *It's the hub or center for all the activities of my life.
 - *I would have a less rich understanding of belief and belief systems and a united idea about how literal a religion can be.
- C-57 The people I have met. The sharing of age old ideas in a modern setting.
- C-57 I would miss the community I am part of each week. I think I would have sought out other like-minded people to share my life with, but the structure of coming together on a weekly basis would have been missing. The structure of regular services keeps me grounded.
- C-57 I am new to UU. I am looking for a faith community which respects individual freedom in the search for meaning and spiritual fulfillment, respect for each human being and social justice. All very important for me. I am looking for a space where each one celebrates their differences and yet have community.
- C-57 There is no other church I can attend without amending my life, so the ritual of church would be missing. This is not insignificant. I have gone to church at least once a week since I was an infant. Being separated from its rituals leaves me longing for a celebration of values and things beyond my immediate physical life.
- C-57 The ability to drop in at any time and be welcome. The understanding of how to help make the world a better place.
- C-57 A sense of centering; a sense of community. A gathering where we can share our joys and sorrows.
- C-57 At present, it is primarily an opportunity, a possibility in my life. I am looking for a spiritual group that is not primarily religious, i.e. not a specific religion like Christianity or Judaism
- C-57 New to UU. I find a comfort zone with many of the people in the church. A freedom to be myself, for better or worse. I was missing that. I need the spiritual support without the hierarchy and dogma. Common thought is a comfort. UUsers are non-judgemental and listen patiently to all options and positions.
- C-57 A sense of community and belonging.
- C-57 People - even the ones I don't like! In depth thinking - brought from others who have searched, examined, experimented, lived. A different way of perceiving the world, shared with others regularly and in person.

- C-58 I would not have known that there are others who share my beliefs.
- C-58 Community and support system for my beliefs. Social outlet - I have made some wonderful friends. Personal growth. Challenge to my beliefs, making me more of a deep thinker and having me stand up for and become more vocal about my beliefs.
- C-58 A sense of belonging to a community of people who think for themselves and who live responsibly based on these principles. Support system for family. Long term relationships with like-minded people of various ages.
- C-58 A forum of spiritual seekers tolerant of my unorthodoxy, who promote the individualistic search for truth, joy, love and enlightenment.
- C-58 Community. The power of a group in the areas of worship and ethics. Knowing others in my congregation who are like-minded. Pleasure in the beauty of the language and the thoughts. An opportunity to be authentic. Friends (new and important).
- C-58 It is difficult to answer this question. I was raised as a UU which indicates that it is in my bones, in the sense that my liberal education, my childhood encounters and my current life are infused with choices that emerged from such upbringing. The best I can do is suggest that I would be missing a sense of connectedness to a matrix of values and ideals which shape my life and I would lack touch-stones of shared experiences and thoughts. I would be short of a meeting place of the minds.
- C-58 Centering, reflective activities of spiritual issues. Loss of being part of a diverse congregation and becoming isolated, less interactive with such individuals. Loss of shared beliefs and community. Possible loss/diminishment of putting words in to action.
- C-59 A community of like-minded people who are accepting of so many different people, non-judgmentally. A chance to participate in the joys, sorrows and celebrations of our community.
Worship
A chance to learn and grow from hearing about the life experiences of others - a very diverse other at that.
Hymns with intelligent words.
- C-59 JThe comforting familiarity of worship services.
The community of diversity - an opportunity to learn from others who have different spiritual or religious perspectives.
FREEDOM to explore my spirituality in community.
- C-59 I would miss participating in great music centered services and the validation and personal growth that that gives me.
- C-59 An opportunity to begin again spiritually, to let go of roots so I can arrive back to them if I choose, or not.
-The experience of earth centered spirituality in a church.
- C-59 A place where I am stimulated by a variety of perspectives or diverse topics including spirituality. A group with shared values I can whole heartedly support. A place where I truly believe religion and science can so-exist in harmony.
- C-59 An opportunity to learn to do worship, being a lay woman. Beacon Choir. Honesty in religious life. Honest discussion of beliefs and search for truth and meaning. Having honest expression, courage to accept this honesty. People heard as equals - no where else do I feel heard as a person regardless that I am a woman.
- C-59 I would miss stimulating creative forces and great spiritual highs.
Powerful community with a huge potential in the world.
Growth at church as translated to increased depth elsewhere in my life, family, work, music, etc.
- C-59 Supportive community on many levels, deep friendships. Beacon Choir. Friends - mental and moral stimulation - Joy - reinforcement for my ethical stance. Challenge to be more caring.
- C-59 JThe tolerance I have learned from the community (among other things I have learned) - A place to make beautiful music.
My life would be missing a wonderful sense of community of shared values and friendships.

- C-59 Meaning for my life - my vocation.
Spiritual questing and spiritual growth in community.
My particular direction in my art.
Validation for who I am, self-esteem.
A community sharing joys, sorrows and a spiritual journey.
A religious community of people with shared values.
- C-60 my spiritual life and a sense of meaning (2)
- C-60 congruent community, one of caring, respectful and authentic people who share many of my spiritual and liberal values (one person wrote "my second family") (5)
- C-60 open-minded people (tolerance); fellowship with like-minded people (2)
- C-60 "coming home", "My people", my sense of belonging (2)
- C-61 - my way of thinking and how it developed – communion with kindred spirits – might have less affirmation of who I am – would have missed the intellectual stimulation – sense of extended family – camaraderie – awareness of social action in world events – s
- C-62 a) I have a God-hole and UU fills it. I'm comfortable with my atheism because I'm with others who accept it.
b) reinforcement of liberal values, encouragement to walk my talk, comfort with well-read, thoughtful people.
c) I've been forced to accept differences to find peace instead of walking away from them. UU is more diverse than other churches & I've grown from trying to practice the principle of accepting others.
d) I've been to a lot of different churches, collected varied beliefs, so in its openness and acceptance of all religions, UU spoke to who I am
e) encouragement to seek deeper for answers
f) having been active in cultural areas, opened up to spirituality by yoga, getting more into activism after wondering about violence (Dec 6) - I started running into Unitarians; also growing beyond the nuclear family model, Green Sanctuary, Social Justice: UU is what I've been growing towards - one stop shopping!
I'm not sure I see a SUMMARY here. Maybe acceptance from others and reinforcement of values and beliefs
- C-63 A place to explore the vast array of human expressions about their encounters with the sacred oneness of which we are a part (e.g., in religious scriptures, philosophical exploration, scientific enquiry, popular culture).
- C-63 I would be without a liberal religious community that is my religious home: 'liberal' meaning having freedom of conscience and freedom of inquiry; 'religious' meaning having a place to explore what binds us together as human beings in our search for truth, meaning and purpose; and 'community' in that we as human beings need a place of support and where we can grow and learn from others over our life-span.
- C-63 I would be without a place where I have grown spiritually, and where I was encouraged to do so without fear of what answers I might come to.
- C-63 I would be without a place to be wholly myself and be accepted for it---indeed, celebrated for who I am.
- C-63 I would be without a place to meet other like-minded people, who also believe that truth evolves over our human lives and epochs.
- C-63 I would be without a place that has supported me and challenged me to be all that I can be, make use of my talents and gifts, and do it in service to others.
- C-63 I would be without a place where I can stand in interfaith dialogue in an authentic way---because I know where I am coming from so I can more easily and fruitfully engage with others with other perspectives and beliefs.

- C-63 I would be without a religious movement that recognizes the importance of both seeing how truth evolves in our culture (and not being afraid of using 'secular' cultural materials) while also recognizing how important it is to be critical and counter-cultural (when the dominant culture is leading us to an unhealthy earth).
- C-64 Nothing - I would find another place, a community of shared values, focus, structured community that is greater than I am, being understood and being challenged, not being forced to believe what I don't believe, support and comfort, nexus of very diverse people, acceptance of each other's learning.
- C-64 OWL - welcoming congregation, programming that spans the lifetime, especially youth, consensus, assuming good intent, awareness of trust.
- C-64 Forces me to be accountable and better myself, sense of purpose, a spiritual community, place of spiritual safety, respectful interchange of ideas.
- C-64 Place to discuss, debate and talk about spiritual issues, new paths to come, curiosity about what's ahead, fluidity.
- C-64 Mirror to inner self, inner reflection, many truths, much wisdom available from hearing others stories and paths, friends and life companions, church, liberal religious identity.
- C-64 Fits life rather than life fitting it, flexibility and evolution throughout life, sense of wholeness and completeness, void -spiritual/mental connection.
- C-64 Anchor or grounding would be gone, education, inclusive voice would be silenced - impoverished, openness to any position, to be reminded to live life meaningfully.
- C-64 Hope and inspiration, support, authenticity to be who we are, would have missed the influence on my children, organic nature of what and how we do.
- C-64 The value of process, everyone in this room, like minded people talking about "bigger" issues.
- C-64 No fear or discomfort with saying what we believe, live with diversity with respect and maintain the relationships you have built, yearning for home using non-Christian traditional language.
- C-65 I'd be struggling with some aspects of belief from other churches
- C-65 I would miss things like the questioning and the thought processes of this meeting.
- C-65 A maturing and actualization (of not needing religion).
- C-65 Self governance.
- C-65 Making our decisions.
- C-65 Not being judgemental, staying curious.
- C-65 A sense of community where people are still alive and curious.
- C-65 A focus for spiritual and intellectual growth, connection of heritage and where it can take us.
- C-65 A belief in original blessing v. original sin.
- C-66 I would not be supported by a religious community of like-minded people.
- C-66 Community. Mental and spiritual stimulation
- C-66 Opportunity for learning and growth.
- C-66 Children learning about religion through their interactions with guiding and loving adults. I would not have a sense of community or the opportunity to open hearts and minds.
- C-66 True friends. Spirituality based on shared doubts and without God.
- C-66 Connections with others. Interruptions of the day-to-day.
- C-66 A sense of philosophical/religious purpose. Connection to community and eternity.
- C-66 Spiritual renewal. Encouragement of change in thought and action.
- C-66 Clear values to guide my life.
- C-66 Opportunities to give back.
- C-67 My long encounter with Unitarianism has challenged me to examine my beliefs, and the way I live my life. It has led to an ongoing search for understanding and knowledge, a constant questioning of how things are in the world, a refusal simply to accept what others say or claim to be the truth.
- C-68 An extended family.
- C-68 Comfort.
- C-68 World wide community of like-minded people.

- C-68 A foundation of such spiritual/ethical insights as I may from time to time encounter and/or embrace.
- C-68 A place to gather in spirit without having to adhere to any specific dogma.
- C-69 A sense of belonging to a group of like-minded individuals, not dependent on relationships with given individuals.
- C-69 I might have lost connection with my values.
- C-69 A home, a caring community.
- C-69 Opportunity to love my spiritual leadership in the world.
- C-69 Opportunity to participate in a multifaceted celebration of diversity.
- C-69 Intellectual/philosophical stimulation
- C-69 The opportunity to assist the growth and shape of this faith group.
- C-70 We would miss this particular, friendly, open-minded, accepting and supportive community of people with shared values, many of whom we'd probably not have known but for this Church.
- C-70 We would miss the stimulus and support for our questioning and reflection, and the affirmation that each of us is OK.
- C-70 We would miss the freedom for each of us to contribute thoughts, opinions, questions on all religious matters, to go beyond creeds, to believe in our own way, to be our own religious self.
- C-70 We would miss the sharing of our personal selves as we do here.
- C-70 We would miss having a (religious) identity for our children.
- C-70 We would miss having a palatable structure for our Spiritual Expression, a place where we feel at home on Sunday morning.
- C-70 We would not understand the meaning of Universalism.
- C-71 The sense of belonging to a diverse community of people who aspire to the same Purposes and Principles that I aspire to.
 I would not have met the people that have become so important to me.
 My horizons would not be as broad.
 I would not have enjoyed my life as much.
 Community, a sense of connectedness and family.
 Help in further growth through acceptance, balanced with challenge.
 Membership in a community of friends whose centre is the shared exploration of our deepest beliefs and values in a spirit of freedom and acceptance.
 Community and connectedness.
 A place I belong - community.
 A place to be and to become.
 I would either be a Protestant or an atheist.
 U*Uism allows me to be associated with both Christians and Atheists/Humanists, themselves from me.
 I would be missing the chance to move beyond personal and internal reflection to many of whom are people I much like and who would otherwise disassociate dialogue with others in a community.
 I would be missing the chance to learn about different spiritual beliefs, and perhaps to learn to serve.
 A Welcoming Congregation!

Q5. What can U*Us do for Canada and the World?

- I-1 This is again a wrong question. We are so busy fixing the world that we forget to fix our own community. We just LOVE to talk of solving world's problems. With all due respect, we can do very little for Canada or the world. Let us give ourselves more modest goals and not take ourselves so seriously. That is part of UU's problem.
- C-3 U*Us can set an example for tolerance and race relations.
- C-3 They can provide a safe faith environment for discussions of peace.
- C-4 To become the best I can be and at the same time use the strength I do have to 1. treat all I come in contact with in a friendly, respectful loving inclusive way. 2, support the activism of my church's causes 3. reach out to others (lay-chaplaincy, care and concern) 4. further a small number of particular causes i.e. same sex marriage etc.
- C-4 Teaching not just tolerance but acceptance of diversity having dialogue about our differences. Spread this to the rest of Canada and the world.
- C-4 I believe first "you in your small corner and I in mine" i.e. things radiate out from little flames of light; spreading some of our values – diversity, democracy, tolerance, one-on-one/media; UU social action in Canada and internationally can make a difference; CUC and CUSJ leadership. USC. To be part of a liberal religious network.
- C-4 Offer alternatives to corporate greed, bottom lines, and profit through focus, learning, search for ways to connect with the interdependent web e.g. environmental action, social action; we need to speak out more about social and political concerns; our acceptance of and support for diversity; our thoughtful reasoned voice for peace and justice; it takes courage to speak against the countries leaders or stands – we need to do this; USC and focus on empowerment not "doing to"; to help differentiate between the rights of the individual and responsibilities of and to the community.
- C-4 Keep encouraging the moderate peaceful way in international relations; hammer away at social justice issues and keep government's feet to the fire; organize forums to examine and raise awareness of needs and issues in the community e.g. the medical care issue esp. for older people; do active social action e.g. assist at soup kitchens, donate to worthy causes, protect injustices and moves by government and large corporations that create injustices.
- C-4 Beyond the close-up, contribute; individualism not as preferable; help Stephen Lewis.
- C-4 We could continue to offer a sanctuary for those who feel they do not fit in with the world views they are surrounded with; we could live our views individually in our everyday world; if our connection to uu'ism makes us better people this must make for a better world.
- I-5 U*Us have a wonderful message of acceptance and I think that the world would do well to tune in. Our communities have a statement of safety - meaning that we are minimally judging of 'others.'
- I-5 U*Us are generally a smart and generous group of people - as individuals we can contribute to time and energy to good causes.
- I-5 Also as individuals, we can foster a sense of acceptance and celebration of diversity in our day to day lives and create a 'ripple effect' that way - inspiring the world person by person.
- I-5 U*U communities provide models for how diverse people can work together and grow together without building cement walls and throwing bombs around.
- I-6 Show how Unitarianism and Canada stand for being proud of their historic origins without being afraid of the future; not only tolerance of others and otherness but respect for and celebration of it
- C-7 Show the world that there is a forum for international co-operation with no strings attached due to our sense of the worth and dignity of every person
- C-7 Preach and practice acceptance of others' views and customs
- C-7 Be a moderating voice
- C-7 Reach out to the 'other'
- C-7 Show different expressions of belief
- C-7 Holding and living a vision based on our Principles
- C-7 Promote respect for the environment and interdependent web
- C-7 Be a liberal voice

- C-7 Provide a place where children can learn more inclusive values
- C-7 Provide a place where non-conformists can express and debate ideas
- C-8 Be leaders in diversity. Respect and celebrate differences
- C-8 Through example and service help others live a more peaceful and thoughtful existence
- I-9 Become more active for social justice in our community, our province, our country and the larger world.
Join more social justice campaigns, starting with our own unitarian congregations social justice committees...or at least show that we live our principles more by actively, not just piously, supporting the beliefs and principles with...action not just words.
- C-10 We offer a "home" to gay/lesbian/by/trans people.
- C-10 The church's inclusiveness and acceptance is "catching" and may lead to more peace in the community, country and world.
- C-10 We stress that all people are connected to each other: we all are "one".
- C-10 We can be a voice for freedom, justice and equality by drawing political attention to situations that need change.
- C-10 We can work for environmental and nutritional awareness.
- C-10 We support USC.
- C-10 Continue to support Peace Poles.
- C-10 As a group, we must take care of our children.
- C-10 Be the best that we can be and trust the ripple effect: try random acts of kindness.
- C-10 Value diversity and other faiths and let our lights shine.
- C-11 Embrace, appreciate and celebrate the full diversity (cultural and spiritual) of Canadian society encouraging our minorities to express things that are important to Canada
- C-11 Support collaborative approach > adversarial approach
Mosaics are good
- C-11 Political and financial support for non-aggressive World Efforts and Global Awareness as a value
Religious marriages for multiple styles of couples / families that can respect and honour the different religious traditions of the participants
- C-11 Religious rites of passages
Creation of inclusive religious ceremonies – eg flower and water communions
- C-11 Regional / local centers for Social Justice and Civil Right issues
Links nationally on Social Justice
- C-11 Attempt to articulate a Canadian "theology": ie environment / first Nations / cultural and language diversity
- C-11 Life Span Learning – valuing our children and youth
- C-11 Model and live consensual / collaborative / inclusive processes
- C-11 Provide place where religious diversity is treated with respect
- C-11 Safe haven for social action / justice groups
Set example of religion as an agent of change to a more just and caring society
- I-12 Play a part in offering an alternative to dogmatic, unquestioning and guilt based religions.
- I-12 Continue to value the worth and dignity of and to support individuals regardless of their sexual orientation,
- I-12 Here is a dream... maybe we could establish some schools that would value the worth and dignity of all children... public schools are under attack in B.C. and other provinces, with emphasis increasingly on accountability and assessment. The soul and spirit of the child is often lost in the unwavering focus on grades at the expense of authentic learning.
- C-20 be a model for an inclusive, respectful community
- C-20 lead by example and voice in areas of peace, social justice, tolerance and stewardship of Mother Earth
- C-20 be an example as they affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person
- C-20 model cross-cultural, non-patriarchal spiritual tolerance with new Canadians
- C-20 be the "leaven in the lump" – the small but vital alternative view
- C-20 help celebrate Canada's and the world's diversity

- C-20 reflect the way Canadians want to be
- C-20 offer alternative perspectives on social, political and environmental issues
- C-21 we can be an example of inclusiveness, of being in community in our diversity
- C-21 we can act in our local community
- C-21 we can promote peace.
- C-21 we can speak out on social issues (locally, provincially, nationally): poverty, education, human rights...
- C-21 maybe we need more UU politicians!!!
- C-21 lobby government, organize forums or townhall meetings with politicians
- C-21 We work to imagine and build an economy that is just and sustainable for the environment
- C-21 we work to build a religious understanding that is respectful of modern knowledge and cultures around the world
- C-27 UU's as a church has but a small voice relative to other churches (small numbers) however this church is quite delicate and eloquent in its expression of support for its chosen causes
- C-27 Bring harmony, peace, tolerance to the world
- C-27 Be an example of how to be in harmony
- C-27 Help to awaken the senses of the world
- C-27 Link like-minded people around the globe
- C-27 Advocate for justice
- C-27 Provide a refuge for change-makers
- C-27 Make a space for questions, not answers
- C-27 Initiate diversity and make it possible to see the congregation diversify
- C-27 Alternative to fundamentalism
- C-28 First, just be. Internal service, providing comfort and community to all we can
- C-28 Radiate an attitude through our principles and actions, something inarguably just
- C-28 Show that there is a way for people of divergent views and religious belief to be together
- C-28 Offer a broad and inclusive view of the world
- C-28 Affect the sense of unity and harmony and interconnectedness of the human world
- C-28 Offer opportunities for interfaith dialogue and connection
- C-28 An alternative to fundamentalism
- C-28 Give a comfortable spiritual home to those who would otherwise have none
- C-28 UUs must stand up, stand out and serve as an example of right relations
- C-28 Promote peace in human relations by interacting with others in an understanding way
- C-29 Be active in promoting social justice
- C-29 Promote peace in the world through activism
- C-29 Support just causes and those who work for them
- C-29 Speak out for justice
- C-29 Practice love and tolerance
- C-34 I have joined CUSJ - an active group - they write letters to politicians and take stands on social issues. I do what I need to let my light shine. It is important to have meaningful Sunday services and to live the UU principles with other faiths.
- C-34 Each of us should practice the three "R"s - reduce, reuse, recycle - try not to waste natural resources. Vote - get involved.
- C-34 foster among religious and civil communities respect for all peoples and all that is.
- C-34 lead in social/moral/political issues when our liberal views can shed new light and add our weight to that of other groups who are already working for causes we agree with; tolerance; reclaim "family values".
- C-34 social justice - people in need throughout the world - advocate for justice and democracy in the world's political and economic structures; advocate for government legislation that promotes social justice and freedom of choice and action while respecting other people's rights and freedoms.

- C-34 to share our diversity - our acceptance of other religions and philosophies; allow for differences of opinion and ideas; working at consensus and co-operation; dealing with conflict positively and ethically.
- C-34 show by example what a good world it could be by living your principles
- C-34 Keep on with our principles and really live them.
- C-34 be ourselves as inspired by our beloved community and shared principles; work in partnership, advocate for social justice.
- C-34 Support UN; support the work/ministry of peace; continue partner church, adopt an African village; Support RJC; support political awareness and change; alternative to fundamentalism
- C-35 Just as Canada can be an example for the world in showing how people from many diverse backgrounds can live in relative harmony, U*Us can work to maintain and extend tolerance and acceptance of diversity. Also we can help lead the debate on environmental and social issues and developing values which support sustainability and social justice and democracy and peace.
- C-35 develop political action that pushes UU values into the political arena at local, provincial and federal levels; Join together with "other denominations" to promote recognition of the "problems" in our society and world and to do everything to eradicate the problems;
- C-35 keep our lamp lit (metaphorically) - these are dark times in many places on the planet still; encourage right livelihood and right action through continuing to reaffirm democracy and its inherent celebration of diversity
- C-35 Provide an alternative to fundamentalism in other religions; gateway for those who seek a liberal church but may leave us to join a traditional denomination
- C-35 Continue to work for social justice but power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely, and so social justice is difficult.
- C-35 promote and increase influences of peace, equality, respect for environment and other people, understanding
- C-35 teach diversity, tolerance, appreciation of everyone's values and worth; justice for all.
- C-35 Be a bridge or catalyst for joint action in our communities to create, sustain, save and transform for the greater good
- C-35 strive to live a conscious life; be aware of what we value and put it out there in an advantageous (not comfortable) way. Leadership by example; support/defend each other: "our lives our fortunes and our sacred honour"
- C-35 strive to model a caring community based on tolerance, respect and inclusiveness
- C-36 Walk the talk! - live the shared values in our religious community - our decision-making/ being with each other, caring, respect; reach out to youth/young families; invite others/join with others who see power of love, non-violence, principled action, freedom of expression; Take a stand for freedom, peace, deep democracy in the world; Be in the on-going search for meaning/acceptance of all that is
- C-37 The same as they do for me. (Challenge, question, search, etc.)
- C-37 A way of speaking across diversity without orthodoxy
- C-37 Alternative religion or alternative TO religion
- C-37 Spirituality without God. Becoming your whole and holy self.
- C-37 Respectful engagement
- C-37 Make Canada, more Canadian (such as in the "good old days" of Pearson and statesmanship)
- C-37 Support social and political issues that reflect our values while challenging those that don't. Take up more space in the "public square".
- C-37 Values without creed. (Christian, theist, omitheist, etc.)
- C-37 Give humanism a place in the public forum.
- C-37 Create more U*U communities to help "spread the word".
- C-38 ...alternative religion, fairness, tolerance.
- C-38 ...open the world up to its fullness.
- C-38 ...witness to peace with justice.
- C-38 ...promote peace, health for all in the world.

- C-38 ...be a major force behind a solid "peace and no hunger in the world" movement.
- C-38 ...to make a joint statement of our concerns and ideas for positive change in our community, our province and our country.
- C-38 We need to further promote peace and non-violence. Always offer opportunities for all to do good work in the world.
- C-38 ...model our principles - vote for our governments as they fulfill our principles; support actions for peace, justice, democracy, e.g. UN, UNICEF
- C-38 ...be the visible "conscience" for our societies through our words and actions.
- C-38 ...exemplify how people of different religions, philosophies, races, sexual orientations etc. can form a cohesive unit and work together in harmony toward mutual goals... "a microcosm for the macrocosm"
- C-39 We live our values where we are planted.
- C-40 Albert Camus: "Think globally, act locally", act as microcosm of the world, interfaith work, help people to respect, sustainability not just environmentally but using an expanded definition including spiritual, military, industrial sustainability. We are developing a Canadian persona – which is more than 'not American'. Courage of UUs to live their faith, which is constantly under revision and being redefined. Setting an example in the world, tolerance.
- C-41 Promote peace for all mankind. To give of ourselves and our wealth to developing countries. To be of help in time of disaster and war.
- C-41 To help others question.
- C-41 Spread tolerance, love, hope, all throughout the peoples of the world, but start with the people closest to us.
- C-41 Spread the values of Universalism.
- C-41 Keep up the good work.
- C-41 Provide reason, compassion, non-violent responses to problems that bring humanity together, trying for highest ideals rather than tribalism.
- C-41 Act as models for interfaith relationships. Cause people to be less fixated on any one religion
- C-41 Try to keep the peace.
- C-41 Be the mediators. Be the ones who use reason.. Focus the discussion. Lead by example. Advocate.
- C-41 Lead by example. Live what we believe. Embody our values by living our principles.
- C-42 Because we live in a multi-cultural country, Canadian UUs can take occasion to affirm in this country the values we subscribe to in our religious life. To stand up for equality, peace, good government.
- C-42 We can share our belief and respect for diversity. To love peace and harmony without losing individuality.
- C-42 Focusing on the problems and trying to help solve them. Working for justice.
- C-42 Be an advocate for minorities and against injustice. Be a listener to other points of view. Take action within the law and by the rules of democracy. Support financially and with our personal energy/expertise those causes which make life better/fairer for others.
- C-42 Nothing.
- C-42 Canadians around the world are considered peacemakers. Working towards a fair democratic society seems to be part of UUism
- C-42 Show that people of different cultures/races/religions can respect and get along with each other. To be represented whenever a stand for peace is made. To be a voice in negotiations when there is strife.
- C-43 Provide an accepting environment for our children to grow up in; a home. I'm sure there is much more.
- C-43 We can share our attitude of courageously dealing with issues that other closed groups avoid.
- C-43 What should they try to do? Spread our messages.
- C-43 For the world: demonstrate the reason and tolerance to be found in a liberal religion which celebrates diversity.

- C-43 Should be outspoken and active in pointing out injustices for Canada and the World.
- C-43 Offer a philosophy that creates a Common Ground to solve complex problems, communities where people can explore and employ their values more deeply
- C-43 Be a beacon of liberal religious thought and action, save lives, inspire more people to live full and meaningful lives.
- C-44 Observe, relate, assist, and communicate spiritually.
- C-44 Share, communicate, and propagate our values re: justice, world community and the environment.
- C-44 Work to protect the threatened, be a voice for the unheard. and promote our own shared values; offer a safe, spiritual community where all are welcome.
- C-44 A sense of security that there is a place that isn't just "black and white" with respect to religion, and where there are spiritual approaches to meaning.
- C-44 We can promote a healthy discussion of current events, and can work for a peaceful existence for everyone, so that all have a home and enough food to live on.
- C-44 Take a leadership role in tolerance of differences, social justice, and social action at home and abroad.
- C-45 Promote by example our values: love, respect for all people, justice, equity, peace, the democratic process, freedom, the intellectual approach to problems. Make the world aware that there are better ways of being in the world than war and injustice.
- C-45 Provide a role model of free and democratic religious community whose principles are reflected in the larger society.
- C-45 Set examples of rational approaches to solutions and meaningful lives filled with truth, goodness and beauty. Contribute to spiritual and intellectual honesty and clear thinking in our community.
- C-45 Work for greater humanity in social policies and institutions. Work for non-violent resolution to social/political conflicts.
- C-46 Tolerance; religious humanism - a Humanist approach.
- C-46 Reasons & rationality in religion.
- C-46 Foster a broader acceptance of individual viewpoints and the right to hold these differing viewpoints - bring greater acceptance of each other into society.
- C-46 To demonstrate a non-mythic religious perspective on the world and to act in a compassionate way.
- C-46 Live individually to lead (by example) toward understanding, tolerance and peace; bring issues to public attention through UU.
- C-46 Channel people into social action and community service; relieve sense of despair and alienation; support parents in values educating their children.
- C-47 Keep asking questions.
- C-47 Vote.
- C-47 Support the U.S.C.
- C-47 Initiate, participate and support people in actions in which we believe.
- C-47 Saying who we are and what we do.
- C-47 Maintain and advance what we do already.
- C-47 Keep focused - quality, not quantity.
- I-48 I think that in our congregations we model how it is possible to live in community while having pluralistic beliefs. It is possible because we do it. We can also be a voice for justice. We need those voices right now. We can be one voice that represents the conscience of liberal people. I also think that we are unique in Canada because we are a truly liberal RELIGIOUS body. Canada is so secularized. To be liberal is nothing unique. We are a pretty liberal country. But to have a liberal religious voice, that is something.
- C-49 If we all live our principles, we can spread our influence of tolerance, acceptance of other faiths and lifestyles, as long as these lifestyles are life affirming.
- C-49 Dropping a stone into a pool of water, the ripple will meet a shore eventually and impact on others and so on...

- C-49 Donate money to groups such as Interpares or the Heifer Project, aid to refugees, world accord.
- C-49 Put your faith in good works.
- C-49 Discussions like this, focus us to articulate what we really believe. We redefine our thoughts constantly.
- C-50 Network
- *Be an example of functional democratic networking, as opposed to regimented authoritarian hierarchy.
 - *Demonstrate being faithful without being creedal
 - *We can fight to keep fundamentalism from overtake the religious public forum.
- Intellect
- *A voice of tolerance and liberalism (together with other liberal tradition)
 - *Intellectual stimulation and thought.
- Social Justice
- *We can set an example to the world by how we UUs as individuals and in community, live and practice our evolving faith.
 - *Encourage the bringing of thought and action into alignment
 - *Organize social action projects.
 - *Leaders in promoting values of sexual equality, tolerance, acceptance, diversity, social justice etc.
 - *Fierce commitment to justice
- UUs can actively participate in any and all justice causes and hopefully have the energy (received from UU community) to offer leadership at times.
- *Offer a strong, thoughtful, liberal voice on social issues.
 - *Work together to give effect to phrase “respect for inherent worth and dignity” on a world scale by working as Unitarians to try to ensure that everyone has enough to eat and a roof over their heads.
 - *Work for world peace – participate in anti-war activities as members of the Unitarian Church.
- C-57 Come to an agreement on values and stick to them Simplicity.
- C-57 Be an example of how people of diverse backgrounds can build a successful community and can work to create a loving and just world.
- C-57 Promote peace, social justice and the awareness that we are all one, despite our differences. Find and spread ways for differences to be bridged.
- C-57 Create safe space for those rejected by hypocritical religions. Lead in areas of peace and equality. Social benefits of church without exclusionary dogma.
- C-57 Support movements such as UUSC and the Cappuchinos. Try to improve the conditions of others.
- C-57 Make Canada and the world aware of others. By sharing their personal goals with the world.
- C-57 Continue to create a healthy and constructive spiritual option/alternative.
- C-57 Make them more tolerant and peaceful places to be. Be a leader for peace, tolerance and love, humour and joy.
- C-57 Hopefully, make it a better place to live.
- C-57 Show, demonstrate, talk, write, create, perform, produce - whatever- that there are many ways of being that are different yet acceptable. Explain the different ways in which, we, the human family, exist on this planet and in this universe and show how each has connections to all, the thread that connects us all, past present and future.
- C-58 We can bring the messages of the interdependence of all life, that all life is sacred and that men should not have control over what lives and dies.
- C-58 Continue to respect each person's thoughts, values, and beliefs. Encourage more people to be free thinkers. Trust the good that is in all of us. Encourage cultures to follow their own practices and not follow the doctrines of other religions that don't feel right for them.

- C-58 It can provide a way of celebrating diversity. We can educate the communities at large about the positive aspects of various religious communities in order to take away the fear associated with the unknown. This would allow for greater discussion among religious groups where eventually a consensus could be reached instead of instilling hatred among groups.
- C-58 To promote gentle, loving questioning of all assumptions, both individual and common, and to act to the spiritual, social, and environmental benefit of all.
- C-58 Teach.
- C-58 As a denomination, to question, analyse, dispure and diminish the sour fundamentalism that is devilling the world. As individuals, to educate, agitate, organize, enjoy and love our unique nation and the world and one another
- C-58 Voice of reason, restraint and focussed direction to the larger society, on the many issues that affect Canadians. Vehicle to press for positive change and if required, legitimate dissent and opposition to conservative, corporate and bigoted movements. Deeds over creed should always be our watchword.
- C-59 Be a voice of reason and tolerance and acceptance of others.
Promote liberal social causes.
Become more visible as a denomination so we can spread the word about our tolerance and acceptance of diversity, etc., and make the world a better place.
- C-59 Be a showpiece for living in diversity.
Provide a powerful and diversity-affirming model of how science and spirit need not be in conflict, but can be yoked together to heal our world.
- C-59 Get our message out to the world. -practice what we preach - lead by example - get politically involved (small p).
We can share our experience and expertise in being a diverse and accepting community.
We can be visible in living our values of tolerance, acceptance of diversity and respect for each individual.
- C-59 Support the health of our natural world that is now on the verge of being unable to sustain us. (depletion of natural resources).
- C-59 We can connect internationally with U.U.'s and share our financial, intellectual and spiritual resources to grow and nurture this denomination (e.g. partner church).
- C-59 We can go out into our communities and shine the light that we create within ourselves and our congregations.
- C-59 Take action (as a group) in the world consistent with our values and principles. Raise awareness in the world of U.U. principles, values and organization.
Provide the democratic process in the world at large. -"Do all things with great love."
Act from a centre of integrity and compassion and challenge the destructive forces of our world.
- C-59 Grow! Evanagelical Unitarianism. Publicize our differences from other churches without attacking them.
- C-59 Connect with our local community. Lobby provincial and federal governments on behalf of the poor in Canada and the World.
Be a religion which practices, endorses and encourages tolerance and appreciation of human diversity.
- C-59 Support each other and the people of the world where they share our values (reason and spirit).
Maintain our Church's health.
- C-60 promote tolerance, diversity and religious freedom (1)
- C-60 raise children who care and respect all people (1)
- C-60 be a liberal voice for peace and justice (1)
- C-60 provide a model of a liberal organization (1)
- C-60 provide a spiritual gathering place for free and independent thinkers (1)

- C-61 There are great possibilities but I often see a big gap between what we can do and what we will do! – idealistically influence what groups can do to better local conditions and influence beyond the local level – being open and accepting may help others to be the same way in their communities – reaching out to the world by making visible and vocal stands for social justice – unified stand for peace – open up the possibilities for dialogue between people of different faith systems – create forums that promote awareness of local and world situations – create a safe place where people can come together in community to make changes for the betterment of community – being a collective and positive voice requiring our Government to ensure fair wage scale practices and good public education and health programs – by example create awareness for better environmental practices – show by action and deed concern and support for minority groups –
- C-62 -- potential for interfaith, multidisciplinary involvements, but unfortunately in many places in the world there is considerable intolerance towards other races, viewpoints and faiths
-- Canada's multicultural policy is reflected in Unitarianism
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- C-63 Create a space for respectful engagement of a variety of different viewpoints, beliefs, and human diversities (with all the differing life experiences)---in such a space we can learn the skills of how to truly engage in what Henry Nelson Wieman calls 'creative interchange'. We will listen to the other's experiences and be open to being transformed by it.
- C-63 Create space for interfaith dialogue.
- C-63 Find ways and places for the interface between spirituality and social justice action---one is necessary for the other if we are to have sustainable social action that will lead our Canadian society in transforming ourselves from being individualistic, consumeristic, apathetic into being community-minded (for the good of all), with sustaining our eco-system in mind, and engaged to make a difference.
- C-63 Since we UUs in Canada are at a point of defining our identities, I think we can help lead the discussion for the maturing of the Canadian identity --- so we can speak from a positive, multi-voice place, rather than a knee-jerk reaction place against the United States and our perceived judgments about what Americans are. For us to mature spiritually and psychologically, I believe we UUs and Canadians need to move beyond that and into a positive place to stand on.
- C-63 To offer alternative options to the dominant capitalistic model of world economics---e.g., a cooperative approach.
- C-63 We can offer a liberal religious voice that includes voices of theists/agnostics/atheists/Buddhists/pagans/etc. in an increasingly conservative religious landscape--- so that people know there is an alternative religious place to explore.
- C-63 We can lead the way with other religious interfaith coalitions to stand up for the needs of the earth---and find ways for its healing.
- C-63 We can lead the way for justice for aboriginal people.
- C-63 We can create alliances/allies with civil society in areas of justice-making and peace-making (including working to create a culture of peace to replace the dominant culture of war).
- C-63 Through the arts and other creative processes, we can provide places and opportunities for people to imagine a new world order to work towards (as the American Empire falls, and as we work against "The New American Century" project of Bush/Wolfowitz/and friends).
- C-64 Continue public policy issues that are congruent with our principles, keep the common good in the front, but watch out for the tyranny of majority or minority, need to be articulate but kind, change is constant - the group is getting clearer about who we are and who we are not, everything does not go, attend community events, get out and be seen, use the media.
- C-64 Link with other like-minded people in other social justice issues/projects, set an example for issues such as social justice, the environment and "isms" create a greater sense of community, more outreach to greater community (we are predominately white/middle class), do it through our behaviours.

- C-64 Act on our beliefs as a group, teach tolerance, celebrate diversity, defend individual rights, live principles as individuals and church community.
- C-64 Walk the talk, be a model for world community, we are unique, but not BETTER than (we don't want to come across as arrogant), reach out to others as equals -inter pares- and look at what we have in common, humility - think humbly of ourselves.
- C-64 deeds not creeds, confront hypocrisy with our own church, tackle the tension between "we have an important message" and "capital T - Truth", carry a torch, don't hide our light under a bushel.
- C-64 "Follow the man who's searching for truth, but when he's found it run like hell" (Havel), teach and live anti-oppression work, have clearly articulated social justice goals.
- C-64 Open door of inclusiveness, change the face of what a churchgoer looks like, act as allies in the world, be easy for groups/individuals to find us, sharing,/witnessing not proselytizing, using our values to be visible and heard.
- C-64 Join with our fellow leftists in social justice work, trust and support equality in community, balance between personal and shared worship, a calling to be our best selves, promote respect and responsible parenting, we have a duty to ensure that the world's children have good parents.
- C-64 Growing spiritually is essential, stop and take time to stop, learn and listen, we grow as fast as we can,
- C-64 Live honestly, work on group well-being, the Golden Rule, we must realize that true self-love is essential, do no harm.
- C-65 Talk less and do more.
- C-65 Set an example of tolerance, benevolence.
- C-65 Clean water and water treatment.
- C-65 Civic service, volunteerism, social justice, advocacy.
- C-65 Be a good model in terms of bringing diverse groups together.
- C-65 Defining future of UU, putting ability of reason, justice and compassion ahead of what is 'infallible revelation' (as in the Bible).
- C-65 Reminders of UU heritage and what UU people have done. (Universalists have been around for 400 years).
- C-65 Ideas, compassion, reason, justice.
- C-65 Examples of living with diversity.
- C-65 Not afraid to ask questions.
- C-66 To be socially aware and active. Reason fitting with faith.
- C-66 Lend perspective on world events.
- C-66 Bring all people together in a spirit of tolerance - world peace.
- C-66 Present a reasonable approach to important issues.
- C-66 Establish self-help (USC) One more beacon of religious liberalism.
- C-66 Living a conscious life. Living our values.
- C-66 Not being paralysed by the largeness of the task. Acceptance of the disenfranchised.
- C-66 Allow people to grow at their own pace.
- C-66 Responsible action both at home and internationally. Seeing the big picture - contributing to the interconnectedness of life.
- C-66 Taking a leadership role in promoting our values of peace, protection of life and celebration of diversity.
- C-67 Be a middle voice, a voice that speaks up for tolerance and understanding and acceptance. In this new century I think we need to find ways to turn our ideas into actions. We do this as individuals, but how can we make the Unitarian voice one that is heard, is recognized and is respected as one that is worth listening to? We must find a way to show that science and religion together form the kind of foundation our lives require to meet the challenges of today's world.
- C-68 Set an example of peace.
- C-68 Show the other half of Christ's message (love)

- C-68 Individuals and congregations can take actions and stands on ethical and moral issues.
- C-68 Show that a spiritual belief does not have to be a box of rules, that God does not have to be put in a box.
- C-69 Provide a model of harmony in a world of diverse interests.
- C-69 Religiously diverse community.
- C-69 A voice - disinterested, i.e. objective, not attached to a particular doctrine, articulate, influencing policy toward UU values.
- C-69 A caring community for 'unchurched', non-theistic, nondoctrinaire.
- C-69 A voice for change.
- C-70 We can practice and promote tolerance, including of cultures, religions and languages; we can model respect for human dignity.
- C-70 We can practice radical inclusiveness in many contexts; unite theists, pagans, humanists and others in a common religious quest; integrate truth from all religions.
- C-70 We can practice and promote a non-dogmatic recognition of the Spiritual dimension; continue to question and evolve rather than freezing creeds, doctrines and practices.
- C-70 We can live with personal integrity; bring our practice in line with our conceptualization of the Universe.
- C-70 We can be a conscience for the World; lead by example; act on our principles by publicly affirming and promoting all the things described in the current set of principles: react to injustice, model radical democracy, lobby government where appropriate, support peace-keeping and oppose aggressiveness in the world.
- C-70 We can speak and live our faith in the fundamental Goodness of the World.
- C-71 By sharing our faith we can contribute to the way lives are led - by living our principles.
The UU's have the potential to inspire a movement to fundamentally change this country and the world by encouraging people to embrace the universal values it espouses.
I think that Canadians have a less "imperialist" and dominating approach to our collective life on this planet. It's a vitally important balance to the other power struggles that go on, disguised as stabilization efforts and globalization of markets.
Affirm and promote personal responsibility while acting in the world for all the world.
Demonstrate that we can live together in diversity.
Challenge harmful actions.
"Our geographic vastness, isolation and climate have propelled us as pioneers less than individual values. Our survival, and "thrival," have often been the result "to do it ourselves" and we have focused on and cultivated community values community. These are values and expertise Canada and the world needs of our working for consensus and in cooperation to build and maintain

Q6. What are the shared values and loyalties that bind us together as U*Us in Canada and make us unique?

- I-1 This is a very biased question. It implies that UUs in Canada are a special species that requires special attention. Since when did we check out of the human race ? Anybody who has been around the world and worked with different peoples in different countries will find the question offensive.
- C-2 What's in the present statement PLUS our RESPONSIBILITY to build and live our own religion as individuals.
- C-2 Diversity
- C-2 Acceptance
- C-2 Search
- C-2 The right to be comfortable or uncomfortable
- C-2 A preference for action
- C-2 Grass roots upwards, not vice versa
- C-2 Freedom and exploration are possible because no dogma binds us
- C-2 Democratic principles
- C-2 Ability to change and still stay grounded
- C-3 Canadian U*Uism has arisen from a mosaic culture, rather than from the melting pot model (or from a smorgasbord vs. a pressure cooker).
- C-3 Canadian U*Us can be outspoken to the world.
- C-3 Canadian U*Us respect and celebrate diversity, though not necessarily uniquely as other groups have these attitudes as well.
- I-5 Canadians are proud of their cultural mosaic. In that way, Canadian U*Us are extra proud of all the diversity in our congregations.
- I-5 In Canada it can get very cold - we recognize that huddling together works better than keeping our blankets to ourselves. Canadian U*Us acknowledge that sometimes a certain amount of personal comfort needs to be sacrificed for the greater whole. This is reflected in our taxes and in our constitution (peace, order and good government of Canada).
- I-5 Canadians have a lot of 'virgin' wilderness still. I think that this helps to make some U*Us here feel more connected with the environment.
- I-5 Canadian U*Us are maybe a little more open or experimental than other U*Us. As a country and a religion we are more liberal than many!
- C-7 Our political freedom
- C-7 Absence of self-righteousness
- C-7 Reference to hockey and curling in sermons
- C-7 Embrace multiculturalism
- C-7 Unity in diversity
- C-7 A multicultural society with peace, liberty and justice for all
- C-7 Commitment to open debate
- I-9 Care and compassion for others; belief that the world can and will be a better place with action (though still not enough people go beyond giving lip service to this), a belief in community, a belief in the need to gather collectively in honour of these beliefs with others of like minds, a respect for other cultures and, hopefully, a tolerance (though sometimes I wonder about this) of those who have varying beliefs. Perhaps most importantly the belief that we are made better as a society and local community when we invite others of varying faiths and beliefs to talk with us, share with us and learn from each other.
- C-10 We are cohesive in our need for freedom to question, to believe and to act.
- C-10 We share a need for an inclusive and tolerant spiritual community.
- C-10 We share an acceptance of one another with honesty and integrity, while tolerating ambiguity.
- C-10 We find creativity and unity in our diversity while accepting teachings from many traditions including Eastern.

- C-10 We share spiritual knowledge that every one of us is on an individualistic spiritual journey and that every encounter with another being is therefore, a spiritual encounter.
- C-10 We accept the concept of Holism along with unltimate faith in Humanity.
- C-10 Building one's own religion is accepted by each as a personal responsibility.
- C-10 We encourage opportunities for religious exploration and change.
- C-10 One can pursue justice with a social conscience in a non-hierarchal setting.
- C-10 One can practice spiritual activism.
- C-11 Shared values
Open mindedness
We see doubt
- C-11 Congregational / democratic decision making
Canadian Landscapes, elements (snow) and nature
- C-11 Singing and speaking to our diversities eg French / English / First Nations
U*U communion celebration
U-U History
- C-11 Sharing and discussion after service
Embracing diversity
- C-11 Canadian Heros / U*Us
- C-11 No final answer
Respect for ideas and people
- C-11 Religions growth and exploration
- C-11 Social justice
Democratic principles
- C-11 Respect for integrity of the individual
- C-11 Internationalism – support for UN and its agencies
- I-12 Our CUC Principles
- I-12 Our willingness to question and debate
- I-12 We are Canadian, eh. Being separate from the U.S. as we now are, gives us a national identity and more reason to pull together. Now that we have chosen to be independent, we have to rely more on each other.
- C-20 Our communal answer, as requested:
We are bound by the knowledge that we're a minority within a minority – so tiny among such immensity, needing to work very hard to have an impact – and still with something of the pioneer spirit. We share a commitment to an open and inclusive religious community in a Canadian setting, which is more open to cultural differences than in most countries.
We are unique because we are addressing our Canadian situation as a Canadian movement and organization. Our distinctiveness is the Canadian cultural context and all that implies for who we are socially, politically and historically – and our pride in that.
- C-21 This question had us stumped, we weren't sure what was meant. Is it "what makes UU's different from other faith groups"? or "what makes canadian UU's different from american ones?" of "what do UU's across Canada have in common?" We felt we can only give much answer to the first question:
- C-21 UU's different from other faiths: because we have no single shared creed, we are open to many spiritual paths
- C-21 UU's different from other faiths: because we have congregational polity
- C-21 UU's different from other faiths: because we not only accept but value diversity, in religious beliefs, lifestyles, etc
- C-21 UU's different from other faiths: because we agree to disagree!
- C-21 UU's different from other faiths: because we do not accept any one scripture as authoritative
- C-21 UU's different from other faiths: because we place much less emphasis on tradition (even our own tradition!) than other faiths, we place much more emphasis on the present

- C-21 UU's different from other faiths: because we are much less dependent on clergy, we have many lay-led Fellowships
- C-21 We can't say much about what makes Canadian UU's different from American ones, because we have so little acquaintance with American UUism. From impressions we have gleaned from various sporadic sources, we suggest the following comments:
- C-21 Canadian UU's may be different from Americans - our social justice issues are distinctive - racism for example has a different face in Canada and US
- C-22 Canadian UU's may be different from Americans - we may be less attached to the liberal-Christian strand of UUism
- C-22 Canadian UU's may be different from Americans - we may feel less besieged by a surrounding Christian fundamentally than UU's in some part of the US
- C-22 Canadian UU's may be different from Americans - simply because Canadian history and demographics are different
- C-22 We have even less to say about the question "what do Canadian UU's have in common, but that's different from anybody else", because we don't really know Canadian UU's either.
- C-27 Affirming the spirit of the current principles and sources, we are a community that values:
 Integrity in our relationships with everyone and everything
 Tolerance, acceptance, even celebration of diversity
 Listening to all voices
 Questing for truths and meaning wherever they may be found
 Our faith's tradition and its evolving nature
 The [embodied] practice of transforming belief into action
 The experience of the transforming power of love
- C-34 relative to other religions, we have a history of tolerance and respect - no dogmas. The application of values and loyalties are different from the USA.
- C-34 Respect for diversity and other religions; belief in justice and worth in every other living being; we are more tolerant and adverse to wars; as a country, we are noted as peacekeepers as opposed to a military power. We are aligned with UU principles in the US.
- C-34 sense of community - inclusive not exclusive; acceptance of reconciliation strategies in the face of seeming conflict; an acceptance that we are all brothers and sisters (Christian, Moslem, Buddhist and all) the universal spark of "god" in all that is.
- C-34 I would like it to be that we stand for a certain way of leading our lives - I'm not sure.
- C-34 a religious liberal community with social justice concerns; I don't think there is much that makes Canadian UUs unique compared to UUs in other democratic countries. I think we need principles that bind us together with UUs throughout the world.
- C-34 our principles and the sources from which they are drawn; an opportunity to learn and do what feels right for us as individuals on life's journey (e.g. workshops led by minister)
- C-34 The values that are outlined in our seven principles probably the main one for me is tolerance
- C-34 respect; sense of justice, freedom to search; diversity.
- C-34 A focus on accepting one another (which is beyond tolerance) and encouragement to conduct ourselves a free and responsible individual search for truth and meaning.
- C-34 Tolerance and its joys; autonomy of the individual that each person is doing his/her best at any given time; respect; The world is an organism whose existence depends on all parts being respected and nourished. Deep democracy. Democratic process essential to all decision-making within the congregation and in the world at large. Environmental leadership - activism and all parts to be respected, nurtured; no doctrine or creed.
- C-35 Compassion, respect, concern for the "big picture"; being diverse and yet working together, aspirations for peace and democracy and environment; emphasis on individual spiritual experience.

- C-35 Questioning of meaning of life and our interpretation of life; willingness to address issues of interrelationships of cultures; we view democratic process as central to all decisions made; autonomy of individual.
- C-35 environmental awareness, leadership and activism; democratic process and social diligence; our desire to be a beacon of hope for free minds that are persecuted in a fundamentalist context
- C-35 no doctrine or creed; ongoing search for spiritual growth; no authoritative figure dictating protocol.
- C-35 social justice
- C-35 being able to live and express themselves as they really know it to be true, and not because some authority tells them what is right
- C-35 Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part
- C-35 Justice, peace, love
- C-35 respect for each individual as soul/mind/body/spirit; acceptance of people as they are; affection for people as they are; support people, businesses, groups that foster health, security, equality for all people; to keep an open mind and an intact conscience.
- C-35 tolerance; freedom of thought, respect for others; celebration of differences; a positive view of life and death
- C-36 caring, compassion, love, tolerance of diverse perspectives; action arising from shared belief in equity, justice, freedom (same sex marriages, peacekeepers); spirituality - a force beyond the emotional/rational - that of which we cannot speak - as unique religious tradition.
- C-37 A world view with global responsibility. A desire to heal the world (not in the name of duty) for the betterment of all. World citizenship. World community of hope, peace and justice.
- C-37 To be most inclusive. Creative doubt - respectful disagreement (dialogue).
- C-37 Declare that truth is relative, fluid and evolving.
- C-37 Sharing spirituality through heart and mind.
- C-37 Loyal to Canadian ideals such as welfare and social support; "nature" and the "big white north"; a role in nourishing the love of the land, our political process and all that is unique to us as Canadians.
- C-37 Pulling Canadian mainstream values to the left and resisting Canadian mainstream values from moving too far right.
- C-37 Value education
- C-37 Pacifist - peaceful ways to resolve conflict. Sustaining hope.
- C-37 The ever changing metamorphosing "tribe" that we are.
- C-37 Free thinking - independent thinkers - Allowed to think for yourself
- C-37 Loyal to a respectful process and improving it.
- C-38 ...just U*Us. Omit "Canadian Uniqueness. The Covenant of Principles.
- C-38 "In Canada" is not unique. Omit. Just follow the Covenant.
- C-38 Omit "...in Canada and make us unique." The shared values and loyalties that bind us together as U*Us are the value of meeting within even a small community in a rented venue (not a large expensive building) and still be able to work towards positive changes.
- C-38 Canada is not as important as Humanity, and how we live our values wherever we are.
- C-38 I do not think there is anything "unique" about Canadian Unitarians - we are Unitarians, not Canadian Unitarians.
- C-38 I don't know. It doesn't seem that our beliefs and values are different. (I say this as an American.)
- C-38 Canada is not unique. Our Principles.
- C-38 This is the church of the future, not "uniquely" Canadian! Our Principles will bind us together.
- C-38 The Principles. Omit the part that says "in Canada that makes us unique." This supports division and UU is about inclusion; working for peace; be an example of divergent people living in harmony.

- C-38 Our existing Principles form the basis of our share values and loyalties. "...in Canada and make us unique" is not significant; being INTERNATIONAL is the objective rather than a Canadian focus. A "shared value" is a sense of isolation as a Unitarian congregation that is part of but somewhat disconnected from other Unitarian Universalist groups.
- C-39 ...justice/fairness/equality/compassion. Peace/ third worlds helping make the world a better place. We are a border group: Canada/US.
- C-39 What I would like to see added/changed: # 1 "The inherent worth and dignity of ALL BEINGS".
- C-40 Inclusiveness. Also see above answers.
- C-41 [These are group answers] Group 1. Caring for humanity. Justice. Rational thought before action. Peace loving. Responsible. Kindness and compassion for others. Honesty in our beliefs. Inclusiveness. Respect for the environment.
- C-41 Group 2. Acceptance and compassion for other people. On-going, dynamic, evolving search for understanding. No fixed creed.
- C-41 Group 3. Generosity and open-mindedness. Openness to diversity. Belief in inclusiveness. the hope that we can be peacemakers for the world. Questioning.
- C-42 [These are individual responses] Respect for differing points of view. religious freedom. Love is positive.
- C-42 A loyalty we share is the awareness we have of being a small group within Canada. We are unique in that we are open rather than exclusive in our acceptance of individual religious points of view. The shared values would have to include a tolerant attitude to others. In this we affirm a Canadian value. (Part of our loyalty to each other would be awareness of the monolith to the South)
- C-42 Our UU Principles and beliefs. Our openness to diversity. Caring about Humanity. Justice, peace loving.
- C-42 Tolerance for all differences. Generosity, but that is hardly unique.
- C-42 Standing up for our health care system. Refusing to participate in world crises e.g. Iraq. Differentiating ourselves from the U.S.
- C-42 Caring for humanity.
- C-42 Open-mindedness and positiveness.
- C-42 Tolerance and questioning.
- C-42 Believing in Justice, Inclusiveness, the Web of Life, Compassion, Empathy.
- C-42 Open-mindedness. Free thinking.
- C-43 A willingness to reinterpret theological concepts as metaphors and reinterpret them in a positive light, a Unitarian theology that does not dictate a fixed concept of God.
- C-43 Honesty in our principles, freedom from institutional hypocrisy.
- C-43 Lack of dogma.
- C-43 Shared values and questioning approach, affirmation of differences.
- C-43 (Other than nationalistic chest-thumping) community values, meaningful search for truth, revelation not sealed, commitment to acceptance, inclusion
- C-43 Group Response: Questioning approach, rejecting dogma, interpret theology metaphorically. Community affirming. Inclusivity. Integrity. Canadian.
- C-44 No dogma, freedom of belief.
- C-44 Flexibility, openness to change.
- C-44 Congregational autonomy.
- C-44 An open-minded search for answers to life's meaning and life's problems; we have questions, not answers
- C-44 Acceptance of individual spiritual paths (as long as they don't impinge on the free will of others).
- C-44 We are all ministers, called to social action.
- C-44 Group response: Respect for the environment. Democratic process. Peace, liberty and justice for all.
- C-45 The UUA Principles and Sources.
- C-45 Peace, order and good government as civic goals.

- C-45 Our unique history (e.g. our Icelandic and Irish connections).
- C-45 Cultural and intellectual pluralism is valued.
- C-45 We value the common good in contrast to radical individualism.
- C-45 We strive to walk the walk as well as talk the talk.
- C-46 The environment - shapes us in ways they shape no one else.
- C-46 I have more in common with American UUs than with other Canadians. That said, personal truths - non-hierarchical.
- C-46 A sense of the value of multiculturalism; a valuing of diversity (religious, social, sexual etc.); a basic democracy - every race can be found and everyone's contribution is valuable; a rational explanation of any subject.
- C-46 Group response. (Group 4) Personal truths. Grassroots, non-hierarchical. Exploring experiential AND rational.
- C-46 Progressive - social conscience. Acceptance and advocacy of diversity - religious social sexual etc.
- C-46 Focus on here and now, rather than on imagined future.
- C-46 Wider world view informed by a sense of relatedness.
- C-47 Interfaith activities.
- C-47 We need to be united - we are so few.
- I-48 We believe that every person is unique and special and is worthy of love. We are deeply impacted by social injustices and want our faith to be a voice for justice. We believe that each person has the spark of truth in them, and that the place to go to find truth is within, not in external sources. But we take it farther. The search for truth is not done in isolation. It is done in community, otherwise there would be no need for our churches. It is in the interdependent web that the truth of our faith lies. We are unique in that we affirm that web without definitively defining it. This is how we create a united pluralistic religion.
- C-49 UUs meet as a community to learn, share and explore. Our shared values are refined, defined and externalized in a constructive supportive manner. We create a time together to step back from our busy lives with a goal to refresh, reflect, remind and rebuild our values, beliefs and life affecting decisions.
- C-49 Unitarians are people who search for truth from many sources, who believe that every person is worthy of love and respect. We gather together in community to share similar values and act with integrity and learn from others.
- C-49 A Unitarian is a person who through involvement in a religious caring community seeks an understanding of life's major questions and an enhanced appreciation of life's more sublime qualities.
- C-49 UUs believe that we are all part of an interconnected web of life and that we are free to search for our own truth about the presence of a divine power. We meet to offer support to one another in our beliefs and to be with like-minded people who allow each of us to hold opinions which may not be acceptable within other religions.
- C-49 UUs search for what is right and true for themselves, while being part of an often diverse but supportive group. Searching for what is right and true brings out the best in one another, develops compassion, recognition of the need for democratic principles
- C-49 Unitarian Universalists accept others as they are and supports them in their spiritual growth. They seek spiritual truth and growth while living a life based on sound principles.
- C-49 Unitarians are folks united by common values rather than common beliefs. How we live our life is important to us. I want to work toward a just and compassionate society. We go to church to find role models for living and to be prodded into being a better person

C-50 DAYTIME SESSION

We are a church without a creed, therefore we have an individual responsibility to:

- Develop personal belief systems in the context of community
- Continue to be open to personal growth and transformation

We choose to be a part of a liberal religious community that:

- Values the truths that can be found in all faiths
- Welcomes and celebrates diversity in its members and friends

We strive to create justice and compassion that respects all life.

We affirm the goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all.

We affirm the democratic process and accept responsibility to participate in it.

Our Canadian grasp of U*Uism is shaped by the languages, cultures, learning models, histories and geographies of this land, and the unique Canadian experience.

We honour the interdependent web that connects each to all existence.

We deeply trust the self and the goodness of the self.

C-50 Evening Session

Question 6: What binds us together as U*Us in Canada and makes us distinctive?

We respect multiple sources of insight and inspiration founded in myriad traditions of faith and philosophy.

We affirm a free and responsible search for truth and meaning, journeys of individuals supported by community.

We highly value personal spirituality and the testimony of said to the larger community.

We are a church of many beliefs, therefore no one creed shall be imposed to restrict personal religious exploration.

We embrace the complexity of human life. Experience, traditions, multiple texts speak to human need in a variety of ways. We celebrate our ability to re-examine received wisdoms in pursuit of a meaningful responsive religion.

In affirming the inherent worth and dignity of every person, we are called to live our Principles in the service of a more just, equitable and compassionate world.

We affirm the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process in our congregations and in society at large.

C-57 Respect, honesty, truth, faithfulness. I don't believe that Canadians are unique in this. People worldwide share these common values and are frustrated by the compromising of them.

C-57 Respect for the interconnectedness of all things, Commitment to name injustice and to work to break it down. Diversity/Unity.

C-57 Accepting difference.

- C-57 All living things are valuable and we can learn from everyone. Respect for the web of existence. Willingness to disassemble relations of ruling that do not serve the common good. Decision by consensus, not democracy. Our principles bind us in whole-hearted belief without reservation.
- C-57 Love and caring.
- C-57 Openness where everyone is free to express their opinion. No sense of creed. Honesty.
- C-57 Responsibility. Embracing diversity.
- C-57 Basic humanity.
- C-57 Belief in freedom and value of each person.
- C-57 Desire for understanding and acceptance. Desire for peace. Desire for encouragement of personal something or other. Desire for safety, home, family, supportive community. Understand, build.
- C-58 Our social (democratic) principles.
- C-58 Freedom of thought and speech. General guidelines for each community which allows them to interpret them for their own use depending on their needs. Social justice.
- C-58 Our concern over our environment. Our country's multiculturalism. How UUs can go a long way to bring an understanding together of various cultures and religions, that can help create peaceful communities.
- C-58 Unorthodoxy. Concern for social justice. Spiritual quest. Open-mindedness. Love for humanity. Concern for ecology. Concern for morals and ethics..
- C-58 Regretably I think it is what we are not. Not dogmatic. Not Christian. Not materialistic. Not conventional. But also tolerant, seeking, inclusive.
- C-58 Questioning. Arguing. Food/flowers. Learning. Loving the wholeness of one another. Affirming the individuality and uniqueness of each. Creating a solidarity with one another. Embracing our world in all its darkness and glory.
- C-58 Our principles as they exist and seem to be evolving as we experience living in this place and time.
- C-59 Acceptance of diversity in following our spiritual path within the context of a multi-cultural, tolerant nation which honours differences.
Our religious values seem to echo those of our country (freedom, respect, tolerance and honouring of differences). Perhaps we should be the official denomination of Canada.
A religion that nurtures individual growth in community.
A religion based on reason and shared values rather than shared doctrine.
- C-59 We value the individual faith search, accepting each other as we are right now.
Humans are part of the interdependent web, not above it. We can be a force for good.
A beloved community, a just society, and transfer that to the larger world.
- C-59 Our uniqueness stems from our deliberate and intentional avoidance of the burden of being right.
Unitarianism is a continually tested spiritual theory, not a static dogma. In the Canadian context we are more closely aligned with the spirit of our Constitution and Charter than is the case elsewhere.
- C-59 A religion that emphasizes the interconnectedness of all things and all people.
A religion that is consciously grounded on our connections with the land, on all our peoples (history and culture) and on our unique position in the world.
Tolerance of diversity - respect for individual worth - freedom to search for our "truth."
- C-59 Listening to all points of view. Welcoming diverse being and experience.
Acceptance of Homosexuality and other sexual orientation. Belief in the interdependent web of all existence.
- C-59 Our Canadian experience of common humanity working together through an inhospitable winter, through the great Depression.

- C-59 Recognition of the central role our spirit plays in our life. Freedom from central theological dogma and requirement to adhere.
Freedom to follow a personal faith search. -Diverse sources of Faith. -Humanism (particularly Reason) as a part of our faith base. -Acceptance of tolerance of Diversity - cultural, ethical and belief based.
Use of reason and science balanced with spirit.
- C-59 Shared values including freedom, reason, tolerance, love, concern for all people and the natural world, a sense of awe and mystery. Freedom, reason and tolerance are unique to Unitarianism. -Canadian Unitarianism is influenced by the Canadian acceptance of diversity.
- C-59 Recognition that we are richer for a diversity of beliefs. Readiness to listen to each other - to accept differences of opinion.
Respect for and acceptance of all spiritual paths, journeys. An intention to increase, to celebrate the diversity of our congregations.
A religion that is conscious of the ills of society and is prepared to challenge them.
Individual search for truth and meaning in life. Interconnectedness with people, living things and the natural world.
Ethical stance in the world.
- C-59 Our governance, congregational polity, consensus as an ideal (versus authoritarian).
Our Canadian experience of tolerant community where we have freedom to worship as Unitarians.
Opportunity in Canada to freely express-promote our principles and values.
Spirit of open, free inquiry and the place and respect for reason in the church.
- C-60 search for truth and spirit, helping each other on the journey--our life's work (3)
- C-60 community (1)
- C-60 communal wisdom, sharing from many religious sources and scientific findings
- C-60 I like the fact that the church has evolved. Nothing is set in stone, as we are all growing as humans (e.g., not dogmatic). (1)
- C-60 A church without hierarchy, valuing equality (2)
- C-60 respect for and inspiration for the natural world is integral for Unitarians (1)
- C-60 creativity in the process and in our lives (1)
- C-60 connectedness (1)
- C-60 tolerance, respect for all, celebrating diversity (5)
- C-60 social activism (1)
- C-61 : We embrace the right to disagree with one another in an accepting atmosphere – the democratic process is valued and ensured – observe and agree with the seven principles which bind us together with shared values – honouring many varieties of opinions and approaches to spirituality and worship – We don't do guilt! but support and care for each other in time of grief or need -
- C-62 -- discussion of origins of contemporary Unitarian Universalism (from Unitarians - one god without trinity and separate Universalism...) - contemporary UU embraces humanists/secularism (don't have to use the ³God² word)
-- discussion of origins of contem
- C-63 Acceptance of a wide variety of religious theologies and philosophies.
- C-63 Respect for the inherent worth of our interconnected lives (human and animal and plant, etc).
- C-63 Because of the history of the development of our movement in Canada, we bring to the UU table an international perspective and awareness (e.g., English, Irish, American, Icelandic, Czech, etc).
- C-63 The importance of a contextual theology in our Canadian U*U movement, recognizing that each region and each era brings different understandings--and that this evolves over time. And that we honour those differences and aim to be enriched and accepting of those differing needs.

- C-63 Although we share liberal values (and that at times shuts out others from our communities), we do try to be open to different content and instead try to create a good process. That is what I think is important for us as UUs to look at, is the process and recognize that the content differs for individuals, but good process can help in the transformation towards acceptance and respect for others.
- C-63 Because Canada is more and more secular, I think U*Us in Canada are in a prime position to work with civil society in social and environmental justice initiatives.
- C-63 We encourage spiritual growth across our life-spans (emotionally, intellectually, spiritually, and physically).
- C-63 Our understanding of what can make democracy work can also work to create a process that more clearly is representative and also takes into account the minority voices.
- C-64 Caring for the whole, our non-threatening behaviour, tolerance, mutual trust and support, honesty and accountability, good governance, harmony with Canadian social policy. commitment to diversity and human rights.
- C-64 Desire to maintain a good relationship with UUA, develop outreac/social action, social justice, liberal education of our children.
- C-64 Discussion encouraged regarding opur values, loyal to the UUA and congregation, OWL, welcoming congregation, inclusion.
- C-64 Contemporaneous discussions and preaching, loyalty to the structure) non-hierarchical and non-American) and to other churches within our denomination, all are valued, sense of community, antithesis of rugged individualism.
- C-64 Justice, equity and compassion, inherent worth and dignity of all, accept diversity, the ability to live creatively with paradox, part of bigger mosaic- we're the same (human) but we're all different and can learn so much from one another.
- C-64 Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender community supporter - perform same sex marriages, we are sprerad out, diverse, hard to connect, isolation is real, preach of a loving god, not a punishing one, optimistic faith.
- C-64 Accept atheists and agnostics, "My sense of god is my sense of wonder" (Einstein), we must live our principles and purposes, care not only fir UUs but for others outside our community as well, reach out to others in creating a peaceful healthy and environmentally safe world, decisions and beliefs come from bottom up and not top down.
- C-64 We compassionately support others beliefs, from both inside and outside our congregations, share the message that all are reponsible for caring for the environment, "walk the talk".t
- C-64 Recognize the good in others, publicize the beliefs and services UUism has to offer, act for the common good, respect for all critters, learning to understand the fullness of how we are all connected - who we are and what we do affects us all, knowing that we are significant and insignificant at the same time.
- C-64 We never demean another person's faith or beliefs, offer a place where people of many religious backgrounds can come together, you can believe spiritually whatever you want to believe, life/spirituality is a journey, loyalty to the church allows you to dissent and come together in acceptance as human beings, all the people of the church have a voice in creating and establishing its principles, we draw our principles from many sources, there are obligations that come with belonging to a group, we must know who we are so we can spread our principles into the public, consensus rather than democracy.
- C-65 Curiosity, openness, tolerance.
- C-65 Cherish your doubts.
- C-65 No doctrine or dogma.
- C-65 Don't need a minister to function.
- C-65 Non-linear thinkers.
- C-66 Global consciousness, community, tolerance, acceptance, equity.
- C-66 Respect and value of all life. Internal and world peace.
- C-66 Give more emphasis to the current 7th principle.

- C-66 Walk the walk not just talk the talk. Social action
- C-66 Questioning the status quo, freedom from fear, love.
- C-66 Faith and reason. The living tradition and attention to process.
- C-66 Breaking down religious barriers. Use of the democratic process, Inclusivity.
- C-66 Honouring the role of children in all our activities.
- C-66 Free and responsible search for the truth with no dogma. Spirituality that is neither oppressive nor restraining.
- C-66 Inclusivity of earth-based religions.
- C-67 I like Rev. Wendy McNiven's answer to this one. Beyond that I don't know. I'm not very interested in what makes us unique, and I like to think of the values I share with many other people, and the growing number of people one meets every day who share the values we espouse in our Ps & Ps. I'm sometimes afraid that we are in danger of being as intolerant as we think others are.
- C-68 Love.
- C-68 Peace.
- C-68 Justice.
- C-68 Service to humanity.
- C-68 Inherent worth of all people.
- C-68 Stewardship: reverence for the web of all existence.
- C-68 Free and responsible search for truth and meaning (The board on the front of the church in Olinda).
- C-68 Challenge the wider community in a nice way.
- C-69 A rational, analytic, intellectual approach to values.
- C-69 Inclusivity - theological, ethnic, intellectual.
- C-69 Evolutionary religion.
- C-69 Value system, not a belief system.
- C-70 We are not sure any of these are unique to us, but for starters see the responses to Question # 1 above.
- C-70 We share some sense of spirituality, anti-materialism.
- C-70 We share survival on the margins--of empire, of the continent, of the UUA.
- C-70 Canadian UUs are more community-minded than the principles indicate; the current set of principles are very individual rights oriented; what about the community?
- C-70 We try to overcome cultural bias; promote a multireligious climate, multilingualism and multiculturalism.
- C-70 We try to treat people fairly, and to share with all people.
- C-70 We practice and promote a Universalism that includes the whole of Creation; combining naturalism and humanism and incorporating a more Buddhist sense of Goodness.
- C-70 The rest of our responses show even more redundancy with answers to previous questions: We foster and promote open-mindedness, freedom of thought, non-dogmatism, anti-repression, inclusiveness; We invite input from everyone; We try to be a dynamic, living, thinking, feeling, evolving religion where revelation is not sealed; We uphold and enlarge the prophetic tradition and recognize that each person is unique in their prophetic potential; We try to be a good conscience without creed, honest, transparent; We respect the earth; We promote education; We discourage proselytizing.

- C-71 We are not so entrenched in our mode of governance that we are unable to change it for a better one.
Life long learning/learners.
We are a religious community shaped around an expressed value system; not a fixed belief system or statement of faith.
This may be true in all countries, but Canada as a mosaic is different from the U.S. melting pot idea.
No action in the diverse belief systems of the world can compromise the dignity and worth of any person.
Non-aggressive, non-dominating, tolerant (even accepting) but generous spiritual relationship with each other and the world.
Celebrate the subjective individualistic nature of truth and therefore place individual understanding and revelation before conformity, dogma or creed.
We share our ideas to deepen our mutual understanding of each other and of our communal ties, not to decide who is right or wrong.
Foster questions over answers.
Use many different sources for knowledge, no one source. no single authority or leader.
Ministers are more like facilitators than in some other faith communities.
Different races in congregations.
Canada is distinct in its use of the consensus decision making process and I believe U*U values support

Comments

- I-1 I am sure that my responses indicate a degree of disenchantment with the UU movement. This is not a sudden reaction. I have been a member for over 20 years and in three different churches in Canada. Older the church, the more rigid the value system and more intolerant of differences. My best experience on the personal basis was in the smallest congregation with a minister who had a human touch. I guess I just got spoiled. We should split a church as soon as it reaches 75 to 80 members. Beyond that point, it becomes encrusted with bureaucracy and structural rigidity that inhibits personal growth and the caring fellowship that should characterize any institution. We sure ain't got it!
- C-3 There was a suggestion to amend the fifth principle to echo the Earth Charter which the CUSJ has endorsed. i.e. Strengthen democratic institutions at all levels, and provide transparency and accountability in governance, inclusive participation in decision making, and access to justice.
- I-5 I see that there are three important principles: the first one, the last one, and the one about free and responsible search for truth and meaning. There ought to be one more that addresses U*Us as a community and then I think that we've got it covered...in my opinion.
- I-6 I would like to see a more explicit acknowledgment that U*U is not a rejection of Christianity but one faithful liberal branch within Christianity that has expanded to include other views too. Christianity may no longer be central, but it will always be the historic source from which this faith came. This sermon puts it better than I can: http://www.ucmtl.ca/services/eddis_rethinking.pdf.
- C-7 There was a group consensus that that the words "and make us unique" should be deleted from #6. One member feels strongly that instead of the word 'justice', which he sees as an American term, we should use the word 'fairness' and, instead of 'tolerance' the word 'acceptance'.
- I-9 A few of these questions..I think...are a bit too "airy fairy"..especially number 1.
- C-20 The 8 of us also came up with 4 "elevator speeches" about Canadian UUs – not requested by the Task Force, but possibly useful in your task:
 "We value a free and responsible search for truth and meaning and we meet together to affirm our values and to encourage one another in our search."
 "We are a non-creedal religious community that encourages an individual's search for spiritual truth."
 "Unitarians are people who welcome and accept difference as we question and seek spiritual truth."
 "Unitarians are a diverse non-patriarchal religious group who come together for spiritual challenge and inquiry through a ritual celebration of community."
- C-22 When this project was first presented at our Board meeting, the immediate reaction of one of our Board members (a new and enthusiastic UU) was to burst out: "What? But I LOVE the 7 Principles!" The feeling was repeated during the Workshop, when our Musical Coordinator said something like "When I read through the 7 Principles, something inside me says "YES!", "YES!", "YES!" for each one." At this, there was a warm and universal chorus of agreement around the room. We hope any revising of the principles will take into account this strong attachment to the present statements, and that they will be refined if necessary but not thrown out.

- I-23 We met and it was a good chat, but i felt as i think others do the seven principles as they exist are pretty spot on. BIG thanks to the original composer. once i was home i looked at the principles themselves more closely as the questions we addressed didn't seem to do this. anyway for what it's worth below under 'additional comments' are what would be my own personal additions/edits. i've put them in [[[...]]] to make it easier to find them. warmest regards and may a joyful spirit be with you as you compile all the responses...
- We, the member congregations of the Canadian Unitarian Conference covenant to affirm and promote...
- The inherent worth and importance of every person, [[[accepting and celebrating our differences when and wherever possible.]]]
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations [[[and in our relationship with the earth.]]]
- The [[[support]]] of spiritual growth within our congregations [[[and in the daily lives we lead as individuals.]]]
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.
- C-27 The answer submitted for number 6 was the consensus response to that question, and not individual responses.
- C-29 This was a fabulous workshop. It was, however, much too much for even a four hour session.
- C-37 Something that kept coming up in discussion is the importance of processes over values. That it was so much more important "how we do"as opposed to "what we do"!
- C-38 From the facilitator, Pat Webber...
- This is a rather special congregation in that it is cross border and the American members were encouraged to come and participate in the workshop. This may have biased the conversation somewhat, but there was a consensus that the current Principles serve us well, and any suggestion that we, as Canadians, are different was not acceptable to the group. there was a very representative and high turnout for a small congregation and people worked hard and dug deeply. Thanks for offering us this opportunity.
- C-40 Our first request is that our Sources are sourced themselves i.e. who wrote the Principles and the Sources.
- Also some in our group felt that the questions that were provided for the Workshop did not address some issues. We have added comments as specific Principles...
- We would like to see 'peace' have its own principle. Or add it to Principle number 2 - i.e. "Justice, equity, compassion and peace in all relationships."
- Principle #4 we would like to see read 'truths' – i.e. plural
- Principle #5 We didn't like the word democratic – we prefer the word Consensus or 'consensual process'.
- C-46 Combined answers to Question 6:
- Personal truths not absolute truths.
- Tradition of exploring, questioning dogmas, that implies experiential and rational.
- Grass roots, non-hierarchical, democratic.
- Socially progressive.
- Advocate diversity, celebrate inclusivity, pluralism.
- Focus on the here and now.
- Sense of connectedness with each other and the web of all existence.
- Respect for the environment.
- Canadian perspective:
- International outlook
 - Peace, order and good government
 - Value collective approach over radical individualism
- Integrity, strive to walk the walk and talk the talk.
- Peace freedom and justice for all

C-50 21 members and friends of the Unitarian Church of Edmonton took part in a three-session review of the values that hold us together in community. In afternoon and evening sessions they developed consensus around the following statements. These are working documents and not final products. They will be forwarded on to the CUC Statement of Principles Task Force as a contribution of the first phase of that group's process.

C-60 Samantha Magnus and I put on a congregational workshop on afternoon for 3 hours. We had 10 people attending. We provided a handout of the 6 questions (with room for people to write answers), plus a copy of Wendy McNiven's article from the CanU Winter 2004.

Because I had spoken to several people who had already done the workshop, we decided to make it as simple as possible to allow for sharing and discussion. Because we only had 10 people, we did not share in smaller groups, but only in the big group. We also did not use readings for each question or a song.

In recording the congregational workshop responses on-line, I have put a number in brackets behind (to indicate how many post-it notes related to that topic).

In an evaluation at the end of the workshop, here were the responses:

What did you like about the workshop?

- humour helped (especially for the afternoon after a Sunday service, and for creativity)
- useful to think about these things
- useful to add in historical background of principles
- good to have music playing while we worked (it helped block out the white noise and after you were

C-61 I haven't followed your requests that each response has only one idea because it is now late on the day of your deadline and I just need to get you the materials, so for each of the questions for the small group ministry responses, I am just copying and pasting what was sent to me into the first slot. My apologies for the extra work this might cause you.

C-62 As with the #2 of 3 congregational submission, I did not separate out the individual answers but copied and pasted them into this document to get it to you by the deadline. Sorry for the inconvenience.

C-63 I sincerely hope that the process that you are creating can help to inspire a clearer vision of the purpose of the U*U movement in Canada. Without a clear vision of why we are here and what we need to offer and encourage and work for in the 21st Century, I fear that we will become more and more what Ray Drennan said in his Confluence 2004 lecture: "well-heeled arm-chair liberals with good intentions." (If you haven't heard or read Ray's lecture, I strongly encourage you to do so.)

I also ask you to contact Linda Weaver Horton (minister at the North Shore Congregation in West Vancouver) and ask for the preliminary findings of the UUA's Commission on Appraisal who is looking at what (if any) might be at the core of UUism. (Linda sits on the commission.) From what I understand from listening to Linda's comments, there is much that could be useful for you (in similarity and contrast) after you have analyzed the Canadian U*U responses to your questions. I have always found it useful to have something to bounce off of to see what I am examining more clearly.

C-64 Question # 2 & 3 were deferred. There were some questions about the use of the word "unique".

C-65 The following contribution was made by long-term member Howard Forsyth:
 Human values: the goal of every mature citizen is to find a haven and a forum to nourish the central values of the human heritage and of our human destiny, including:
 All life is precious and deserves protection of the genetic pool and respect for the web of life,
 All humans are sisters/brothers and deserve opportunity, privacy, nutrients, equity, justice and peace,
 All cultures have values and deserve respect as sources for emulation.
 All historic prophetic women/men have messages for us.
 All history teaches the range of human variability, and can guide us to a range of viable options.
 All communities deserve the democratic forms of freedom of speech, assembly, religion, conscience, movement and of the franchise.
 All true community acknowledges diversity but works to achieve mutuality.
 Community is the mother of all values.

C-66 You should find a way to order the Principles that does not imply that one is more important than another.

C-69 The answers to question #6 are group answers.

C-71 DRAFT STATEMENT:

Due to a vast geographic area and sparse population, we value the individual and their role in our community through the nurturing of consensus.

LIKES AND WISHES:

Question # a: How did you like this workshop? What did you get out of it? How did it feed your spirit?

- Speaking as someone who is new to U*Uism, I was really glad to have the opportunity to participate in a discussion about the foundation of U*Uism, the principles, and to really sense that my input was equally considered along with the contributions of people who have been around this church a lot longer than me. As a new member (okay, almost member) , I was glad to be able to hear other people's thoughts on what brings them here, what binds us together, and where we are going. It's especially important to me to hear as I appear to have finally committed to exploring spirituality. Its taken me close to 20 years to get to this space in my life, and I feel lucky to have found this congregation now.

- I was enriched by the experience of the workshop. I was good to spend the morning thinking and talking about who we are as U*Us. Thank you.

- I got to hear what was important to others. I got to hear me speak aloud about what was important to n