

CORE VALUES OF THE UNITARIAN SOCIETY OF SANTA BARBARA

We, the members and friends of this congregation, value:

- the mutuality of caring and responsibility that sustains this community;
- respecting differences in belief and lifestyle;
- welcoming everyone into the life and work of this congregation;
- ritual and celebration which invite the sacred into our daily lives, and which unite us in good work in good times and in difficult times;
- working for peace and social justice;
- lifelong learning and growth as individuals and as a community.

UNITARIAN SOCIETY OF SANTA BARBARA COVENANT OF GOOD RELATIONS

In my interactions with others in our congregation, I will:

- be receptive, listening with care and compassion;
- be truthful, speaking with care and compassion. Speak directly to the person(s) with whom I have a concern;
- be committed to the group as a whole, honoring our long history as a congregation within the Unitarian Universalist tradition;
- expect that there will be differences among us and accept and care for one another despite those differences;
- remain engaged with gentleness and respect when times are uncertain, participate in the process, and do my part to sustain this Covenant;
- honor my responsibility for upholding the spiritual values, traditions and rituals of our community.

Adopted by congregational vote, June 2005.