

MAKING THE “STANDING ON THE SIDE OF LOVE” CAMPAIGN MORE INCLUSIVE

WHEREAS, the Journey Toward Wholeness Transformation Committee report identifies Unitarian Universalism as a movement has made progress in anti-oppression work but still has work to do;

WHEREAS, part of the work we Unitarian Universalists need to do is make our justice campaign, “Standing on the Side of Love,” more inclusive;

WHEREAS, use of the word “Standing” as default justice language places a high value on the justice work and commitments of able-bodied people, while it makes invisible and excludes the justice work of people with a wide range of disabilities and autistic people;

WHEREAS, Unitarian Universalist principles call for “justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;” and

WHEREAS, our faith calls us to consider the impact of our words, and to take action and engage with ableism in the creation of a Beloved Community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2017 General Assembly calls upon the leaders of the UUA’s “Standing on the Side of Love” campaign to create a new imagining that better includes and reflects the needs and contributions of disabled people.