

UU Principles and Disability: a Responsive Reading

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As Unitarian-Universalists, we believe in the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

**C: “Worth” takes endless forms.
As we find more expressions of our worth,
we grow richer as a church community.**

We believe in justice, equity and compassion in human relations.

**C: If we let rationalizations replace justice,
resignation replace equity,
or pity replace compassion,
our human relations are diminished.**

We believe in acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregation.

**C: How do I withhold acceptance?
Do my fears stunt our congregation's growth?
When next I hesitate, can I extend my hand instead?**

We believe in a free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

**C: How much more will we learn if we share our search with travelers
who set a different pace, see from a different perspective,
or understand with a different wisdom?**

We believe in the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within the congregation and in society at large.

**C: For all to have a voice we need many ways of expression
and we need many ways to listen.**

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

**C: Just as “peace” means no violence,
and “liberty” means no oppression,
and “justice” means no prejudice,
“all” means no exceptions.**

And, we believe in respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

**C: We gain strength from the support of others,
and we grow stronger as we support others.
Together we can weave our values
into an ever-stronger web of existence.**