

UUFSD Article II Forum

Revised Article II:
What Does It Mean to be a UU?

- Chalice Lighting & Charge
Rev. Ellie
- Intro & Context
Mark Tuller
- Resources & Processes
Angie Knappenberger
- A Taste of Substance
Mark Tuller
- Panel Q&A
Rich MacDonald & Task Force

Article II Task Force—

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What Is. . .

- The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA)?
- UUA General Assembly?
- Article II?
- The Article II revision?
- The timeline?
- The process for deciding?
- In the current Article II?
- In the proposed Article II?

Article II is the central statement of what it means to be a UU

Revised Article II – How Did It Come To Be?

- 15 year review requirement
 - 1985 last major rewrite—today's 7 principles & 5 of 6 Sources
 - 1995 6th Source, 2013 "Inclusion"
 - 2009 periodic review proposal rejected, current version retained
- Article II Study Commission—2020 charge by UUA Board
- Proposal at 2023 GA
- Amendments & vote result
- Request to study & discern for 2024 GA
- Final vote GA 2024
 - 2/3 majority, amendments limited

Current Article II “Principles and Purposes”

- “Principles”
 - 7 principles (or 8)
 - 6 sources
- “Purposes”
- “Inclusion”
- “Freedom of Belief”
 - No creed

Revised Article II “Purposes and Covenant”

- “Purposes”
- “Values and Covenant”
 - 6 values
 - Flower logo
 - Values narratives
- “Inspirations”
- “Inclusion”
- “Freedom of belief”
 - No creed

Article II: Arc of the UUFSD Church Year

- **Explanation & Clarification Phase**

Now

Rev. Ellie Sermons

- **Discussion & Debate Phase**

October 2023 – May 2024

- **Discernment & Decision Phase**

May – June 2024

- UUA General Assembly & Final Vote (Only Virtual)

June 20-23, 2024

Discussion & Debate Phase

- **Small Groups**

- Core Area Discussion on Sundays

- Sacred Circle Groups – Exploring the 7 Values

- Sacred Text Group

- Circle Dinners

- Men's and Women's Groups

- Cottage Meetings?

- Other groups & committees?

- **Online Discussion**

- **Congregational Forum Sunday December 3, 2024**

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Article II Congregational Forum May 19, 2024

Annual Congregational Meeting June 9, 2024

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Resources for Article II- Our Website uufsd.org

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The UUA is in the process of rewriting Article II of our bylaws to replace our Principles with new Values. Click here to learn more and leave your comments.



NEXT SERVICE

October 1, 2023: Trickster Ravens & Truth-telling Snakes

10 AM in person and on Zoom

Choir sings, Article II Congregational meeting

Guest Speaker: Rev. Brynn Craffey

Worship Associate: Wenda Alvarez

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Article II Forum and Charter

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Resources

[Article II Handout](#) for UUFSD which contains both the New and Old Article II

[Why are UUs re-examining Article II?](#) UUA Executive Vice President Carey McDonald answers questions about proposed changes to the Principles, Purposes, and Sources.

[Article II Study Commission](#) A resource with dates, slides, and more information.

[Article II Study Report 2021-2023](#)

Two Avenues for Discussion:

DISCORD CHAT ROOM

<https://discord.gg/dfb4xsgT>

Discussion Forum



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A Taste of Substance. . . .

- Why such a major revision?
- Why is Love at the center?
- Is it well written? Poetic?
- Why “Values & Covenant” in place of “Principles”?
- Why “Inspirations” in place of “Sources”?
- What does “accountable” mean? “Covenant”?
- Why abstract nouns like “pluralism”?
- Are these the right values?
- Does it make any difference?

It's a Restatement—It's Also a Change

- Living tradition
- Perceived changes in society
- Response to groups
- Theological shift or evolution
- No consensus so far—proponents & opponents

What's added or augmented?

- Love
- Covenants
- Pluralism
- Transformation
- Generosity
- Beloved Communities
- Diverse multicultural
- Inclusive & accessible
- Heal historic injustices, dismantle racism
- Transcending mystery and wonder

What's diminished?

- 5 of 6 Sources deleted
 - Words and deeds of prophetic people
 - World's religions' wisdom
 - Jewish and Christian teachings
 - Humanist teachings
 - Earth-centered traditions, circle of life
- 1 Source largely re-inserted by amendment
 - Direct experience of transcending mystery and wonder
- 1 Principle not restated in the revision
 - Goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice

What was rejected at GA? What was added?

- some version of 7 principles—REJECTED
- some version of 6 sources—REJECTED
- “will embrace UU values in their own search for truth” instead of “share our values” —REJECTED
- “direct experience of transcending mystery and wonder”—ADDED
- more emphasis on interdependence—ADDED
- more emphasis on individual conscience—REJECTED
- add gratitude as a value—REJECTED

Less of This, More of That

- Less head-centered More heart-centered
- Less statements of belief More imperatives to action
- Less individualistic More relational
- Less personal More interdependent

Q&A Time

- **Explanation & Clarification Phase**
—now
- Discussion & Debate Phase
—early next year
- Discernment & Decision Phase
—early May 2024
- UUA General Assembly & Final Vote
—June 2024