

## **Using UU principles to Decide your Vote**

The Unitarian Universalist principles serve us in many ways, including helping guide us in our personal search for truth and meaning. They can also serve to help guide us in relation to our role in our community and democracy. We can apply our UU principles as a tool to help us determine which candidates best embody those principles via their words and deeds.

The list below is a series of questions to ask candidates that may help you determine which people running in your upcoming local, state, or national elections most closely align with the UU principles. Asking these questions could be done by sending an email, attending a forum where you can ask questions directly, or giving them a call letting them know you would like to learn more about them. You could also use this list as a guide for important things to look for when reviewing their statements, website, interviews, debates, or their record of previous work and actions.

### **Questions for candidates based on UU Principles:**

- How do your proposed policies demonstrate that each and every person is important and deserves equitable access and equal rights?
- How will you encourage and demonstrate accepting and respecting all people?
- What personal insights in your own search for truth and meaning guide you as a leader?
- How will you defend and improve the democratic process, so that those most involved can participate in/vote on issues that most concern them?
- How will your actions contribute to building communities of peace, liberty and justice for all?
- What policies will you adopt that address our global interdependence and the importance of environmental science and justice?
- How do your policies and plans address racial injustice?
- If you are elected, by the end of your term what do you want to be your best accomplishment for the benefit of all your constituents?