

Water Justice Guiding Principles

Unitarian Universalist Legislative Minsitry, California

As Unitarian Universalists who believe in:

- justice, equity and compassion,
- respect for the inherent dignity of the individual and the interdependence of all life,
- the free and responsible search for truth and meaning,
- and the essential role of transparent democratic processes in reaching just and responsible decisions,

We affirm the following Guiding Principles:

- Water is essential for life, and holds spiritual meaning for many.
- Access to clean water for basic human needs is a fundamental human right and is essential for human health and dignity.
- The health, integrity, and stability of ecosystems must be respected and preserved.
- Water is a public trust and part of the gloval commons; it should not be treated as a commodity.
- Public control and regulatory oversight are necessary to ensure the public's interest is protected.
- All people, including those in low-income and marginalized communities, must have meaningful input into water management decisions in their own communities.
- Water conservation, responsible use, and stewardship should be a top priority for all.

Committee Covenant :

Our work will be conducted in a spirit of open inquiry, assuming the goodwill of our colleagues. We will do our best to listen beyond our assumptions for glimmers of truth that may challenge our own thinking. We will speak our own truth with respect for others.