

UU Society for Community Ministries, Inc.

We, as people living in a world that is both dying and seeking to be reborn, who are shaken to our very roots by the massiveness and depth and of planetary and human suffering, are empowered by a driving passion to bear witness to that suffering, participate in its transformation and affirm the inherent glory of life.

1988 Community Ministry Proclamation and Covenant

Therefore we do covenant together:

TO RESPOND to these cries of pain, to our own brokenness, and to awaken the healing spirit of hope.

TO ENGAGE in a broad spectrum of ministries through and with UU congregations, the larger community, and increasingly, in a global context.

TO CELEBRATE the diversity of life within our elemental interconnectedness.

TO CHALLENGE one another as individuals and as members of institutions to identify, analyze, and act upon the basic causes of human hurt and separation.

Thus empowered, we join hands with the community of faith in acknowledging the larger ministry which addresses our common vision.

We call upon our denomination to recognize a variety of lay and ordained ministries as embodiments of the UU principles and purposes.

All of our creative ministries including academic, administrative, aesthetic, AIDS, campus, camp and conference centers, chaplaincies, community-focused, environmental, gay/lesbian/bisexual, healing, legal, men-focused, music, parish, pastoral counseling, pastoral psychotherapy, peace, religious education, social justice, women focused, young adult, youth and ministries not yet envisioned are valid, necessary and life affirming.

Such compassionate, liberating, prophetic ministries are at the very heart of our religious tradition.

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