

Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis
Special Membership Meeting re Sanctuary Declaration Proposal

October 29, 2017, 12:45 pm, Church Sanctuary

After Rev. Beth Banks, Senior Minister, offered opening words, and Liz King and Paul Wilson, Sanctuary Discernment Team Co-Chairs, lit the chalice, Board Chair Carol Corbett called the meeting to order. Carol announced that 73 members were present, far exceeding the required quorum of members eligible to vote.

The Sanctuary Discernment Team provided an overview of the UUCD Sanctuary Declaration and read the full declaration. Members unanimously approved the UUCD Sanctuary Declaration as follows:

Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis Sanctuary Declaration

Our Unitarian Universalist values call on us to provide sanctuary for fellow community members who are under attack by government authorities. Today, we are called to affirm our profound commitment to the fundamental principles of justice, equity and compassion. Consistent with our belief in the inherent worth and dignity of every person—and, as signers of the Unitarian Universalist Association/Unitarian Universalist Service Committee Declaration of Conscience—we, the UU Church of Davis, agree to take the following actions. As a sanctuary congregation, UUCD will:

- Be a voice for justice in the public square of Yolo County and in the Pacific Central District and the Pacific Western Region of the UUA.
- Support UC Davis SPEAK and the AB 540 and Undocumented Center when requested to do so by students or staff.
- Have congregants who become trained as legal observers, rapid responders, accompaniment companions and UndocuAllies serve when called upon.
- Raise funds to support the undocumented immigrant community.
- Attend rallies and actively support selected local, state and federal legislation that protects the immigrant and undocumented communities.
- Support the immigration work of interfaith groups and other nonprofits in Yolo County and the greater Sacramento area when they request our assistance.
- Join Area Congregations Together/People Improving Communities Through Organizing (Sacramento ACT/PICO) and become active with the ACT/PICO immigration team.
- Continue to listen, learn and work as individuals and as a congregation to promote justice, allowing the needs, visions and voices of the communities with whom we work to guide us.

On this day, October 29, 2017, we declare the UU Church of Davis to be a sanctuary congregation. Individuals in the church will be active as their time and talents allow.

Dani Lindstrom, Intern and Campus Minister, gave the closing words.

--Ann Halsted, scribe (substituting for Jack Whitsett, UUCD Secretary to the Board)