

FUSIT Vision of Ministry 2021-22

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In the year 2021-2022, the First Unitarian Society of Ithaca will project our mission of creating connections, finding inspiration, and engaging the world in the following ways:

Connection: We will work together to support the physical and emotional needs of our community as we continue to convene remotely, and also to re-connect and recover from the strains of the pandemic when the church doors reopen. We will create space for healing and building a congregational culture that reinforces our vision, mission and adheres to the principles of our covenant.

Inspiration: We will continue to advance opportunities for congregational faith formation by creating spaces for dialogue and reflection that help members of our community grow their Unitarian Universalist spiritual identities, strengthen community, and embody our values and principles in their daily lives. We will embrace ideas and opportunities to support a culture of innovation and creativity that allows us to re-imagine what it means to be part of FUSIT in a rapidly changing and uncertain world.

Engage: We will strengthen and extend our collective commitment to service and social justice based on our UU principles; projecting our UU voice and values in Ithaca and beyond. This year, our engagement efforts will focus on our congregational commitment to anti-racism, including our embrace of the UU Living the Pledge program and exploration of the proposed UU Eighth Principle, building our personal and congregational commitment and capacity so we can be more effective within our own walls, and in the broader community.