

# MAIN LINE UNITARIAN CHURCH

## I. ENDS STATEMENTS

As a congregation, we aspire to achieve certain beneficial “ends”—for ourselves, for the Unitarian Universalist movement of which we are a part, and for our world at large. The following represent our most current expression of these desired outcomes. Only through the combined efforts of our ministers, staff *and* membership can these ends hope to be achieved and sustained.

### ***A. MLUC creates community through shared ministry. Congregants:***

1. Actively welcome newcomers, and help each person find a rewarding place in the life of the church.
2. Engage intentionally and constructively across differences, and feel safe and appreciated in their diversity.
3. Develop a sense of belonging and fellowship within MLUC, and establish meaningful relationships within and across generations.
4. Provide and receive support and pastoral care in times of personal need and celebration.
5. Give generously of their talents, time and finances to the church.

### ***B. MLUC provides spiritual enrichment, and nurtures spiritual growth. Congregants:***

1. Find meaningful ways to address life’s challenges and mysteries.
2. Come ever closer to living as their best selves.
3. Explore and articulate their core values and beliefs, and develop a personal religious identity compatible with Unitarian Universalist principles.
4. Are challenged and inspired by participation in worship and other church activities.
5. Understand and appreciate a wide variety of religious traditions and forms of spiritual expression.

### ***C. MLUC lives its values by striving to make a better world for those outside its walls.***

1. MLUC provides opportunities to engage in service and social action that result in broad involvement on the part of the congregation.
2. MLUC’s voice is heard in the wider community on major issues involving Unitarian Universalist principles, and the church models those principles in its own actions.
3. The lives of people in need are changed in positive and demonstrable ways as a result of the individual and collective actions of our church community.

### ***D. MLUC helps to increase Unitarian Universalism’s strength and influence.***

1. MLUC attracts and retains a diverse membership, and experiences healthy membership growth.
2. Our members and youth are inspired to remain lifelong practicing Unitarian Universalists.
3. MLUC is well-known and well-regarded in its surrounding community.
4. Our church is a recognized leader in the UU denomination, and partners with other faith organizations to achieve common goals.