

*Love is the Spirit of this Church and Service its Law.*

*This is our great Covenant:*

*To dwell together in peace*

*To seek the truth in love, and*

*To help one another*

—Unison Affirmation, First Unitarian Church of Chicago

## **Covenant of the First Unitarian Church of Chicago**

As articulated in our Unison Affirmation, love is the overarching principle that guides our relationship in community with one another.

The three calls to action that follow—to dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love, and to help one another—provide insight into how we make real this guiding principle. Based on input from the congregation, the “keystone of our covenant” expands and clarifies these calls to action.

### **The keystone of our covenant:**

When we join this community, we enter into sacred relationship with one another.

As members of this community, we strive to:

Genuinely hear one another. We do this by actively listening to each other and assuming each person’s good intentions.

Express our ideas respectfully. We do this by offering our best insights with humility and speaking civilly.

Seek the truth together. We do this by remaining engaged with each other and the world around us as we explore meaning from diverse perspectives.

Use our time, talents, and resources to serve each other and the community with compassion.

Intentionally honor the duality of our uniqueness and sameness.

Be aware of and take responsibility for the ways that our words and actions affect others.

We promise to practice our covenant, hold ourselves accountable to it, and learn from each other.