

Unity of Greater Lansing Core Values

Core Value	Rationale	Leadership Actions	Individual Behaviors/Actions
<p>FREEDOM 2 Corinthians 3:17</p> <p><i>We champion each individual's freedom to become a full expression of Spirit.</i></p>	<p>Finding one's own inner spirit is transformational.</p>	<p>-UOGL leadership honors and respects all paths to Spirit. -UOGL leadership provides opportunities to raise the spiritual consciousness of our community through celebration, education, and service. -UOGL leadership provides prayer, meditation, and social opportunities to transform spiritually.</p>	<p>-I use my freedom to begin again whenever I need to. -I think, say, and do that which honors myself and others. -I am free to grow in my beliefs as I pursue prayer, meditation, and self-study daily.</p>
<p>INTEGRITY James 5:12</p> <p><i>We apply Unity Principles and the law of Mind Action by making and keeping our agreements in thought, word, and action.</i></p>	<p>When we live in integrity, we are our authentic self and at one with Source.</p>	<p>-UOGL leaders and staff model authenticity in their interactions with each other and all who attend UOGL. -UOGL board of trustees practice full, accurate, and timely communication with the congregation and are transparent in decision-making and financial transactions. -UOGL leaders and staff incorporate Unity Principles into the business practices and all the affairs of the church.</p>	<p>-I am impeccable with my word by being honest with myself and others. -I resolve disagreements by speaking directly to those individuals with whom I am in conflict (talk directly or not at all; NO gossip.) -I work well with others for the highest good of my spiritual family. -I practice active listening skills.</p>
<p>JOYFULNESS 1 Thessalonians 5:16</p> <p><i>With playful expression, we celebrate life, love, and abundance.</i></p>	<p>We are creative, joy-filled spiritual beings; joyfulness is our true nature.</p>	<p>-UOGL Youth Education fosters and encourages radiant, creative expression of our children through age appropriate curriculum and activities. -UOGL host musicians who inspire joy, laughter, hand clapping, singing, and dancing; -UOGL offers speakers, classes, and events to enhance everyone's ability to express creativity, lightness, and joy. -UOGL makes room for playfulness and humor in all church activities.</p>	<p>-I take time to laugh and play in childlike wonder. -I joyfully connect with others in fellowship. -I choose to be optimistic.</p>
<p>INCLUSIVENESS Romans 15:7</p> <p><i>We embrace all people as expressions of God.</i></p>	<p>We affirm the Christ potential in everyone, honor and embrace the divinity in all, and recognize the intrinsic worth of every living thing.</p>	<p>-UOGL leadership encourages a diverse community by using inclusive language and providing a safe environment for all individuals. -UOGL leadership greets everyone in love. -UOGL Youth and Family Ministry Team provide programs to support our children in experiencing themselves as the perfect creations of God that they are.</p>	<p>-I look for the good in others and show them respect. -I behold the Christ potential in others. -I celebrate others, their gifts and talents</p>
<p>STEWARDSHIP Proverbs 11:25</p> <p><i>We gratefully receive the abundant gifts of the universe and share generously.</i></p>	<p>Through the responsible use of Spiritual gifts, we co-create an abundant future by receiving God's good and generously sharing it with Unity and our community.</p>	<p>-UOGL leadership recognizes and nurtures our interdependence with all living things. -UOGL leadership provides opportunities for community outreach. -UOGL tithes to our spiritual source to practice the law of circulation.</p>	<p>-I care for the earth and everything that inhabits it. -I am grateful for the gifts of life and nurture them wisely. -I enthusiastically volunteer my time, talent, and treasure. -I nurture my body temple.</p>