

## **The Proposed Eighth UU Principle**

Two Unitarian Universalists, Paula Cole Jones and Bruce Pollack-Johnson, have proposed a new principle to add to our existing seven principles. The text they've proposed is:

“We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.”

More information, including where this came from and why they believe this is needed, is on the [8<sup>th</sup> principle website](https://www.8thprincipleuu.org/) <make the underlined text a link to <https://www.8thprincipleuu.org/>>.

Congregations across the U.S. and Canada are considering this proposed principle and more than 200 of them have adopted it.

An 8<sup>th</sup> Principle Work Group has formed here at UUAA. We invite the congregation to learn about the proposed 8<sup>th</sup> principle and consider whether to adopt it. We plan a variety of events to help congregants engage with the 8<sup>th</sup> principle. The ones planned so far are:

- A forum on Sunday, September 18, 2022  
register for the forum:  
Handout for the forum: 8th Principle Forum Handout.pdf
- Dialogs (dates TBA)
- Other types of events TBA

Events on the 8<sup>th</sup> principle will be announced in the monthly and weekly newsletters.

Here are some documents with information on the principle. Some of them are by people in favor of the principle and others are by people who are opposed to the specific wording of this principle. All of them are intended to give you the information you need to start considering the proposed 8<sup>th</sup> principle.

### Background

The 8th principle website (<https://www.8thprincipleuu.org/>)

### Supportive

Croake-Why UUAA Should Adopt the 8th Principle.pdf

OConnor-My Perspective about the 8th Principle.pdf

UUC Seattle-FAQ on Proposed 8th Principle.pdf

### Concerns

Jim's document

Cycleback-Against Illiberalism.pdf

Cycleback-Against Illiberalism-Shortened.pdf

Gibb-Comments on the Eighth Principle.pdf

Haidt-Two Versions of Identity Politics.pdf

For more information about the proposed 8<sup>th</sup> principle, contact the 8<sup>th</sup> Principle Work Group at [8thprinciple@uuaa.org](mailto:8thprinciple@uuaa.org).