

Affirmation of the Rights of Transgender, Intersex, and Nonbinary+ Persons 2024

The *Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Eastern Slopes (UUFES)* affirms that transgender, intersex, and nonbinary+ persons should have the same rights, opportunities, respect, and support as every other person. The imperiled circumstances of transgender, intersex, and nonbinary+ people in the State of New Hampshire, the United States, and elsewhere in the world pose a critical human rights challenge in our times.

Each of us must have the right to be recognized as belonging to the gender that is ours, and ours alone, to declare. Given our gender, each of us must be able to exercise our civic rights, seek opportunities, access gender-appropriate health care, and participate fully in schools, sports teams and events, the arts and music, and the workplace. Public authorities should respect, support, and defend transgender, intersex, and nonbinary+ people in all such areas.

Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote seven principles, the first four of which are directly pertinent to this statement. We affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every transgender, intersex, and nonbinary+ person. We seek to promote justice, equity and compassion toward all transgender, intersex, and nonbinary+ people and act accordingly in our interpersonal relations. We accept with enthusiasm and encourage the spiritual growth of all in our Fellowship. And we join with everyone in the free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

We urge everyone, within and beyond our Fellowship, to affirm these rights as well, and to act according to these principles. We also urge everyone to welcome and celebrate transgender, intersex, and nonbinary+ human beings, who belong fully in our Beloved Community.