# **Principles**

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person.
- Justice, equity, and compassion inhuman relations.
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregation.
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregation and in society at large.
- The goal of world community with peace,
   liberty and justice for all.
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

# **UCU Programs & Projects**

# **Programming**

Sunday Services

Children/Youth Religious Education

Adult Religious Education

Small Group Ministry

# **Outreach Projects**

- Underwood Community Dining
- Kinship, Fergus Falls/Perham
- Habitat for Humanity
- Non-violent Peace Force
- Schools for Shan Refugees
- Giving and Learning

# UNITARIAN CHURCH OF UNDERWOOD FOUNDATION



# A Gift for Today A Legacy for the Future

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#### **PURPOSE OF FOUNDATION**

The purpose of the Foundation of the Unitarian Church of Underwood (UCU) is to provide an enduring and flexible fiscal support program to help address current and future needs of the UCU while ensuring the intent of donors.

#### HISTORY OF CHURCH

A small group of Norwegian immigrants met in Johan Kolstad's Underwood home in 1889 and formed a new church, The Free Christian Congregation, affiliated with the American Unitarian Association. Leadership was provided by a Unitarian minister doing missionary work among Scandinavians. The congregation bought the Underwood Union Hall in 1894 and continues to use the building. In 1965 the name was changed to the Unitarian Church of Underwood.

#### WHY GIVE?

Our principles speak to our core values and beliefs and serve as a cornerstone for our spiritual journeys. All the work of the Unitarian Church of Underwood strives to uphold these principles. By giving a planned or estate gift to the UCU Foundation you will ensure that our church can continue to serve our community while staying true to our principles.

#### **DESIGNATIONS**

Gifts may be endowed or non-endowed. Also, they may be designated for facilities, outreach, programming, or for the general fund.

#### WHEN TO GIVE

Gifts can be made to the UCU Foundation by gifting during your lifetime or in your will.

#### **HOW TO GIVE**

Gifts may be given through any of several instruments, for example cash, stock, or real estate.

Tax laws encourage charitable giving. Let a financial advisor or an estate attorney be your guide.

#### FOUNDATION STRUCTURE

A Foundation Advisory Committee has been established by the UCU Board to oversee the operation of the Foundation and make recommendations to the UCU Board regarding governance and operation.

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