

Points and Principles Comparison

This chart compares the Seven Principles of Unitarianism with the Eight Points of Progressive Christianity, both US and Canadian versions.

TCPC 8 Points (US)	CCPC 8 Points (Canada)	UU 7 Principles
1) Believe that following the path and teachings of Jesus can lead to an awareness and experience of the Sacred and the Oneness and Unity of all life	2) Engage in a search that has roots in our Christian heritage and traditions;	
2) Affirm that the teachings of Jesus provide but one of many ways to experience the Sacredness and Oneness of life, and that we can draw from diverse sources of wisdom in our spiritual journey	3) Embrace the freedom and responsibility to examine traditionally held Christian beliefs and practices, acknowledging the human construction of religion, and in the light of conscience and contemporary learning, adjust our views and practices accordingly; 4) Draw from diverse sources of wisdom, regarding all as fallible human expressions open to our evaluation of their potential contribution to our individual and communal lives;	
3) Seek community that is inclusive of ALL people, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conventional Christians and questioning skeptics, • Believers and agnostics, • Women and men, • Those of all sexual orientations and gender identities, • Those of all classes and abilities 	6) Encourage inclusive, non-discriminatory, non-hierarchical community where our common humanity is honoured in a trusting atmosphere of mutual respect and support;	3) Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
4) Know that the way we behave towards one another is the fullest expression of what we believe		2) Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;

5) Find grace in the search for understanding and believe there is more value in questioning than in absolutes	5) Find more meaning in the search for understanding than in the arrival at certainty; in the questions than the answers;	
		5) The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
	7) Promote forms of individual and community celebration, study, and prayer that use understandable, inclusive, non-dogmatic, value-based language by which people of religious, skeptical, or secular backgrounds may be nurtured and challenged;	
	1) Centre our faith on values that affirm the sacredness and interconnectedness of all life, the inherent and equal worth of all persons, and the supremacy of love expressed actively in our lives as compassion and social justice;	1) The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
6) Strive for peace and justice among all people		6) The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
7) Strive to protect and restore the integrity of our Earth		7) Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.
8) Commit to a path of life-long learning, compassion, and selfless love.	8) Commit to journeying together, our ongoing growth characterized by honesty, integrity, openness, respect, intellectual rigour, courage, creativity, and balance.	4) A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;