Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society November 6, 1988

UU Principle III: Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations

> Al Nettleton Lay Minister

Congregating:

Convening:

Welcome

Lighting the Chalice

Now let us center ourselves in the spirit of consecration and prayer as we light this living flame of our togetherness. May the flame signify for us the Spirit of Life which burns within each of us, a gift which is ours to nurture and to share. - Oren A. Peterson

Bond of Union

Commentary:

"No one shall be reviled for his (sic) religion by anyone..." - John Sigismund

Our name Unitarian reminds us that we seek to unite. Our name Universalist reminds us that we seek to complete. Never need we be isolated; never need we be insulated. By connecting with each other and connecting with the divine, we feel a deeper and a very special kind of warmth. Its radiation can change our lives and can transform our world.

- Chris Raible

Why is the word "spiritual" in OUR principles? As we move from tolerance to acceptance what is our future?

Contemplation: Concerns: Communications: Commitment:

> Grateful for the religious pluralism which enriches and ennobles our faith, we are inspired to deepen our understanding and expand our vision.

> As a free congregation we enter into this covenant, promising to one another our mutual trust and support.

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