# The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleboro Parish Committee Vision Statement for 2024-25

The Parish Committee sets forth the following vision for our Church, a description of what we hope to realize in the coming years. Our vision comes from a place of love. The Vision Statement is understood to be a living document that welcomes evaluation and revision as we move forward as a congregation on our spiritual journey.

## When we imagine the church as we want it to be, we see...

# ...Connection with the community beyond our walls

Our Church's efforts to reach out to the larger community are well-integrated, particularly in reaching out to diverse populations and young families. Our public relations strategies spread our good news and let the community know what we have to offer. Our programming is readily accessible to the larger community.

## ...Deep engagement in congregational life

We have a well-established and well-functioning multi-platform ministry that includes new strategies to reach out and connect with people. Our welcoming strategies effectively integrate new members. People are well-connected, deeply engaged in congregational life, and involved in leadership roles. We have strong inter-generational connections. Ours is a safe place for all with clear safety policies and standards.

# ...Opportunities for spiritual growth

There are many opportunities for spiritual exploration and nurturing. Our quality religious exploration offerings for all ages enlighten us, challenge us, and help us define our values. We use effective strategies to make our programming available to a wide audience, enhancing participation and engagement.

#### ...Living our faith through service to the community

There are many opportunities for hands-on service to our neighbors. The Congregation encourages and supports members' social-justice advocacy work. In doing this, we are living out our principles in a deliberate manner and helping heal the world.

## ...Financial stability

Fiscal responsibility is a key priority. We continually evaluate our approach to financial management and make appropriate adjustments. Our decisions help us keep a balanced budget. We provide fair compensation and maintain competitive staff salaries. There is a culture of ownership, where everyone feels a part of helping ensure the health and solvency of our Church.

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This PC Vision Statement is based on the 2022 PC Vision Statement and input from the Congregation through cottage meetings and member surveys.