

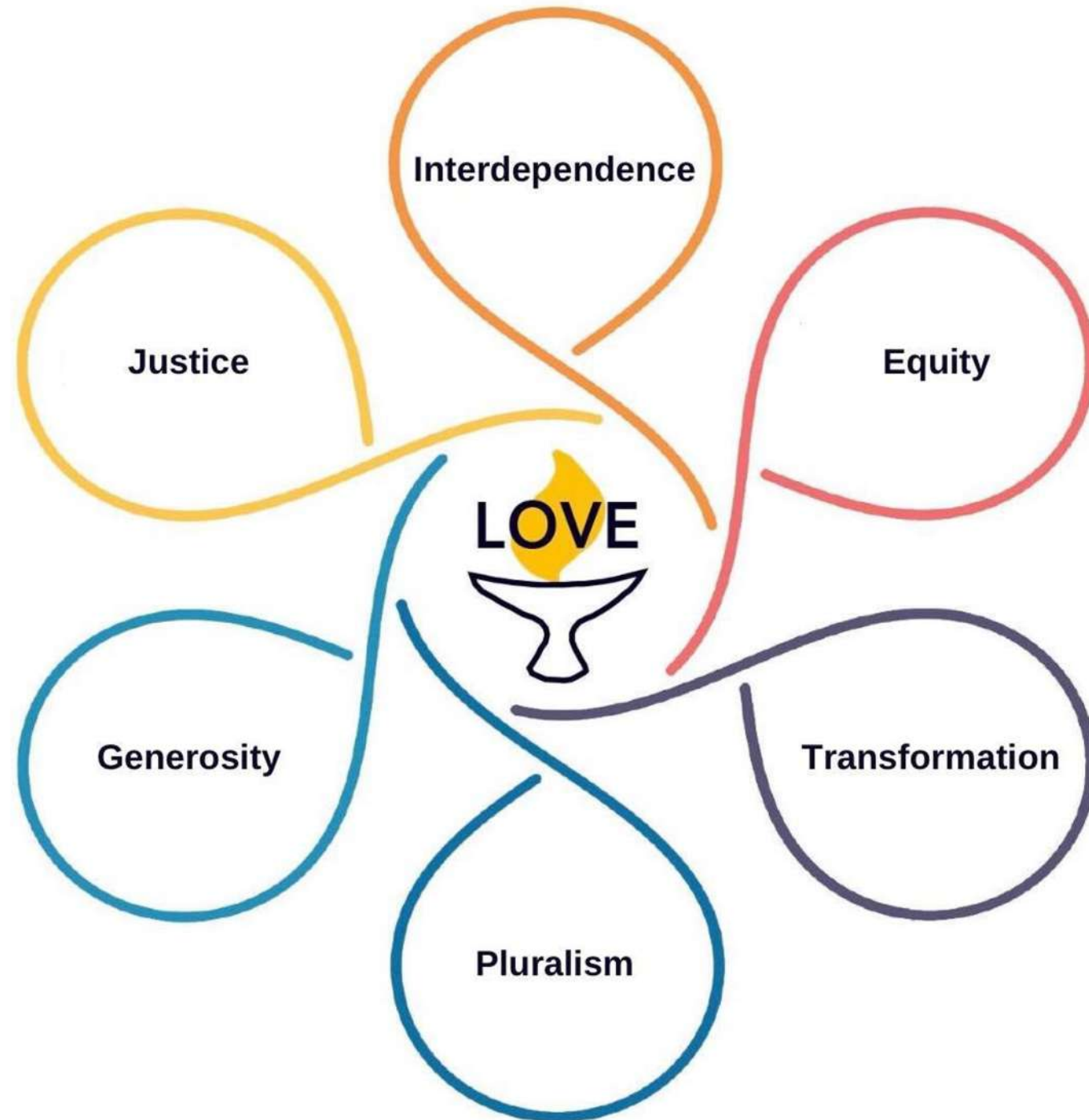
Covenant and Values (Proposed Art. II C-2.2)

As Unitarian Universalists, we covenant, congregation-to-congregation and through our association, to support and assist one another in our ministries.

We draw from our heritages of freedom, reason, hope, & courage, building on the foundation of love.

Love is the power that holds us together and is at the center of our shared values. We are accountable to one another for doing the work of living our shared values through the spiritual discipline of Love.

Inseparable from one another, these shared values are:



Interdependence

Justice

Equity

LOVE

Generosity

Transformation

Pluralism

Interdependence

We honor the **interdependent web of all existence.**

We covenant to cherish Earth and all beings by creating and nurturing relationships of care and respect.

With humility and reverence, we acknowledge our place in the great web of life, and we work to repair harm and damaged relationships.

Pluralism

We celebrate that we are all sacred beings diverse in culture, experience, and theology.

We covenant to learn from one another in our **free and responsible search for truth and meaning.**

We embrace our differences and commonalities with Love, curiosity, and respect.

Justice

We work to be **diverse multicultural Beloved Communities** where all thrive.

We covenant to dismantle racism and all forms of systemic oppression.

We support the use of inclusive **democratic processes** to make decisions.

Transformation

We adapt to the changing world.

We covenant to collectively transform
and grow spiritually and ethically.

Openness to change is fundamental
to our Unitarian and Universalist heritages,
never complete and never perfect.

Generosity

We cultivate a spirit of gratitude and hope.

We covenant to freely and **compassionately** share our faith, presence, and resources.

Our generosity connects us to one another in relationships of **interdependence and mutuality**.

Equity

We declare that every person has the right to flourish with **inherent dignity and worthiness**.

We covenant to use our time, wisdom, attention, and money to build and sustain fully accessible and inclusive communities.

Inspirations

As Unitarian Universalists, we use, and are inspired by, sacred and secular understandings that help us to live into our values. We respect the histories, contexts and cultures in which they were created and are currently practiced. These sources ground us and sustain us in ordinary, difficult, and joyous times. Grateful for the religious ancestries we inherit and the diversity which enriches our faith, we are called to ever deepen and expand our wisdom.

Art. II C-2.3

Inclusion

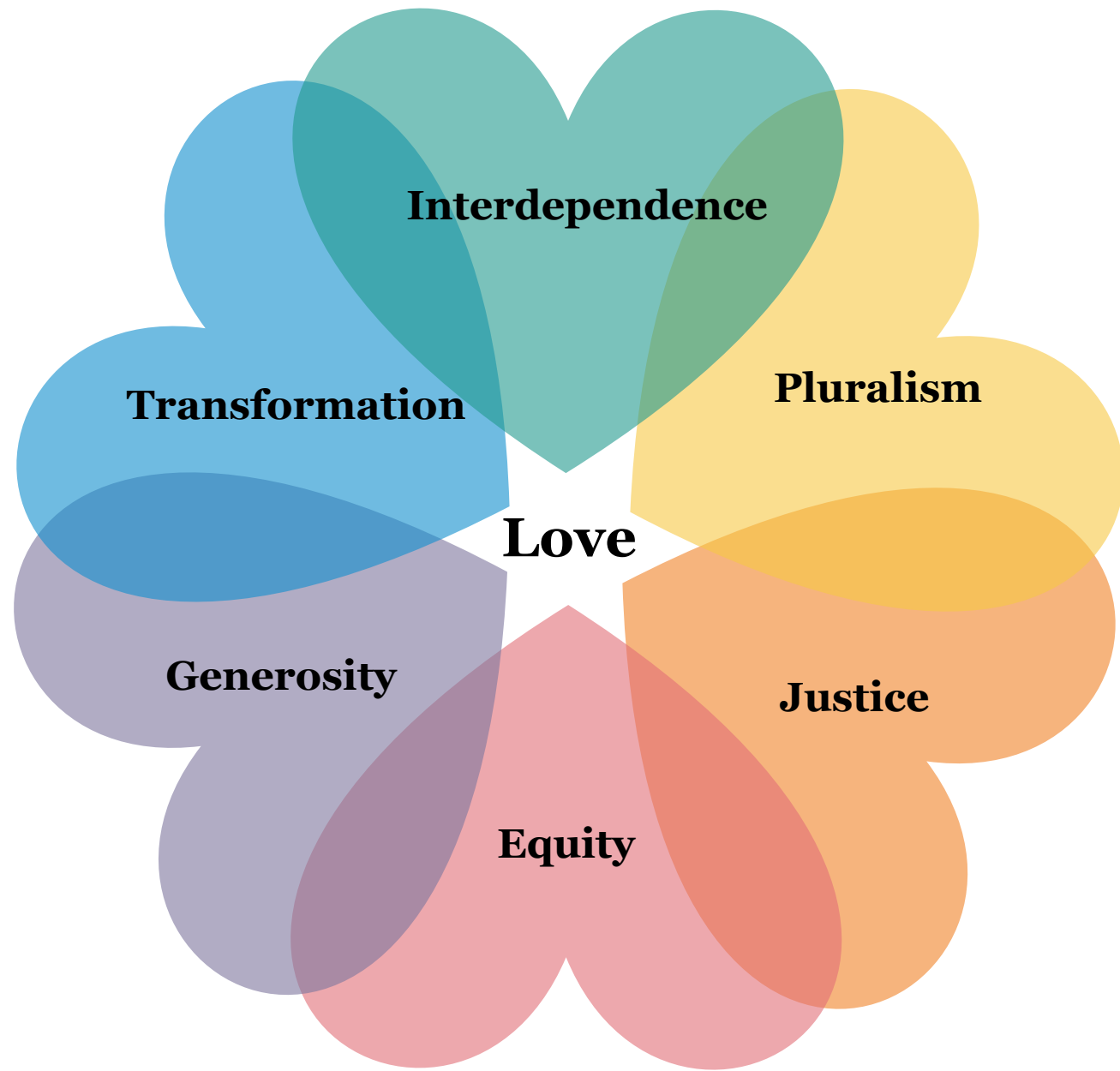
Systems of power, privilege, and oppression have traditionally created barriers for persons and groups with particular identities, ages, abilities, and histories. We pledge to replace such barriers with ever-widening circles of solidarity and mutual respect. We strive to be an association of congregations that truly welcome all persons **who share our values**. We commit to being an association of congregations that empowers and enhances everyone's participation, **especially those with historically marginalized identities**.

Art. II C-2.4

Freedom of Belief

Congregational freedom and the individual's **right of conscience** are central to our Unitarian Universalist heritage. Congregations may establish statements of purpose, covenants, and bonds of union so long as they do not require that members adhere to a particular creed.

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