

Preparation for T334 — Making Love Visible

Each Sunday, we recite an affirmation which begins with the words “Love is the doctrine of this church.” Our mission statement begins: “Bound together by our commitment to making Love visible ...” Our *Vision 2015* states that “We seek to build a religious community that makes Love visible in word and deed.” And one of our newer hymns is titled “Standing on the Side of Love,” a phrase that adorns the bright yellow T-shirts many of us wear to social-justice events. This session will explore this particular aspect of love. *Remember, this preparation is meant to inspire your thinking about the topic. You don’t ever have to answer each and every question!*

1. If Love lies at the heart of Unitarian Universalism’s message, what does it mean in practical terms for you to “make Love visible” in all you do or say? Give specific examples.
2. If Love is the doctrine of this church, how do you seek the inherent worth and dignity of every person, even those you find challenging?
3. Have you ever shown love though you weren’t feeling loving? Tell a story about that.
4. Must you love yourself first in order to show love to others? Provide examples from your own life to make your point.
5. Can you give an example of when you may have trivialized love? What can we as a church and you as an individual do to keep the power of “making love visible.”