The Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene

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Empowered by love, we transform ourselves and serve our world.

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We, the Board of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene, add our voices to those raised in concern for the harm done to Transgender and Queer UUs by the article, "After L, G, and B," published in the Spring 2019 issue of the UU World. In response, we commit to continuously educating ourselves and the congregation on Transgender/Non-Binary/Queer issues so that we may reduce harm done in the name of our church and our faith tradition. We will work to center the voices of Transgender/Non-Binary/Queer persons in all aspects of our congregational life.

We will respond to requests made by TRUUST and other UU organizations and/or groups that represent, advocate, and support Transgender/Non-Binary/Queer persons. Our cisgender members will not speak for Transgender/Non-Binary/Queer persons but will seek to engage ourselves and one another in raising awareness about issues affecting Transgender/Queer/Non-Binary folx.

Our cisgender members will take responsibility for their actions. When receiving feedback from Transgender/Queer/Non-Binary folx, cisgender members will respond without engaging in cisgender fragility. The Board as a whole will listen to the experiences of Transgender/Queer/Non-Binary folx and will offer apologies when our behavior has caused or contributed to harm. We will then seek to recommit to carrying out the work of being co-conspirators in ensuring the rights, and addressing the requirements, of Transgender/Queer/Non-Binary folx in our UU communities. We will hold ourselves and our faith tradition accountable to creating a truly radically inclusive Beloved Community.

In faith,

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