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The Sacred Diamond of Religious Life

The Three Great Questions:

- Why do I, do we, does anything exist? [Meaning]
- Who or What am I? [Identity, Nature]
- How shall I, you, we live in relationship? [Purpose, Ethics]

The Religious Community — Tasks & Functions
In Service to Members, Community & Heritage



What is uniquely Unitarian Universalist?



The Religious Community — Tasks & Functions

Worship

- Aesthetic Considerations [5 Senses]
- Communal Considerations [Sanctuary/Home]
- Sacred Dimensionality [Horizontal/Vertical/Trans-Temporal]
- Congruent with Unitarian Universalist Heritage

Spiritual Discernment

- Life-Long, Life-Span Adventure in Learning
- Age-Appropriateness
- Specifically Unitarian Universalist
- Faith Confession: Knowing How to Express My Commitments

Creating the Beloved Community

- Paul Tillich's "test" of community: noticing who is present/absent
- Pastoral Care: Ministering to Vulnerability
 - Caring Services; Rites of Passage
- Right Relations & Radical Hospitality
- The Boundaries of Caring

Witnessing to Our Faith

- Witness to Unitarian Universalist Values in the Community
- Education for Common Good
- Service Beyond Our Door
- Advocacy for Justice
- Alliance with the Oppressed

Administration

- Property [Safety, Cleanliness, Appropriateness, Accessibility, Upkeep]
- Fiduciary Integrity [By-Laws, Fiscal, Personnel, Governance, Legal]
- Policy Clarity [Power, Authority, Decision-Making, Accountability]
- Minding the Store

Leadership

- Mission & Vision Driven — Assessment
- "Head" of the Congregational System
- "Heart" of the Congregational System
- The "Body" of the Congregational System

